



Conference Strategic Plan: 2016 - 2018

Part A: The Conference's mission

The Vision:

An environment in which privacy and data protection authorities around the world are able effectively to act to fulfil their mandates, both individually and in concert, through diffusion of knowledge and supportive connections.

The Mission:

The Conference seeks:

- To be an outstanding global forum for privacy and data protection authorities.
- To disseminate knowledge, and provide practical assistance, to help authorities more effectively to perform their mandates.
- To provide leadership at international level in data protection and privacy.
- To connect and support efforts at domestic and regional level, and in other international forums, to enable authorities better to protect and promote privacy and data protection.

Part B: Strategic priorities 2016 – 2018

For 2016 to 2018 the Conference's Strategic priorities include:

- A. Strengthening Our Connections, Working With Partners.
- B. Advancing Global Privacy in a Digital Age.
- C. Completing Conference Capacity building.
- D. Assessing Our Effectiveness.

Part C: Action Plan 2016 – 2018

The following goals for 2016 to 2018 will support the strategic priorities:

- A. *Strengthening Our Connections, Working With Partners***
 - a. Improve observer arrangements to ensure we have two way¹ effective connections between international organisations and the Conference.
 - b. Develop supportive connections between networks involved in cross-border data protection and privacy enforcement.
 - c. Explore ways in which the Conference and regional forums of DPAs can better connect and enrich each other.
 - d. Develop new and better ways to collaborate to develop, and share results of, education and research efforts.
- B. *Advancing Global Privacy in a Digital Age***
 - a. Where appropriate to offer advice, and provide assistance, to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy.
 - b. Develop common approaches and tools for data protection and privacy.
- C. *Completing Conference Capacity building***
 - a. Complete or build upon the work of the Strategic Direction Working Group e.g. implement a scheme for funding the Secretariat.
- D. *Assessing Our Effectiveness***
 - a. Review resolutions adopted since 2003 to better understand whether resolution-making has been effective to date and to identify room for improvement.
 - b. Develop and execute a plan for making conference resolutions more effective.

¹ 'Two way' refers both to attendance of international organisations as observers before the closed session of the Conference and also attendance by Conference delegates at closed meetings of International Organisations.