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Dear Blair,

**Network of Networks – a new GPEN Project**

You recently heard about the Global Privacy Enforcement Network's ([www.privacyenforcement.net](http://www.privacyenforcement.net)) launch of a brand new project to help promote better dialogue among the privacy enforcement community, as well as establishing dialogue with other sectors' networks which have interests in enforcement-related issues.

The '**Network of Networks' project** is all about reaching out beyond our immediate community, hearing the views of others, and exchanging knowledge. This will contribute to advancing global enforcement innovation and know-how. We are currently running a pilot in 2015-16 and we would like to invite the Secretariat for the ICDPPC to become the Liaison Officer between ICDPPC and GPEN. This letter is your official invitation.

*The official aim of Network of Networks is:*

*'To improve international enforcement cooperation by promoting better dialogue among relevant networks of privacy enforcement authorities in the first instance and establishing dialogue with enforcement authorities from other sectors in the*

*second instance, to maximise opportunities for the privacy enforcement community's development.'*

ICDPPC and GPEN have the potential to work together more closely on several fronts. What 'Network of Networks' means practically speaking is the establishment of a 'liaison officer contact' network, whereby other networks in the privacy community, as well as in the enforcement community beyond the privacy domain, will be able to share information, knowledge and ideas with GPEN and perhaps even collaborate on occasion.

We aim to include Liaison Officers for regional networks from around the globe, networks based on linguistic commonalities, and networks from different sectors such as the consumer protection enforcement domain.

*What does the Liaison Officer role involve?*

As 'Liaison Officer', you would participate in GPEN on behalf of the ICDPPC (in addition to your own Authority). This would allow you to, for example, post ICDPPC news, events, or documents to the GPEN website, and to interact with GPEN members via the discussion forums and mass contact emails. As the ICDPPC Liaison Officer, you would be identifiable as such to all GPEN Members on the website. Necessary enhancements to the GPEN website (e.g., designation of the Liaison Officer and creation of a "Network Page") are currently being developed during this first phase of the pilot and we would welcome your input to your Network page, as a pilot participant, as these are rolled out.

In return, we hope that ICDPPC would be able to offer its relevant selected knowledge, expertise and events news with GPEN members. Phase 2 of our pilot, planned for early 2016, will aim to explore what specific useful collaboration projects GPEN could develop with your Network.

We also very much hope that you could actively help us better understand what could be the most helpful features on the GPEN website for developing interaction with your network. We would be more than happy to arrange for one or two GPEN committee members to discuss with you at a mutually convenient time by telephone to explore possibilities with you. We invite you to inform us by **11 September** (to: Gillian Kular [Gillian.Kular@priv.gc.ca](mailto:Gillian.Kular@priv.gc.ca)) regarding when such a discussion on possible next steps would be convenient and if other members of the ICDPPC Executive Committee would be joining that conversation. We aim to go live with Network of Network authority pages shortly thereafter.

Just to be clear, there is no charge associated with this project.

Finally, we confirm that we intend to use your name, as you have indicated is the most appropriate solution for now, to start working on updates to the GPEN website. We can update the GPEN Liaison Officer information at any time, you only need notify us of the handover.

We believe that this project will be a 'win-win' approach for both the GPEN Members and participating Networks.

We look forward to continuing work with you on this project!

Yours sincerely,

**The GPEN Committee**

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