

About the APWG

APWG is the worldwide coalition unifying the global response to cybercrime across industry, government and law-enforcement sectors. APWG's membership of more than 2000 institutions worldwide is as global as its outlook, with its directors, managers and research fellows advising: national governments; global governance bodies like ICANN; hemispheric and global trade groups; and multilateral treaty organizations such as the European Commission, Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime, United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Europol EC3 and the Organization of American States. The APWG is also on the steering group of the Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Operationally, the APWG conducts its missions through a US-based and incorporated non-profit 501c6 organization and the APWG.EU, the institution's European chapter established in Barcelona in 2013 as a non-profit research foundation managed by an independent board, including APWG founding directors.

Download the APWG's [Programmatic Profile](#) to learn about the member benefits that APWG provides its members, sponsors, collaborators and the larger civic sector.

Download the APWG's current [Institutional Profile](#) detailing its history, development trajectory and essential ministries.

Membership is open to financial institutions, retailers, solutions providers, ISPs, telcos, defense contractors, law enforcement agencies, trade groups, treaty organizations and government agencies. APWG member benefits include: [clearinghouses](#) of cybercrime event data; [cybercrime response utilities](#) for professionals from the private, public, and NGO sectors who combat cybercrime; [community-building conferences](#) for cybercrime management professionals; [public education utilities](#) for cybercrime prevention; [standards development](#) for cybercrime data exchange and programs for promotion of cybercrime research.

In addition, APWG's projects have spawned important new counter-cybercrime institutions to which APWG members have exclusive and priority access:

APWG is co-founder and principle architect/organizer of the [STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Messaging Convention](#), the global online safety public-awareness collaborative and founder/curator of the [eCrime Researchers Summit](#), the only peer-reviewed conference dedicated to cybercrime studies, proceedings of which are published by the IEEE.

APWG, founded in 2003 as the Anti-Phishing Working Group, operates as a 501c6 tax-exempted corporation and was founded by Tumbleweed Communications, financial services institutions and e-commerce providers, holding its first meeting in November 2003 in San Francisco. In June, APWG 2004 was incorporated as an independent corporation controlled by its board of founding directors, its executives and its steering committee.

Enterprises with an interest in joining the APWG can interrogate member benefits on the [Membership](#) page and can mail their inquiries to [APWG administration](#).

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