INTERNATIONAL CYBER CRISIS
MANAGEMENT REGIONAL WORKSHOP -
EUROPEAN UNION

31 JANUARY 2022, 09:00–12:30 CET

What is international cyber crisis? How could regional cyber crisis measures be triggered? To stimulate the sharing of different views and experiences on the international/strategic implications of cyber crises and their management at the regional and multilateral levels, UNIDIR in partnership with the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) will co-host a half-day regional workshop.

This workshop will cover: the relationship between the technical and political crisis management necessary in the cyber realm; cybersecurity efforts of Member States including through the implementation of norms and Member States' expectations on the role of the UN in how regional organizations address cyber insecurity and prevent and manage cyber crisis.

09:00-09:15 Conference opening – Welcome and opening remarks by UNIDIR and EUISS

09:15-10:00 Panel 1: Regional Confidence Building Measures: From Norms to Regional Relevance

This session is aimed at understanding the role of the EU in supporting the cybersecurity efforts of member States including through the implementation of norm 13 (a): States to cooperate in developing and applying measures to increase stability and security and to prevent ICT practices that are acknowledged to be harmful or that may pose threats to international peace and security. This norm specifically recommends that such measures could include mechanisms for crisis and incident management.

Guiding questions:

- What kind of regional instruments and mechanisms for crisis management could be applicable in response to varying scenarios?
- Who are the main actors and institutions involved in responding to a cyber crisis? Is there a role for actors other than states?

10:15-11:00 Panel 2: Complexity of Regional Crisis: Cyber Crisis

This panel will engage with regional stakeholders, international partners, technical community and sub-regional organisations, that are critical in crisis management in order to understand the region's approach to the relationship between the technical and political crisis management necessary in the cyber realm.

Guiding questions:

- Looking at the conflict and crisis management toolbox, what weaknesses can be identified in relation to its suitability to deal with conflicts and crises originating in cyberspace?
- How could a regional cyber crisis measures be triggered? What are the most relevant and pressing region-specific vulnerabilities and threats?

Break

11:15-12:00 Panel 3: Building Better: EU-UN Cooperation

This session aims to uncover Member States' expectations on the role of the UN in how regional organisations address cyber insecurity and prevent and manage cyber crisis.

Guiding questions:
- What are the expectations that Member States have on the role which the UN should play in the context of a cyber crisis? What factors influence such expectations?

12:00-12:30 Conference closing