

Asia PKI Consortium Participates in Trust Without Borders Summit 2026 in Bogotá, Colombia

Focusing on Global Digital Interoperability



The Asia PKI Consortium (APKIC) participated in the **Trust Without Borders Summit 2026** held in Bogotá, Colombia on 13 May 2026, joining regulators, standards bodies, trust service providers, and industry leaders from across Latin America, Europe, Asia, and other regions to advance discussions on cross-border digital trust, interoperability, and trusted digital transactions. The summit focused on transforming digital trust from regional initiatives into globally interoperable ecosystems through collaboration, standards alignment, and regulatory cooperation.

As part of the international summit, **Mr. Vijayakumar Manjunatha**, Secretary General of the Asia PKI Consortium, represented APKIC in the panel discussion titled **“EU and LATAM's Digital Signature Ecosystem within the Global Landscape: Harmonizing Regulation with Innovation.”** The session was moderated by **Luis Cervantes (SSL.com)** and featured distinguished panelists including **Arno Fiedler**, Vice Chair of ETSI ESI Working Group, **Sebastian Elfors** of IDnow Trust Services AB, and **Edwin Arvey Cristancho Pinilla**, CEO of ONAC. The panel explored the challenges and opportunities surrounding mutual recognition of digital signatures, international trust frameworks, standards harmonization, and practical approaches toward global interoperability.

Advancing Borderless Digital Transactions

During the summit, Mr. Manjunatha delivered a presentation titled **“Borderless Digital Transactions: Regional Collaboration and Best Practices for Digital Trust Ecosystems.”** The presentation highlighted the Asia PKI Consortium’s ongoing efforts to promote digital trust adoption, interoperability, and mutual recognition across Asian economies and beyond.



In his presentation, Mr. Manjunatha emphasized the growing importance of:

- Cross-border interoperability and mutual recognition frameworks.
 - Trusted digital identities and remote signature services.
 - Alignment of legal, policy, technical, and compliance frameworks.
 - Adoption of global standards and best practices.
 - Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) preparedness.
 - Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as a foundation for trusted digital services.
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He also shared insights from the ongoing **Global Digital Trust Landscape Survey 2026**, which is gathering perspectives from regulators, trust service providers, digital identity authorities, and technology providers across multiple regions. Preliminary findings indicate strong global momentum toward digital trust adoption, increasing support for remote signatures, growing interest in mutual recognition arrangements, and active evaluation of PQC readiness initiatives.

Collaboration and Global Alignment

The Trust Without Borders Summit provided an important platform for engagement between regional and international digital trust communities. Discussions throughout the event highlighted the need for stronger cooperation between governments, supervisory authorities, standards organizations, and industry stakeholders to address regulatory fragmentation and interoperability challenges while preserving national sovereignty.

APKIC shared its experience in facilitating regional cooperation, promoting standards-based trust frameworks, and supporting initiatives that advance mutual recognition and trusted digital transactions. The Consortium reiterated its commitment to fostering collaboration among trust ecosystems and contributing to the development of globally interoperable digital trust infrastructures.

Looking Ahead

As digital trust becomes increasingly critical to digital trade, public services, and international cooperation, the Asia PKI Consortium remains committed to working with global partners to advance interoperability, standards harmonization, and cross-border trust frameworks.

The Trust Without Borders Summit 2026 brought together more than 100 organizations from over 20 countries, providing a valuable forum for dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders shaping the future of digital trust.

APKIC looks forward to continuing its engagement with international partners and supporting initiatives that enable secure, interoperable, and trusted digital ecosystems where digital trust truly knows no borders.
