



45th Closed Session of the Global Privacy Assembly

October 2023

Accreditation Resolution

Having regard to Rule 5.1 and Rule 5.3 of the GPA Rules and Procedures (Consolidated version, October 2021),

The 45th Global Privacy Assembly Closed Session Meeting accredits the following new Members and Observers:

1. New Members

- Autoridade Nacional de Proteção de dados (ANPD), **Brazil**.
- Haute Autorité de Protection des Données à Caractère Personnel (HAPDP), **Niger**.
- Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC), **Nigeria**.

2. New Observers

- Angolan Data Protection Agency.
- Barbados Data Protection Commission.
- Office of Civil Liberties, Privacy and Transparency (CLPT), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), United States Government.
- National Authority for Transparency and Access to Information (ANTAI) of Panama.
- United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy.
- White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

The Observer Status of existing Observers, which applied for renewal, has been granted:

- Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos – Inter American Institute of Human Rights.
- International Committee of the Red Cross Data Protection Office.
- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia APPA.
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India.
- Association Francophone des autorités de Protection des données personnelles (AFAPDP).
- Qatar Financial Centre Data Protection.
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, USA.

Explanatory Note

The accreditation process begins when an applicant completes an online application to become a Member or Observer. This application requires all relevant details to establish eligibility. The GPA Secretariat forwards each application to the Executive Committee members who have been assigned the responsibility to undertake the assessment. Each application has first been reviewed by an Accreditation Subcommittee, comprising three Executive Committee members, who are tasked with producing an accreditation recommendation for each candidate, subsequently approved by the Executive Committee as a whole.

Traditionally, the Accreditation Resolution would normally be adopted on the first day of the Annual Meeting during the Governance Matters session, where GPA members would have the opportunity to raise objections on the Executive Committee's recommendation. However, the decision of the Executive Committee to hold the 44th Annual Meeting last year as a hybrid event translated into the need to take a pragmatic and flexible approach to accreditation of new members. Since the 45th Annual Meeting, hosted by Bermuda, has also had to resort to hybrid format, it was decided to pursue the precedent set successfully at the 44th Annual Meeting. As a result, mirroring the process for the accreditation of Observers, an objection period on the Executive Committee's recommendation of new members was also introduced, envisaging an electronic vote taking place.

In line with the GPA rules and procedures, it appears that the applications received in this cycle were fully compliant.

Reservation note

The Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (BfDI) would like to deposit a reservation note due to concerns regarding the current constitutional situation in the Republic of Niger, which may affect the existence, independence or functioning of the Haute Autorité de Protection des Données à caractère Personnel (HAPDP), suggesting that the Accreditation Subcommittee may re-evaluate the membership application in due course, taking into account the present and specific circumstances, in order to ensure that membership criteria will be met at all times; we believe this would be beneficial for the GPA and its membership as effective guarantors and guardians of data protection and privacy rights worldwide.

Nevertheless, we fully support the potential struggle and efforts of the HAPDP to uphold privacy and data protection in the Republic of Niger, hoping the rule of law and an adequate constitutional order will be re-established in the future.