



## Overseas Security Advisory Council

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- The Department of State’s Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) was established in 1985 by Secretary of State Shultz to foster cooperation and the exchange of security information between the U.S. Government and the U.S. private sector operating overseas.
- Currently, over 3500 constituent organizations participate in the program, including businesses, religious groups, universities and colleges and other non-governmental organizations. Non-business groups comprise 15 percent of OSAC’s constituency.
- OSAC shares information with the private sector about crime, terrorism and other factors (political, economic, and social factors) that impact the security environment globally and in individual countries around the world.
- INFORMATION IS SHARED THROUGH FOUR PRINCIPAL MEANS:
  1. **OSAC COUNCIL** – The OSAC Council is a joint private/public sector body that leads the organization and sets its strategic direction, goals and objectives. This structure ensures the goals are set by the private sector with public sector support.
  2. **RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SUPPORT CENTER (RISC)** – Nine coordinators research security issues affecting the private sector and make this information available through reports, briefings and consultations. The RISC staff averages 250 consultations a month.
  3. **COUNTRY COUNCILS** replicate the OSAC public/private partnership at over 100 overseas locations bringing together the embassy or consulate with the private sector regional managers to share information about security issues of mutual concern in the region.
  4. **OSAC WEB SITE** – The web site receives on average 24,000 visits per month and includes information such as daily news highlights, security incident reports, embassy and consulate warden messages and crime/safety reports. The site is linked to the Consular Affairs web site. Additionally, approximately 150,000 electronic mail reports are sent to constituents on a monthly basis.
- OSAC supports major international events involving the private sector by providing information about the security environment, planning and coordination efforts.
- OSAC supported the Olympics in Peking, China, the World Bank/IMF annual meetings in Washington, DC and supported the World Cup in South Africa in 2010.

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