



Universal *Classification* Schema

Expert Council

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Mission:

The Universal Classification Schema Expert Council is seeking passionate and dedicated individuals and organizations to join our membership. The mission of the Expert Council is to oversee and ensure the continuous accuracy, relevance, and evolution of the Universal Classification Schema and its accompanying reference documentation. This vital endeavor is essential in addressing the ever-changing landscape of child sexual abuse material and upholding child protection standards. It is the purpose of the Expert Council to harmonize terminology, provide guidance, and facilitate cross-sectoral collaboration among stakeholders in the fight against CSAM.

Background:

The Universal Classification Schema was conceived to harmonize terminology related to child sexual abuse material to facilitate better collaboration for identifying illegal material, to aid in the creation of annotated datasets for the training of automated CSAM detectors, and produce more relevant reporting, all for the purpose of better victim identification capabilities and more effective processing of CSAM. This revision process aims to ensure that the terminology remains accurate and relevant, taking into consideration the dynamic challenges posed by CSAM online.

Objectives:

As a member of the Expert Council, your objectives will include:

- To maintain the Universal Classification Schema in alignment with emerging trends, best practices, and changing legislation.
- To implement terminology that respects the rights and dignity of children, avoids blame and stigma, and prevents re-victimization.
- To provide a platform for cross-sectoral, international collaboration in addressing issues related to the sexual abuse and exploitation of children.
- To support data collection efforts on matters concerning CSAM.
- To enhance the legal, policy, and advocacy framework for the protection of children from sexual exploitation.

Membership Process:

Membership in the Expert Council is open to all stakeholders dedicated to combatting CSAM. Membership is free of charge. Membership in the Council is subject to a term limit of four years, at which time the organization or entity will have to reapply for membership. We welcome expressions of interest from interested organizations and individuals who wish to join the Expert Council. To apply for membership, please submit an expression of interest to the Schema Custodian. Your application should include the reasons for seeking membership and a commitment to uphold the Expert Council's mission and objectives. We consider various factors during the selection process, including proactive engagement in advancing

child protection both domestically and internationally and expertise in CSAM issues. Additionally, we are committed to encouraging engagement with prospective members from underrepresented regions and sectors.

Meetings:

The Executive Council shall convene at a minimum on an annual basis to review and discuss proposed updates to the schema and accompanying reference materials. Meetings may be held in person or virtually to accommodate the diverse membership.

Responsibilities:

As a member of the Executive Council, your responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, evaluating proposed changes, reaching a consensus on their approval, and recommending updates to the Schema and training materials. The group shall provide a platform for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and consensus-building among stakeholders.

How to Apply:

If you are passionate about child protection and wish to contribute to the ongoing fight against child sexual abuse material, please submit your application by filling out this [form](#).