

Note from the Secretariat, 9 September 2016

### **Developing common approaches and tools for data protection and privacy – general considerations**

The Conference Action Plan 2016 – 2018 includes a goal to support the of ‘Advancing Global Privacy in a Digital Age’ strategic direction of ‘Developing common approaches and tools for data protection and privacy’. Given other priorities, the ExCo has not yet actively focused upon this goal but it is scheduled to be discussed at the September meeting although any active work will likely await the term of a new Committee into 2017.

The Strategic Plan gives little guidance on this topic and so the Secretariat offers the following principles that may assist in guiding work in initiating work on developing particular tools.

#### **Principles to follow when proposing ExCo undertake work to develop a new tool:**

##### **Principle 1: The need for a proposed new tool should be demonstrated**

- Evidence of the need for a tool should be presented before the ExCo is asked finally to commit to a proposal

##### **Principle 2: Proposals for development of a new tool should take into account resource and capacity considerations**

- Proposals that will have a significant impact on the website, or that will require expenditure by the Secretariat, should not be made without the Secretariat’s approval
- Proposals that anticipate significant resourcing should explain how that resource might be made available
- To promote effective use of scarce resources, consideration should be given to the advantages and disadvantages of developing tools in conjunction with partner networks or of duplicating tools others have developed

##### **Principle 3: Proposals should seek to ensure there is a good fit with the Conference for development and maintenance of a new tool**

- The proposal should support the Conference’s mission
- The proposal should build upon the Conference’s strengths (such as its global nature) and realistically appreciate its limitations (such as the absence of funds and that it meets only once a year)
- The Conference should ensure that it is better placed to provide the tool than another network: if not, a strategy might be followed to encourage the other network to develop the tool and make it available to ICDPPC members