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Aims of the network

The network has three core aims:

- Championing oversight of policing and setting minimum standards for oversight.
- Helping oversight professionals build capacity in their own countries by providing a forum for sharing learning and best practice.
- Supporting countries engaged in setting up or reviewing oversight mechanisms, or supporting those that come under political pressure which threatens their independence.

Who's the network for

INIOP membership could be beneficial for organisations involved in . . .

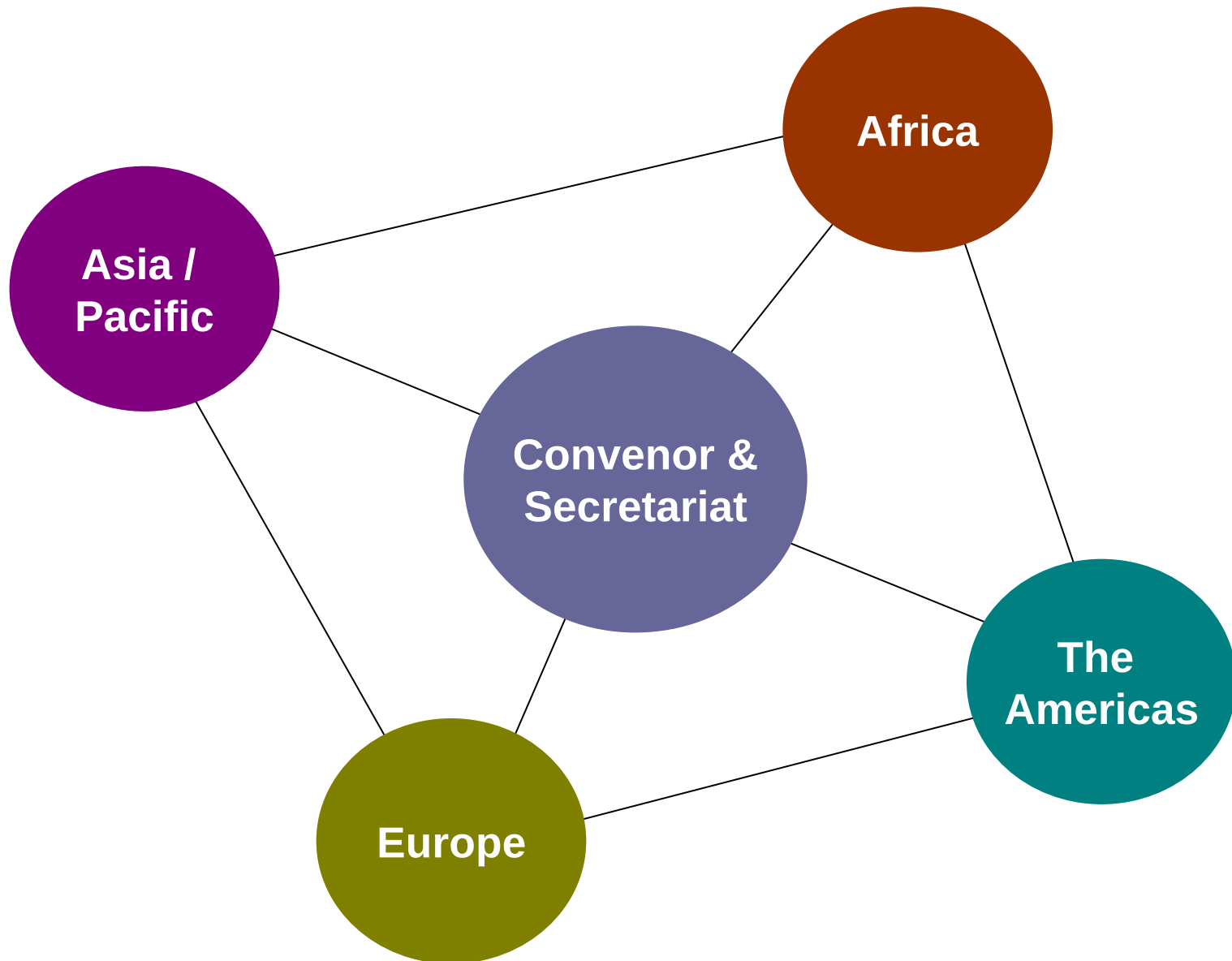
- Independently investigating complaints against the police, police misconduct or police corruption.
- Reviewing investigations conducted by the police.
- Setting up new or reviewing or enlarging existing oversight agencies.
- Inspecting, monitoring or reporting on the performance or efficiency of police forces.
- Campaigning for the development of improved police accountability mechanisms.
- Actively working in the field of police accountability.

