Thinking local, acting global: exploring common values that underpin privacy

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Time: 13.30-17:00

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Language: EN, no interpretation. FR speaker will be available to help with contributions

Participants: Data Protection and Privacy Authorities and Regulators

Data Protection Authorities and Regulators are witnesses of the digital revolution which has taken place at a great speed across the globe. Worldwide, we need reminding of the values that underpin privacy and data protection so that:

- data protection regulators can remain relevant by understanding and applying the spirit and not only the letter of the law;

- there is awareness in society as a whole of these values which can act as a sort of social pressure to influence industry, governments and other groups.

The aim of this fully interactive session is to explore these values and hear from you, data protection and privacy regulators, what privacy means in your countries, taking into account specificities such as

- society of individuals vs. collective;

- the extent to which religion determines behaviours & ethics;

- expectations and attitudes towards men, women and children;

- the use of technology.

Welcome: Hong Kong Commissioner, Stephen Kai-yi Wong

Opening   Prof. Joseph Cannataci, Special Rapporteur on Privacy, United Nations
remarks: Ms. Malavika Jayaram, Executive Director, Digital Asia Hub, Hong Kong
                 Mr. Giovanni Butarrelli, European Data Protection Supervisor

Scene setters: Mrs Teki Akuetteh, ICT Law & Data Protection Specialist, Ghana and
                   Professor Hiroshi Miyashita, Associate Professor of Law at Chuo University,
                   Japan will set the scene for the discussions to follow.

Discussions by Data Protection and Privacy Regulators:

➢ What does privacy mean to you in your country? Why is privacy important in
   your country?
➢ What are the values that underpin privacy in your country e.g. autonomy,
   democracy, human dignity?

Conclusions: Presentations by each group of the lists of common values and those that are
                   not common to all. Are there grounds for global standards of privacy? What
                   would participants like to see as next steps? Would it help to explore other
                   things too, if so, what?