Breakfast discussion

Thursday, 1 September 2022
Registration and breakfast from 08:30 EDT
Breakfast discussion from 09:00 to 09:50 EDT
United Nations Headquarters, Conference room A

Prior registration is required for this event. Kindly register by 31 August 2022 at 13:00 EDT.

The transnational nature of cybercrime requires international cooperation and sharing of expertise between law enforcement, prosecutors and other criminal justice authorities. Differences in the levels of expertise, skills and technical capabilities between states have prompted technical assistance efforts, by now commonly referred to as capacity building. Although many of the challenges are common for all countries, cybercrime may have a disproportionally larger negative impact on growth and economic development of countries in the Global South. Therefore, focusing on the agency, experience, and lessons of the Global South to address the cybercrime challenge is the cornerstone of equitable and sustainable capacity building efforts beyond North-South and towards South-South and triangular cooperation paradigms.

Due to the fact that over the past decades countries in the Global South have been traditionally the main recipients of the capacity building support (e.g. through programmes such as the UNODC Global Programme on Cybercrime or the joint EU-Council of Europe Global Action on Cybercrime GLACY/GLACY+), they have now become the key custodians of knowledge and lessons on how to foster a culture of capacity building on cybercrime. Tapping into their experience is crucial as the fast-paced evolution of cybercrime and the overwhelming increase in digital investigations against limited human and financial resources of law enforcement authorities creates a huge challenge for practitioners, even more so in emerging and developing economies. Therefore, the success of a future UN Cybercrime Treaty will largely depend on the capacity of its State Parties to implement its provisions and enable international cooperation.

This meeting will look at two decades of experience with technical assistance and capacity building on cybercrime to identify lessons for the ongoing negotiations of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of ICTs for Criminal Purposes (AHC on Cybercrime), both in terms of concrete provisions and their practical implementation.

Please register here
08:30-9:00 Arrival and breakfast

09:00-09:10 Welcome
H.E. Ambassador Silvio GONZATO
Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, New York

H.E. Ambassador Faouzia BOUMAIZA MEBARKI
Permanent Representative of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations in Vienna, and Chairperson of the UN Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of ICTs for Criminal Purposes

09:10-09:50 Roundtable Discussion
Chair Nayia BARMPALIOU
Lead Expert, EU Cyber Diplomacy Initiative – EU Cyber Direct, European Union Institute for Security Studies

Discussants 
Eric SOGOCIO
Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations in Vienna, and Vice-Chair of the UN Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of ICTs for Criminal Purposes

Zanuba Fatima BHATTI
Senior Legal Officer, Office of the Solicitor-General, Fiji

Claudio PEGUERO
Inspector General of the National Police, Dominican Republic, and Vice-Chair of the UN Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of ICTs for Criminal Purposes

Mohammed Walid ALEM

Delphine SCHANTZ
Representative of the New York Office, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Alexander SEGER
Head of the Cybercrime Division and Head of the Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC), Council of Europe