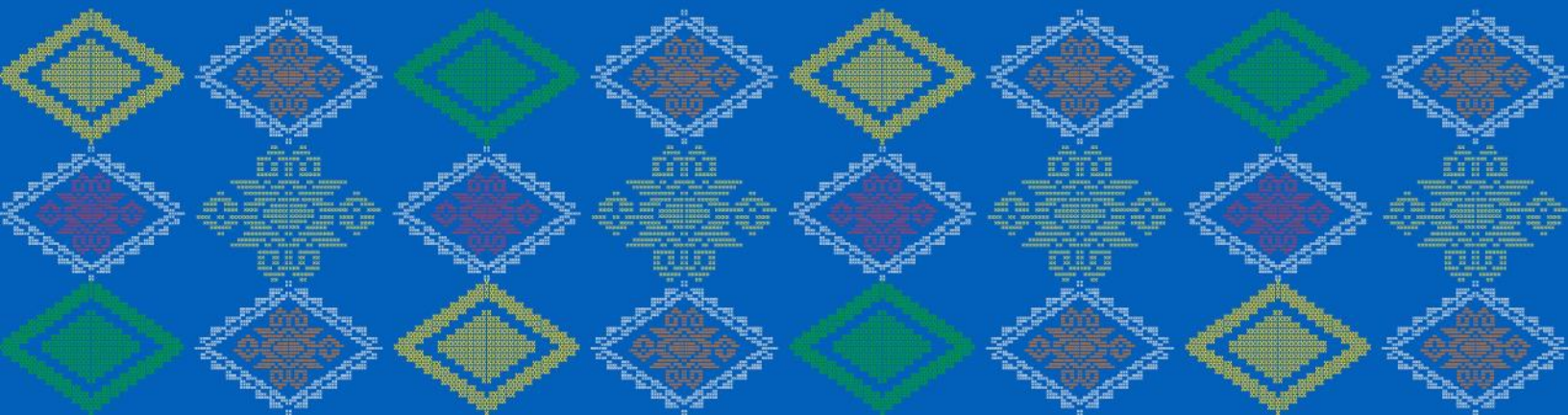


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INTRODUCTION

This report aims to present the main actions and results of the International Conference of Information Commissioners (ICIC) during the period 2022-2023.

During this period, the National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Personal Data Protection of Mexico (INAI), as Chair in addition to serving as Chair and Secretariat of the ICIC, was the host authority of the XIII Edition of the ICIC.

This is how the most outstanding activities are presented, highlighting the collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

It also reports on the activities of the ICIC Executive Committee, composed of the Information and Data Protection Commissioner of Albania, the Office of the Information Commissioner of Bermuda, the Council for Transparency of Chile (CPLT), the Office of Information Services of the United States, the Office of Freedom of Information Program Management of the Philippines, the Kenya Administrative Justice Commission, the Information Regulator of South Africa.

The document begins with a brief numerary, following with an account of the main tasks of the Secretariat and the activities of the XIII ICIC, both in charge of the INAI; finally, a section corresponding to the new memberships of the ICIC is presented.




NUMERALIA

- ✓ The ICIC Executive Committee met 8 times, three in the second half of 2022 and five during the first half of 2023.
- ✓ The call for applications for the headquarters of the XVI Edition of the ICIC was launched.
- ✓ The call for four seats on the Executive Committee was launched.
- ✓ The process for Amending the Johannesburg Charter was presented.
- ✓ 11 new memberships and 2 observer members were accepted.
- ✓ The Planning Committee of the XIV ICIC was integrated, which met on 9 sessions.
- ✓ 4 exploratory surveys were launched as part of the activities of the ICIC working groups.


MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

- From June 22 to 24, 2022, the XIII Edition of the ICIC was held in the City of Puebla, Mexico, whose central theme was "Access to information, participation and inclusion in the Digital Age". The Conference was held in a hybrid format (virtual and face-to-face) and was divided into three days of sessions. On June 1, 22, 2022, the Open Session took place, in which Keynote Presentations and Discussion Tables were held that revolved around the central theme of the Conference. On June 2, 23, 2022, ICIC members and attendees participated in workshops and regional sessions of the different access to information networks to which they belong. On June 3, 24, 2022, the Closed Session of the Conference was held in which reports were discussed and strategies to be followed in the coming years for the ICIC were discussed. Open sessions are available on [ICIC's YouTube](#) channel.
- Likewise, in the XIII ICIC Edition the was presented the Public Statement: ["Access to information as a milestone of the use of the digital age for the guarantee human rights, the inclusion of groups in situations of vulnerability and the strengthening of democratic institutions in the 21st century"](#).
- In the framework of the celebrations of the [International Day for Universal Access to Information 2022](#), held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, ICIC in coordination with UNESCO participated in the panel entitled "The role of e-government and artificial intelligence in promoting inclusive approaches to access to information" this panel defined the



role of e-governance and artificial intelligence, exploring how to make them an ally to promote inclusive approaches to access to information.

- The four ICIC Working Groups (Transparency by Design, Training, Law Cases and Gender and Groups in Vulnerable Situations) defined their terms of reference. In this sense, each Working Group elaborated and launched an exploratory survey with the purpose of collecting evidence and information on the shared experiences in these four themes.
- Following the experience of the XI and XIII ICIC Editions, as of January 26, 2023, the Planning Committee of the XIV ICIC began its works, this group was integrated by the Commissioner of Information and Data Protection of Albania, the Freedom of Information - Project Management Office, Philippines and the INAI of Mexico. Throughout nine sessions, this group contributed to coordinate efforts and enrich the work for the realization of the XIV Edition of the ICIC in the city of Manila, Philippines.
- On January 30, 2023, the Call for the selection process of the XVI Edition of the ICIC was launched. This involved the integration of an Evaluation Panel, this panel was formed by the Data Protection and Information Commissioner of Albania, the Information Regulator of South Africa and the INAI. At the close of the call, the application of the Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information of Germany as the host authority of the XVI Edition of the ICIC (2025) was received. In this regard, the Evaluation Committee favorably approved the candidacy and the Executive Committee agreed to announce the Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information of Germany to host the XVI Edition of the ICIC during the Closed Session, in Manila, Philippines.

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- On 31 January 2023, the call for applications for four seats on the ICIC Executive Committee was launched. Applications were received from nine authorities (Body Guarantor of the Right of Access to Information of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Bangladesh Information Commission, Office of the Information Commissioner of Bermuda, Ethiopian Ombudsman Institution, Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information of Germany, Administrative Justice Commission of Kenya, Kosovo Information and Privacy Agency, Malawi Human Rights Commission and Information Regulator of South Africa). The electronic voting process began on May 16, 2023 and closes on June 18, 2023. The results will be presented during the Closed Session of the XIV Edition of the ICIC in Manila, Philippines.
 - The process of amending the Johannesburg Charter was opened. This amendment includes the section of "Regional networks" and three numerals. As of June 6, the electronic voting process began and closes on June 18. The results will be presented during the Closed Session of the XIV Edition of the ICIC in Manila, Philippines.

NEW MEMBERS

As of June 14, 2023, the ICIC Secretariat has received 13 applications for new ICIC memberships. Once each of the applications has been analyzed, its admission has been recommended to the Executive Committee and it has approved the incorporation of the following authorities:

- Malawi Human Rights Commission



- Institute of Transparency, Public Information and Protection of Personal Data of the State of Jalisco, Mexico



- African Parliament of Civil Society (observer)

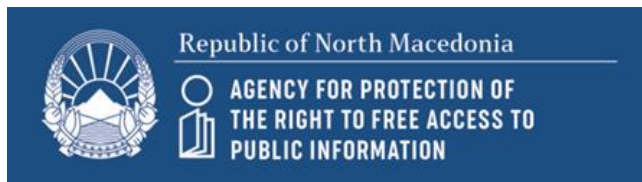


- Panama's National Authority for Transparency and Access to Information



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- Agency for the Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information of Macedonia



- European Ombudsman



- Pakistan Information Commission



- Kosovo Information and Privacy Agency



- Georgian Personal Data Protection Service (observer)



- Office of the Information Commissioner of Maldives



- Office of the Ombudsman of Ecuador



- Information Commissioner of the Republic of Slovenia



- Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan

THE COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN
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With the above, the ICIC is made up of 84 authorities from 52 countries and local jurisdictions.



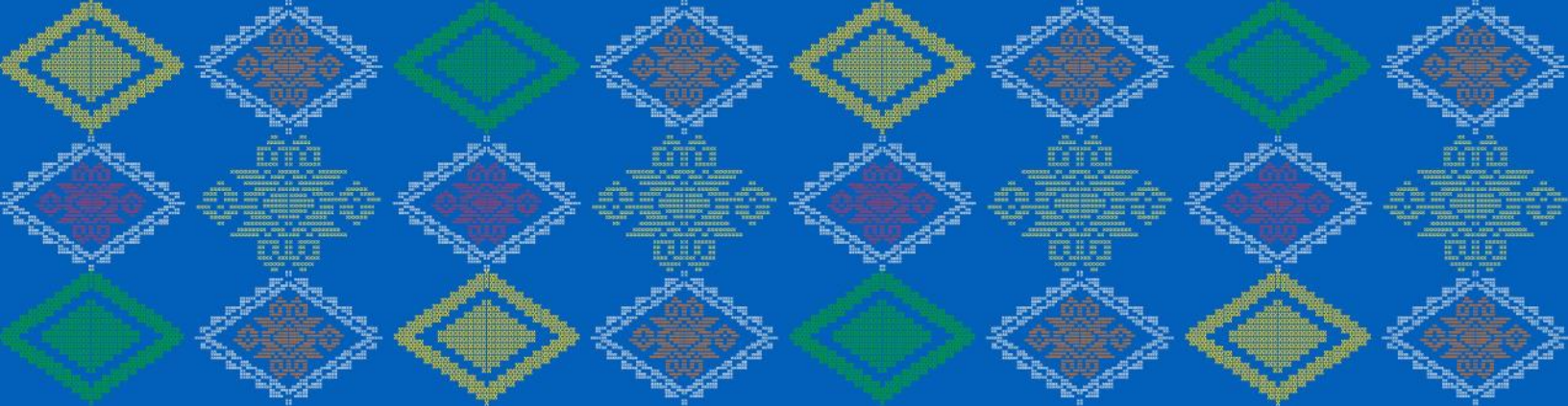
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