Global networking and partnerships

Our approach to developing the network is shaped by six core principles . .

- Working in partnership with existing regional networks to strengthen and promote international cooperation and cross-fertilisation between oversight practitioners, academics and interested parties.
- Working to map existing oversight structures, and areas of development activity.
- Providing a store for knowledge, information and expertise.
- Working internationally to champion effective oversight, police accountability and minimum standards.
- Building a steering group whose composition reflects the diverse range of oversight bodies working internationally.

The Steering Group



Sustainable development

Sustainability is key to the INIOP approach to development activity. The steering group hopes that once fully launched the network can provide individuals and organisations working internationally with practical support, information, and expertise to help them review, develop or setup oversight mechanisms.

Helping these agencies to achieve stakeholder buy-in and helping them to develop realistic and sustainable development plans will be key to meaningful involvement in this kind of activity.

INIOP will provide a highly effective forum for sharing good practice and learning internationally.

Securing funding from national and international agencies will be key to underpinning the network's ability to achieve these objectives.



Our immediate priorities . . .

- To continue promoting the INIOP initiative.
- To continue supporting the setup of oversight organisations internationally.
- To develop an INIOP website (www.iniop.org and www.policeoversight.org).
- To continue working on a set of aspirational minimum standards for effective oversight of policing.
- To launch the network in June 2008 through a world wide series of simultaneous press launches.
- To hold a launch conference in Autumn 2008, bringing together leaders in the field of police oversight - incorporating practical workshop based sessions for oversight practitioners, research professionals and other interested parties.

Understanding how oversight works internationally

As part of the development of the network we're trying to build up a picture of the way that oversight of policing is carried out internationally, we've developed a questionnaire to help us with this.

The questionnaire helps us to . . .

- Understand the role and powers of oversight bodies.
- To build a contacts directory of oversight practitioners.
- To identify the different types of oversight being used in different regions.

The information we collect will form part of an interactive map on the INIOP website which will detail all of the oversight organisations working internationally.

Who's out there ?
International approaches to police oversight

We've developed this questionnaire for people working at organisations which have responsibility for oversight of the police and/or oversight of those with policing powers.

The information you provide us with in this questionnaire will be used to collect information on all the organisations that are currently in existence and to build up a picture of the different approaches to police oversight in existence across the world.

Information about you

Your name *optional field

Your email address *optional field

About your organisation

Name of your organisation *mandatory field

Your organisation's website *optional field

Please detail the geographical area (e.g. town, city, state, country) that your organisation covers *mandatory field

Keeping in touch

The steering group produces a regular e-newsletter to keep people up to date with the latest developments in INIOP . . .



Email iniop.secretariat@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk to join our mailing list.

Questions ?

So now's your opportunity to tell us what you want from INIOP . .

- What are the most important things that INIOP should focus on ?
- How do you want to get involved ?
- Should INIOP charge a membership fee ?
- Who should the network try to build relationships with ?
- Are online forums and discussion boards useful ?
- What makes a good police oversight conference ?
- What resources should we develop to help you in your work ?

We're keen to hear your comments, and you can also provide us with these by completing and returning the INIOP 'Tell us what you want from an international network questionnaire' which is available at this conference.



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