

SIDE EVENT

Bridging the gap: How can we support synergies across UN crime prevention and criminal justice mandates to tackle online child sexual exploitation and abuse, and how can the AHC negotiations contribute?



Tuesday 7 June
13:30-15:00

Mozart Room, VIC

This event takes place in the margins of the ongoing negotiations on a new cybercrime instrument, under the Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) where states are debating the guiding principles of the treaty, the parameters of what cybercrime is and provisions for law enforcement mechanisms.

The debate around how to define and criminalize certain cyber-dependant and cyber-enable crimes is yet to be concluded by Member States. One key area to be discussed during the negotiations is how, and whether, to specifically address online Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) which impacts the youngest and most vulnerable in society. The second AHC follows shortly after the 31st session of the CCPCJ, which adopted a UK-tabled resolution, calling for Member States to increasingly engage and partner with industry, to agree clear and coherent

standards and regulations for tackling CSAM online, and to promote cross-jurisdictional collaboration between countries, including sharing of data sets between law enforcement bodies. This event will include a reflection on the recently adopted CCPCJ resolution on CSAM and how the international community can better prevent and counter CSAM through international legal frameworks.

This event will allow delegates taking part in the UN negotiations to hear from stakeholders who work on this issue and consider what these perspectives mean for policymaking. We will hear the experiences of civil society, and survivors and consider how we can work together to tackle this criminal behaviour. Delegates will be able to hear presentations, ask questions, and engage in an interactive multistakeholder discussion.

SPEAKERS

Welcome from the Moderator – Livia Wagner, GI-TOC

Opening remarks – Will Middleton, Cyber Director, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Amir Basic, Independent Expert

Lianna McDonald, Executive Director, The Canadian Centre for Child Protection - video presentation

Amy Crocker, ECPAT International

Gerson Norzea, Rapha International