

Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative Advisory Committee

Charter

Official Designation	This Charter relates to the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global) Advisory Committee (GAC).
Objectives and Scope of Activity	The GAC is an advisory body to the Assistant U.S. Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the U.S. Attorney General, created to support broadscale exchange of justice information. The GAC consists of key officials from local, state, tribal, federal, and other justice-related entities that work to support public safety. The GAC seeks to improve the administration of justice and protect the nation's public by promoting practices and technologies for the secure sharing of justice information.
Duration	The period of time necessary for the GAC to carry out its purpose is two years. This Charter expires two years from its effective date and is subject to renewal, pending progress of the Global Initiative.
Reporting	The GAC shall report to the U.S. Attorney General or to the U.S. Attorney General's designated appointee.
Support Services	The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will provide all the necessary support services for the GAC.
Duties	The duties of the GAC are to carry out the objectives listed in the section of this Charter entitled Objectives and Scope of Activity. The overall advisory process and structure will include representatives from local, state, tribal, and federal agencies. The GAC also appoints subject-matter Working Groups, with DOJ approval. The Working Groups will research and prepare recommendations to the GAC. These recommendations will be voted on by the GAC and, if approved, forwarded to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and OJP for review.
Operating Costs	The estimated operating cost of the GAC, including the Working Groups, is expected to be approximately \$2,000,000. These costs include staff to support the activities of the GAC, as well as the meeting and travel expenses.

Meetings	The GAC will meet at least twice a year at approximately six-month intervals. The GAC meetings will be open to the public unless determined otherwise by the Designated Federal Official (DFO). Working Groups will meet as required and agreed to by the chair of the GAC and the DFO to research and prepare recommendations to the GAC.
Establishing Authority	The U.S. Attorney General approved the establishment of the GAC in 2000 to ensure appropriate input from local, state, tribal, and federal agencies regarding information sharing and integration within the justice community.
Delegation of Authority to Appoint Members	The authority to appoint members to the GAC is hereby delegated to the U.S. Attorney General or the U.S. Attorney General's designated appointee.
Termination Date	This Charter expires two years from its effective date and is subject to renewal.
Date of Charter	The date of this Charter is October 15, 2002.

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