



The 48th APPA Forum in Vancouver kicks off discussions on the Future of the International Conference

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At the 48th APPA Forum held this week in Vancouver, Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin, Chair of the International Conference executive committee and Daniel Therrien, Privacy Commissioner of Canada, launched the first discussion as part of the strategic consultation on the future of the International Conference.

At its 39th annual meeting in Hong Kong, members of the International Conference decided to pursue the consultation process over its future, building upon an internal survey and discussion on the future size and membership of the Conference. The exchange of views held in Vancouver was the first of its kind, translating into practice this important undertaking for the future of the international organisation.

The Chair, Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin, very much welcomed that the 48th APPA's hosts dedicated time for the discussion to take place as soon as November. APPA is therefore the first forum to host the strategic consultation process.

Participants were able to express views on a wide range of issues such as the Conference's influence and policy leadership, its global outreach and cohesion, but also its governance, structure and cooperation methods.

The strategic consultation process on the future of the International Conference will in the upcoming months rely on further discussions held by networks, as well as direct contributions received by members. The French-speaking data protection authorities network (AFAPDP) will host the second stage of this process with a dedicated discussion to be held in Paris in December.