

Current members

(17 Members and 7 Observers as of October 2016)

Members	Observers
Australia	ARINSA
Brunei Darussalam	CARIN
Cambodia	Interpol
Cook Islands	KIC
India	PTCN
Indonesia	UNODC
Japan	World Bank
Korea	
Malaysia	
Mongolia	
New Zealand	
Pakistan	
Sri Lanka	
Chinese Taipei	
Thailand	
Timor-Leste	
Tonga	

Who can participate?

Membership is open to states and jurisdictions in the Asia and Pacific region. Each Member may nominate two representatives, one from a law enforcement agency and the other from a judicial/prosecutorial authority to be their ARIN-AP contacts. Observer status is available to states, jurisdictions and 3rd parties, which cannot be Members.

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Asset Recovery Interagency Network

Asia Pacific





What is ARIN-AP?

ARIN-AP is an informal network of contacts and a cooperative group involved in all aspects of recovering the proceeds of crime. It is also a network of practitioners from various jurisdictions and international organizations. The Supreme Prosecutors' Office of the Republic of Korea assumes the role of the ARIN-AP Secretariat.

Why does ARIN-AP exist?

The purpose of ARIN-AP is to increase the effectiveness of its members' efforts, on a multi-agency basis, in depriving criminals of their illicit profits.

ARIN-AP's key objectives are to:

- ▶ establish a network of contact points;
- ▶ focus on the proceeds of all crimes, within the scope of international obligations;
- ▶ establish itself as the center of expertise in all aspects of tackling the proceeds of crime;
- ▶ promote the exchange of information and good practices;
- ▶ where appropriate, make recommendations to bodies such as the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APGML) relating to all aspects of tackling the proceeds of crime; and
- ▶ facilitate, where possible, training in all aspects of tackling the proceeds of crime.

How has ARIN-AP been developed?



Top 3 FAQs

1. What is the difference between Mutual Legal Assistance and ARIN-AP's assistance?

ARIN-AP's assistance can be much speedier than Mutual Legal Assistance, since members contact each other directly and informally. Even between countries that have not concluded a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty yet, ARIN-AP can be a channel for them to exchange information.

2. Are there any legal obligations/duties to perform as a member of ARIN-AP?

As ARIN-AP intends to pursue an informal network, it does not require any signing or ratification of member states and cannot force members to exceed their own legal boundaries for cooperation. Therefore, ARIN-AP, practically as well as theoretically, cannot render any legally binding agreement or resolution among members.

3. How is ARIN-AP funded?

Members and Observers fund their own costs and expenses, unless external funding is available. There is no joining fee or annual fee to pay to be a member of ARIN-AP.

What makes ARIN-AP different from other similar networks?

- ▶ ARIN-AP focuses on the proceeds of all crimes, while most similar networks only focus on specific crimes such as narcotics or corruption.
- ▶ ARIN-AP is a network of all kinds of asset recovery experts, including prosecutors, investigators, police officers, experts at FIUs and international organizations, while other similar networks usually consist of people from the same group.
- ▶ ARIN-AP contributes to members' capacity development through yearly group workshops and training programs. Also, ARIN-AP members share country profiles that are called 'questionnaires', in which you can find all the necessary information when you initiate asset recovery from another member jurisdiction.
- ▶ ARIN-AP connects you to the whole world through other ARINs: There is CARIN for Europe, ARINSA for Southern Africa, ARIN-EA for East Africa, ARIN-WA for West Africa and RRAAG for South America.

