



OSAC – the Overseas Security Advisory Council – was created in 1985 under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to promote security cooperation between American private sector interests worldwide and the U.S. Department of State. OSAC has developed into an enormously successful joint venture, with U.S. companies and organizations receiving the support they need to mitigate security issues while operating in foreign environments.

The OSAC “Council” is comprised of 30 private sector and four public sector member organizations that represent a variety of industries and government agencies operating abroad. Member organizations designate representatives to serve on the OSAC “Council” and provide direction and guidance to develop programs that most benefit the U.S. private sector overseas. Specific recommendations from OSAC to the U.S. Department of State are implemented by the Department’s Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS).

What We Do

- OSAC promotes effective cooperation by working to assist the U.S. private sector to better anticipate security issues, including identifying and tracking threats, particularly those targeting private-sector personnel, facilities, investments, interests and intellectual property.

OSAC Structure

- The OSAC “Council” leads the organization and set its strategic direction, goals and objectives. This structure ensures that the goals are set by the private sector with public-sector support.
- Research and Information Support Center (RISC) staff is solely dedicated to the needs of the U.S. Private sector. They gauge threats to U.S. private-sector personnel, facilities and intellectual property abroad. RISC is composed of three distinct functional units: Regional Analysis, Outreach and Engagement, and Global Security.
- The OSAC website is OSAC’s primary means of communication with its constituency. All of OSAC’s analytical products and events are posted to the website as well as relevant open source news.
- OSAC outreach programs such as Country Councils, Common Interest Councils and Regional Councils support the information sharing mission by providing a venue for targeting and rapid information exchange among constituents.