Working Party on Information Security and Privacy

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PRIVACY FRAMEWORKS: TOWARDS GLOBAL INTEROPERABILITY

Draft Agenda for an OECD Conference

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Date: 1 November 2011

The OECD’s conference “Current Developments in Privacy Frameworks: Towards Global Interoperability” will be held on 1 November in Mexico City.

Hosted by the Ministry of the Economy of Mexico in conjunction with the Federal Institute for Access to Information and Data Protection, the OECD conference is back-to-back with the 33rd International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners to be held on 2-3 November.


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Context

Privacy frameworks around the world are in flux. Three of the primary frameworks with an international dimension (OECD, European Union, and Council of Europe) are currently under review, and a fourth (APEC) is developing new cross-border implementation arrangements.

The international instruments described above have significant influence on domestic approaches to privacy. Work on domestic privacy frameworks is likewise underway across the globe, from Australia to Brazil to China to the United States.

While national laws share many of the same core principles, links among countries in the same region can influence domestic approaches. For example, work on privacy laws in Latin America is intensifying – new legislation in Mexico is one example – suggesting an increasing focus on privacy in the region.

Given the international character of personal data flows, the need for international coordination on privacy issues has been acknowledged since at least the 1970s, when the OECD developed Guidelines on the Protection of Privacy and Transborder Flows of Personal Data that just marked their 30th anniversary. Recent technology trends and organisational practices have accentuated the cross-border dimension of privacy issues and the corresponding need for a truly global dialogue. The moment is opportune for bringing together the global privacy community to exchange information about progress being made and ideas about how best to ensure that the current initiatives are complementary.

In this context, this conference is focused on the interoperability of privacy frameworks – “Current Developments in Privacy Frameworks: Towards Global Interoperability.” Obtaining a better understanding of the commonalities and differences among various approaches to data protection can help in the move towards greater global interoperability.

Format

Hosted by the Ministry of the Economy of Mexico in conjunction with the Federal Institute for Access to Information and Data Protection, the OECD has organised this conference to be back-to-back with the 33rd International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners.

Held at the Hilton Hotel in Mexico City, the conference will bring together government officials and privacy authorities, along with representatives of international organisations, business, civil society, the Internet technical community, and academics. It will be open to the press and public, although advance registration is required. Each of the main sessions will be organised as a moderated panel discussion, with audience participation invited throughout. For further information visit the conference website: http://oe.cd/privmex.
**Tuesday, 1 November 2011**

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<td><strong>Blair Stewart</strong>, Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of New Zealand (member APEC Data Privacy Subgroup, co-Administrator APEC Cross-border Privacy Enforcement Arrangement)</td>
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<td><strong>Jörg Polakiewicz</strong>, Head of Human Rights Policy and Development Department, Council of Europe</td>
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This session will take stock of the latest developments in international organisations that are active in privacy. The US-EU Safe Harbour arrangement was an early effort at improving interoperability among privacy frameworks, and the session will begin with two introductory presentations bringing perspectives on the current discussions underway in Brussels and Washington D.C. The discussion will then turn to progress in the ongoing reviews and implementation of international instruments in OECD, APEC, and Council of Europe, with a view to helping ensure good co-ordination among them.

**Topics for discussion**

- What common trends and possible divergences are being observed?
- What are their implications for organisations, large and small, operating globally?
- What can be done to ensure the greatest degree of global interoperability?

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11:15–12:15  Session 2: Developments in Latin America

**Moderator:** Claudia Ivette García Romero, General Director of Trade and Digital Economy, Ministry of the Economy, Mexico

**Views from Latin American governments:**
- **Danilo Doneda**, Secretary of Economic Law, Ministry of Justice, Brazil
- **Luis Felipe Torres Bohorquez**, Director of Economic Regulation, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Colombia
- **José Alvaro Quiroga León**, Head of the National Authority for Personal Data Protection, Peru
- **José Clastornik**, Director, Personal Data Regulatory Unit, eGovernment National Agency, Uruguay

This session will consider the evolving state of privacy protection in the Latin American region. Building on the constitutional “habeas data” rights, a number of countries in the region have developed or are developing privacy legislation, seal programmes, and other measures to increase awareness of the importance of protecting privacy among all stakeholders. Representatives of governments in Latin America will introduce their privacy frameworks and discuss their broader international implications.

**Topics for discussion:**
- What is the state of play on the development of privacy legislation?
- What other (non-legislative) mechanisms are in place to foster the protection of privacy and improve awareness about the importance of privacy among businesses and individuals?
- What is the role of international instruments in the development of privacy protections in the region?
- How might free trade agreements affect domestic approaches to commercial privacy and cross-border data flows?

12:15–13:00  Concluding Session: Broadening the Discussion

**Moderator:** Andrew Wyckoff, Director of Science, Technology and Industry, OECD

**Panellists:**
- **Zhou Hanhua**, Professor, Chinese Academy of Social Science
- **Joseph Alhadeff**, Chief Privacy Officer, Oracle Corporation (Chair of the ICCP Business and Advisory Committee to the OECD)
- **Katitza Rodriguez**, International Rights Director, Electronic Freedom Foundation (Civil Society Information Society Advisory Council)
- **Omer Tene**, Professor, College of Management School of Law, Rishon Le Zion, Israel

The concluding session will expand the discussion to bring in a broader cross-section of expert views to recap key themes from the Conference and explore their implications for advancing global interoperability among privacy frameworks going forward.

13:00  Close of the Conference