

## **Privacy Policy**

Global Association for Humanitarian Diplomacy Ambassadors (GAHODA)

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At GAHODA, we work with people from many countries, cultures, and backgrounds. Trust is essential in this work. Because of that, we want to be honest and simple about how we handle the small amount of information we collect through our website. This page is not meant to overwhelm you with technical jargon just to explain, in plain language, what happens behind the scenes when you visit us online.

### **1. The information you choose to share with us**

Most of the information we receive comes directly from you. When you fill out a form, express interest in joining our community, or write to us about one of our programs, we rely on the details you provide so we can get back to you. Usually this is your name, email address, and whatever message or information you decide to include.

We read every submission with the same spirit with which it was sent: curiosity, intention, and often a shared interest in humanitarian diplomacy.

We use this information only to communicate with you or to support your involvement in our work.

### **2. The information our website collects quietly in the background**

Like most websites, ours keeps a simple log of visits. This includes things like:

- which pages people look at,
- the type of device used,
- and general location based on IP address.

This helps us understand whether people are finding what they need, and which parts of the site require improvement. None of this information is used to identify you personally.

Cookies may also be used, mostly to help the site function smoothly. You can block them if you prefer; the site will still work, though a few elements may behave differently.

### **3. How this information is used inside GAHODA**

We don't collect data for profit or for advertising, and we don't share it casually. The information we hold is used for a few practical purposes:

- to reply to your messages,
- to manage applications, registrations, or requests,
- to send updates to people who asked for them,
- and to help us understand how our website is being used.

All of this supports the daily running of our association and the broader mission of humanitarian diplomacy.

### **4. Situations where information may be shared**

There are only a few circumstances where we share information with others:

- With service providers who help us operate the website or send email updates.
- With partners when we co-host an activity and sharing is necessary for logistics.
- If the law requires us to share specific information.

Anyone who works with us is expected to treat personal information with the same respect that we do.

### **5. Keeping information secure**

We take practical steps to protect the information we hold. Access is limited to people inside GAHODA who genuinely need it to do their work. We also use technical measures to safeguard

data stored on our systems. While no system is perfect, we treat privacy as a responsibility, not a formality.

#### **6. How long we keep information**

We do not keep information longer than necessary. When it no longer serves a purpose—for example, when someone unsubscribes, withdraws interest, or a program concludes—we delete it carefully.

#### **7. Your choices and rights**

Depending on where you live, you may have rights over your personal data, such as:

- requesting to see what information we hold about you,
- correcting it,
- asking us to delete it,
- or withdrawing your consent for certain communications.

If you contact us, we will do our best to respond promptly and respectfully.

#### **8. Links to other websites**

Sometimes we share links to partners, resources, or external organizations. These websites have their own privacy practices, which we do not control. We encourage you to review their policies if you visit them.

#### **9. When this policy changes**

As GAHODA grows, our online presence may evolve as well. If we make changes to this policy, we will update the date at the top and keep this page current.

#### **10. Reaching us**

If you have questions about this policy, or simply want clarity about how we handle information, you are welcome to reach out:

**Global Association for Humanitarian Diplomacy Ambassadors (GAHODA)**

Email: [info@GAHODA.org](mailto:info@GAHODA.org)

We appreciate the trust people place in our work, and part of honoring that trust is being transparent about how we handle personal information.