



Call for Expression of Interest to the GPA Reference Panel

The Global Privacy Assembly (hereafter GPA) is a global forum for privacy and data protection authorities seeking to provide leadership at international level through diffusion of knowledge and supportive connections amongst authorities, thereby enabling them to effectively fulfil their mandates – both individually and in concert.

Every September or October, the GPA holds an Annual Meeting during which independent regulators on privacy and data protection adopt high level resolutions and recommendations addressed to governments and international organisations.

The GPA consists of a seven (7) member governance body called the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee comprises five elected members and the host authorities of the previous and next conferences.

In March 2021 the GPA set up an external, cross-disciplinary Reference Panel comprising of a maximum of fifteen (15) representatives of relevant civil society organisations, academic institutions, think tanks, non-privacy supervisory authorities, representatives of public authorities such as law enforcement authorities as well as representatives of the private sector whose main task will be to provide expert consultation to the GPA and its working groups. The GPA Reference Panel will provide advice to the Assembly on an ad hoc basis and upon the request of the Executive Committee.

The term of service of the Members of the GPA Reference Panel will be for two (2) years, renewable for one additional term. The Members of the GPA Reference Panel will not be remunerated for the services they provide.

The GPA Reference Panel will work in a transparent manner and in line with the GPA's Vision and Mission (please visit <https://globalprivacyassembly.org/the-assembly-and-executive-committee/strategic-direction-mission-and-vision/> for more information). In line with the GPA's commitment to encouraging cultural, geographic and legal diversity, the Assembly would particularly welcome nominations from underrepresented regions.¹

¹ According to the findings of the ICDPPC Census 2017, 64% of the authorities which responded to the census survey were in Europe. To access the ICDPPC Census 2017, please visit: <https://globalprivacyassembly.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/ICDPPC-Census-Report-1.pdf>

Interested applicants are invited to accomplish the nomination form (Annex I) which needs to be accompanied by a cover letter clearly explaining the candidate's motivation for answering the call and the contribution they can bring to the work of the GPA. Applicants may include their CV or any other brief documentation of their work and expertise. The cover letter should not be longer than a maximum of two A4 sheets of paper.

The deadline for submitting your nomination is on **26 September 2025**.

Please return the Call for Interest along with your cover letter to the GPA Secretariat at: secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org.

Please note that late submissions will not be accepted.

To ensure a well-balanced cultural, geographic and legal diversity in the Panel's composition, the Global Privacy Assembly has founded an Assessment Group, containing members from a diverse regional background to shortlist candidates. Applications will therefore be provided to the Assessment Group members by the GPA Secretariat, and the personal data of applicants, such as name, gender and email address will be transferred to the members when they assess such applications.

By submitting this application, you consent to your personal data being processed for evaluation. Upon completion of the Shortlist, this data will be deleted, and application forms will only be stored by the Secretariat until the Reference Panel's end of term.

The GPA Secretariat can also be contacted for any queries relating to the process and the GPA Reference Panel, the general GPA Privacy notice can be found [here](#).

The GPA will seek to announce the outcome by **February 2026**.

Guide for Regional Networks and Prospective Candidates

Prospective Applicants and the relevant Regional and Linguistic Networks are kindly requested to take into consideration the Selection Criteria and Reference Panel's Deliverables before submitting their nominations for the GPA Reference Panel. When submitting your nomination, please ensure to provide the required information as set out in the Nomination Template below.

Selection Criteria:

Applications will be assessed based on the following selection criteria:

1. Applicant's motivation and demonstrated interest in the vision and mission of the GPA (cover letter);
2. A proven track record of expertise in the field of data protection and privacy or in a data protection related field (cover letter);
3. Applicant's willingness to dedicate time, effort and expert knowledge, and expenses, if necessary, to render assistance to the GPA and its working groups;
4. Independence and impartiality - i.e. absence of circumstances which would give rise to a conflict of interest and the capacity to represent the common interest and position shared by stakeholders (cover letter);
5. Ability to represent the interests of minority and vulnerable groups;
6. Expertise in emerging digital technologies;
7. Cultural, geographic and legal diversity; and
8. Gender balance

Deliverables:

The overall objective of the GPA's Reference Panel is to provide expert knowledge and practical expertise on data protection and privacy as well as on DP-related issues, thereby equipping the Conference with the ability to identify cross-disciplinary policy solutions to privacy and data protection issues.

Specifically, upon request from the membership, members of the reference panel will be tasked to:

- Provide input into the GPA's Policy Strategy by giving expert advice on risks the GPA should be aware of in the global arena;
- Help in stimulating a multi-stakeholder dialogue in the area of data protection and privacy as well as related fields (e.g. consumer protection, digital economy) by supporting the Conference in broadening the scope of its engagement and outreach and by promoting the Conference's vision and activities at relevant events and through social media;
- Contributing, upon request, to the work and discussions of the GPA's working groups;
- Providing expert knowledge to Host Authorities of the Conference's Annual Meeting and the Executive Committee in shaping the programme of the open session as well as of the closed session, if requested by the Host Authorities or by the Executive Committee.

Annex I

Nomination Template

Nominee's Name

Gender

Contact Email Address

1) The nominee is (please tick as appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

An individual to be appointed in personal capacity

An individual to be appointed as representative of an organisation

2) If applying to be appointed as representative of an organisation, please select from the list below the category which describes most appropriately the organisation:

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Academic organisation (e.g. University, Research Institute within university)

NGOs or Civil Society Organization (i.e. non-state and non-for-profit organisations pursuing a shared goal)

Think Tank or Research Centre (i.e. research institutes not affiliated with an institution performing academic and educational activities)

Non-privacy supervisory authority or Sectoral Regulator

Private Sector Organisation or Industry Groups

3) Policy Area:

Consumer Protection

Human Rights

International Enforcement Cooperation

National Security and the Right to Privacy

Online Children's Privacy

Privacy and Data Protection

Technology Policy (Privacy in the Digital Age, Big Data, IoT, Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence)

4) Region:

Africa

Asia

Europe (in the broad sense)

Middle East

North America

Oceania

South America

Global (Please tick this if from an organisation with a global outreach)