Linking development, digitalisation and security: *Defining the "how" in cyber capacity building*

Description of the session

The endorsement of the Delhi Communique on a GFCE Global Agenda for Cyber Capacity Building in November 2017 was a milestone in identifying key themes for prioritisation of efforts made by the global community in this policy area, while also putting forward principles guiding the implementation of the Agenda. The issue of how to structure the support of the global community for capacity building efforts of partner countries and regions, what methods to use, and how to measure their results is the silver thread running across all five Agenda themes.

Since the adoption of its 2013 Cybersecurity Strategy, the EU has been leading on international cyber capacity building efforts and linking them with its development cooperation funds in a systematic way. EU actions are also underpinned by a rights-based and whole-of-society approach, integrating lessons learned from the development effectiveness agenda and the EU's internal experience and *acquis*. Other stakeholders have also been making the case for improving the integration of cybersecurity in development cooperation and strengthening further the contribution it can make towards the progressive realisation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This reflection is intertwined with the question of how to design and implement cyber capacity building actions, which is a key element for the effectiveness and sustainability of these efforts. On the occasion of the kick-off of the first round of the GFCE Working Groups in June 2018, the EU in partnership with the GFCE is organising a side-event that will focus on discussing methodological and operational aspects of cyber capacity building. The meeting will be an opportunity for the EU and the broader GFCE community to share their experiences in translating the several dimensions of cyber policy and the development experience and principles into practice.

The session will start with the presentation of the operational guidance toolkit for the EU's international cooperation on cyber capacity building, prepared by the EU Institute for Security Studies, and will be followed by two roundtable discussions focused on sharing experiences concerning existing approaches in implementing cyber capacity building with the aim to foster a dialogue and cross-fertilisation of ideas and practices across communities. The session shall discuss how to streamline working methods for effective, sustainable and inclusive cyber capacity building partnerships that can also feed into the implementation of the GFCE Global Agenda. The roundtables will include speakers from the donor governments and organisations, partner countries, financial institutions, implementing bodies and agencies, civil society, private sector, and other relevant stakeholders.

Agenda

15:00-15:30

Registration and coffee

15:30-15:50

Welcome

David VAN DUREN
Head of Secretariat, Global Forum on Cyber Expertise

Presentation of the '*Operational Guidance for the EU's International Cooperation on Cyber Capacity Building*'

Patryk PAWLAK
Executive Officer, EU Institute for Security Studies

15:50-16:50

Roundtable I. Building sustainable partnerships: a conversation on lessons and approaches for effective cyber capacity building

With the crystallisation of the links between digitalisation and development, as well as between digitalisation and societal resilience, cyber capacity building has been gaining traction both as a means to improve the readiness of societies to address cyber threats and as a cross-cutting element to be incorporated in the roll-out of digital technologies and services. As the different policy and expert communities are coming closer in this process, some key arising questions relate to identifying working methods that best respond to this new policy context, capitalising on each community's know-how and ensuring a sustainable outlook. The key focus of this session will be to discuss how to streamline cyber capacity building partnerships towards an effective and sustainable cooperation model among donors, partner countries, organisations and implementors involved in concrete initiatives.

Moderator

Patryk PAWLAK
Executive Officer, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers

Nayia BARMPALIOU
Policy Coordinator / Programme Manager for Cyber and Organised Crime, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Robert COLLETT
Head of Capacity Building, Prosperity and Cybercrime, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom

Martin KOYABE
Manager, Technical Support & Consultancy, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

Valeria SOLIS
Director for Drugs and Cybersecurity, Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

16:50-17:50

Roundtable II. Building inclusive partnerships: a conversation on multi-stakeholder engagement in cyber capacity building

The recognition that cybersecurity is a shared responsibility across society and across borders has also allowed the emergence of a converging narrative for cyber capacity building, including through the course that led to the adoption of the Delhi Communiqué on a GFCE Global Agenda for Cyber Capacity Building. This process has brought to the forefront the complex stakeholder architecture of cyberspace coupled with the equally complex modalities and vehicles for international cooperation. As a result, while government agencies still play a key role in this process, other stakeholders have been established as important players in setting the course of cyber capacity building efforts, both at policy and operational level. This session will explore the ways in which a whole-of-society approach can be best operationalised in practice, with structured ways for combining technical assistance, public-private partnerships and civil society engagement, to make cyber capacity building efforts more inclusive and therefore more effective.

Moderator

Joyce HAKMEH
Research fellow, Chatham House / Co-editor of the Journal of Cyber Policy

Speakers

Enrico CALANDRO
Senior Researcher/ Research Manager, Research ICT Africa

Daniela SCHNIDRIG
Programme Lead for Cybersecurity Capacity Building, Global Partners Digital

Bruno HALOPEAU
Head of Cyber Resilience, Centre for Cybersecurity, World Economic Forum

Gabriela REYNAGA VARGAS
Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Holistics GRC

17:50-18:00
Closing remarks

Nayia BARMPALIOU
Policy Coordinator / Programme Manager for Cyber and Organised Crime, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission