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INTRODUCTION

This report aims to present the main actions and results of the International Conference of Information Commissioners (ICIC), during the period 2021-2022, the National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Personal Data Protection of Mexico (INAI) served as Chair and Secretariat of the ICIC. Likewise, during 2021 the Comptroller General of the Union of Brazil (CGU) hosted the XII Edition of the ICIC and the INAI hosted the XIII Edition of the ICIC.

In this way, the most outstanding activities are presented, highlighting the collaboration with strategic partners such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Carter Center. In addition, the ICIC Executive Committee was formed by the Information and Data Protection Commissioner of Albania, the Office of the Information Commissioner of Bermuda, the CGU of Brazil, the Council for Transparency of Chile (CPLT), the Administrative Justice Commission of Kenya, was formed and initiated. the United States Government Information Services Office (OGIS) and the South African Information Regulator.

The document begins with a brief statistic, followed by an account of the main tasks of the Secretariat and ends with a section corresponding to the new memberships of the ICIC.



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STATISTICS

- ✓ The Executive Committee of the ICIC has met on 6 times.
- ✓ 1 Joint Statement.
- ✓ 2 Application of the venues of the XIV and XV Edition of the ICIC calls.
- ✓ 1 New working groups (Transparency by design, Jurisprudence, Training and Gender and vulnerable groups) call.
- ✓ 9 New memberships.

SECRETARIAT MAIN ACTIVITIES

- In the second half of 2021, the Office of the Information Commissioner of the United Kingdom transferred the Chair and Secretariat to INAI.
- As part of the cooperation actions between UNESCO and ICIC, on August 2021, the ICIC Secretariat coordinated, received and sent to the UNESCO consultant the comments and perspectives of the members of the ICIC Executive Committee on the document "**The Universal Periodic Review and its potential to promote access to information. Guidelines for Information Commissioners**"
- In the framework of the celebrations of [the International Day for Universal Access to Information 2021](#), UNESCO and ICIC coordinated the panel entitled "*The importance of independence and efficiency of oversight bodies and the legal frameworks*" whose objective was to discuss the methods of managing appeals to requests for information, the application of compliance with regulatory guarantees in this area, as well as transparency and proactive disclosure as key elements to establish efficient laws, share



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best practices and discuss examples that demonstrate the social utility of the guarantor bodies.

- In September 2021, the Secretariat and the ICIC Executive Committee published a Joint Statement in solidarity with the Commission of the Information of Afghanistan, its members and the entire Afghan community. This Statement emphasized the importance of joining forces and continuing to work to increase the quality of our democracies, protect human rights, empower the population and translate the right to know for the benefit of our societies.
- As part of the activities of the XII ICIC Edition, the CGU in coordination with the ICIC Secretariat held eight open sessions:
 - Transparency and Trust in Pandemic Times
 - Blurred boundaries in access to information: home office and public records management
 - Privacy and transparency in health issues
 - Access to Information and Freedom of Press
 - Challenges of Transparency in the Digital Governments: Transparency of public administration in the use of Artificial Intelligence
 - State Secrecy
 - Interplay between data protection and access to information
 - Environmental Information and P10

The open sessions are [available on the ICIC website](#) in Spanish, Portuguese and English version.

In addition, three workshops were held:

- Transparency by design



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- Access to information and public services delivery
- Transparency, Gender and groups in situation of vulnerability

As a result of the transparency by design workshop, it has been promoted the creation of a working group.

- On March 9, 2022, in collaboration with UNESCO and the Carter Center, the webinar ***Promotion of Gender Equity in the Right of Access to Information*** was held, with the aim of creating a space to discuss international and national recommendations that allow the development and promotion of laws, policies and processes for implementing gender-sensitive access to information.

This activity is also [available on the ICIC YouTube](#) in English, French and Spanish version.

- Following the experience of the XI ICIC Edition, it has been promoted the creation of a planning group for the XIII Edition of the ICIC, composed of the Information and Data Protection Commissioner of Albania, the Administrative Justice Commission of Kenya and the Information Regulator of South Africa was integrated. This group has contributed to coordinate efforts and enrich the work for the realization of the XIII ICIC Edition.
- The Call for the selection process of the XIV and XV Editions of the ICIC was launched on February. In addition, an evaluation panel was composed by the Comptroller General of the Union of Brazil, the Administrative Justice Commission of Kenya and the Information Regulator of South Africa. By the close of the call, the applications to organize the XIV and XV Editions of the ICIC from **the Office of the Freedom of Information Program of the Philippines and the Commissioner of Information and Data Protection of Albania applications were received.**



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- The first meeting of the new ICIC working groups were convened on May. The main purpose of these meetings was to elect the coordinators of each group. For the XIII ICIC Edition, the members will be invited to join the following groups.
 - Transparency by design, coordinated by the CGU of Brazil and ICO of the United Kingdom.
 - Training, coordinated by the INAI of Mexico.
 - Gender and vulnerable groups, coordinated by the body guaranteeing access to information of the City of Buenos Aires and the CGU of Brazil.
 - Law Cases, coordinated by the INAI of Mexico.



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NEW MEMBERS

The ICIC Secretariat has received 9 applications for new ICIC memberships. Once each of the applications has been analyzed, the Executive Committee has been recommended to join and has approved the incorporation of the following authorities:

- Access to Information Commission of Quebec, Canada.



- Ghana Right to Information Commission.



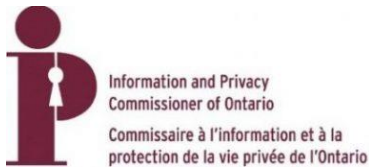
- Institute for Transparency, Access to Public Information, Personal Data Protection and Accountability of Mexico City, Mexico.



- Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner.



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- Information Commissioner of the Republic of Croatia.



- Institute for Transparency, Access to Public Information and Personal Data Protection of the State of Puebla, Mexico.



- Tribunal for Transparency and Access to Public Information of Peru.





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- Commission on Access to Information of Public Interest and Public Documents of Ivory Coast.



- Ethiopian Ombudsman.



With the above, the ICIC is made up of 73 authorities from 39 countries and local jurisdictions.



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