

Cybercrime Stakeholder Engagement Initiative

Regional Consultation for Africa

The second regional consultation on cybercrime was held on 18 January from 9.30 to 11 am CET and saw the participation of 58 stakeholders from the region. The high number of participants and the quality of interventions was possible thanks to the support of interpreters.

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Challenges and recommendations:

- One of the main challenges faced by African countries is the establishment of a robust cybersecurity infrastructure.
- Other issues include limited resources, sometimes a lack of technical capabilities, and the continued rise in cyber threats.
- An emphasis was laid on the need for better cybersecurity education and training for governments and law enforcement, but also among civil society.
- Similar to the other regions, an emphasis on the need to regulate cybercrime and foster international cooperation was voiced by many participants.
- Opportunities to build trust between countries and enforce law agencies should be created in order to more effectively combat cybercrime.
- It is important to understand the diverse perspectives of different countries in responding to cybercrime.
- Public-private partnerships should be created to increase capacity-building initiatives.
- Some concerns were expressed regarding the potential issues surrounding the alignment of local laws with international laws on cybercrime.
- Education and awareness raising for various forms of cybercrime, but also the dangers of cyberworld in general, such as addictive online games and privacy concerns, should be taught from a young age.