



OEWG Side Event - The future of responsible state behaviour in a fragmented cyber capacity ecosystem

13 May 2024 13:15 – 14:30 ET United Nations HQ (conference room 8) and online (hybrid event)

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The two-decade-long debates in the UN fora on cybersecurity in the context of international security have clearly demonstrated that cyber capacity building is a key pillar in the framework for responsible state behaviour in cyberspace. The international community has rallied behind cyber capacity building as the main cooperation modality to support States in meeting their international commitments and safely and securely harnessing the benefits of digital technologies.

The evolution of the cyber capacity-building ecosystem has led to the emergence of diverse communities and stakeholders with unique perspectives, expertise, and cultures. For all the positive developments fostered by and within this ecosystem, however, there remain challenges linked to cyber capacity building, including effective coordination. It is essential to consider and strategise future trajectories of the cyber capacity-building ecosystem, taking into account the rich diversity of global efforts. Sharing and understanding the success stories of demand-driven capacity building is key to this process. Future trajectories will need to recognize the capacity-building coordination that takes place on multiple levels and leverage this structural subsidiarity to benefit all stakeholders.

On the occasion of the Global Roundtable on ICT Security Capacity-Building and the intersessional meetings of the OEWG, this side event shall address two pivotal questions:

- How might the evolution of the cyber capacity-building ecosystem influence the effectiveness of efforts in the field?
- What are the possible pathways moving forward and which of them could ensure best results globally?

The objective of the side event is to reflect on the progress achieved by cyber capacity-building efforts and initiatives to date and cast the gaze forward. We aim to explore a variety of scenarios for the future of cyber capacity-building and look at how the actions of various communities and stakeholders (including the UN itself) can pave the way toward a positive outcome. Gathering diverse insights from States and stakeholders, the side event shall contribute to fostering a shared understanding of the future of the cyber capacity-building ecosystem that is crucial to efficient collaboration and strategic alignment.





Agenda

- 13:15-13:20 **Welcome**
Andrea Salvi, Project Director & Senior Analyst, EUISS
- 13:20:13:25 **Opening Remarks**
H.E. Burhan Gafoor, Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025
- 13:25-13:40 **Presentation of the scenarios**
Nayia Barmaliou, Cyber Lab International
Patryk Pawlak, Carnegie Europe
- 13:40-14:05 **Discussants**

Helen Popp	Kerry-Ann Barrett	Chris Buckridge	Moliehi Makumane
Policy Officer, EEAS	Cybersecurity Program Manager, OAS	Senior Strategy Advisor, GFCE	Researcher, Security & Technology, UNIDIR

- 14:05-14:25 **Reactions from the participants**
- 14:25-14:30 **Conclusions**

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