UN OEWG: Capacity-building mapping exercise

Portuguese Cooperation aims to strengthen bilateral cooperation with priority partner countries, through the establishment of Strategic Cooperation Programmes (SCP). The SCPs agreed with Portuguese cooperation partner countries address cybersecurity in various sectors of intervention.

Mozambique

The 2022-2026 SCP with Mozambique emphasizes the necessity of equipping legal and administrative structures, to enhance efficiency in combating organized crime, especially cybercrime, within the Justice, Security, and Defence sector. Acknowledging the opportunities in cyberspace for societal and economic development, the SCP aims to accompany digitalization with protective mechanisms for both public and private organizations and citizens operating in cyberspace. The SCP for Mozambique outlines actions such as awareness and training initiatives for safe technology use, and knowledge-sharing for responding to cyber incidents. It also includes initiatives to observe and understand the cybersecurity landscape, with a focus on identifying specific areas of interest, including cyber-defence, within the Defence sector.

Examples:

- 1. Within the framework of the <u>Technical-Police Cooperation Programme</u> with the Ministry of Internal Administration, and the Justice Programme with the Ministry of Justice of Mozambique, the following actions are planned:
- i. Training for the Police of the Republic of Mozambique on countering cybercrime, by the Portuguese security/police forces;
- ii. Training on the Development of Applications and Infrastructure Systems and Cyber Security, by the National Security Office and the Judicial Police, aimed at the Directorate of Information and Communication Technologies (DTIC).
- 2. <u>Higher Structure of Defence and the Armed Defence Forces of Mozambique</u> (FADM) SCP Mozambique 2022-2026

Sector: Justice, Security and Defence

Financing Entity: Portugal's Directorate-General for National Defence Policy **Objectives:** To advise the Senior Defence Structure and the FADM and coordinate the projects and activities included in the SCP between Portugal and Mozambique, including technical support, in conjunction with the other projects, on the aspects necessary to enable activities in the cyber-defence fields.

3. <u>Training and capacity building of the Mozambican Armed Defence Forces in counter-terrorism operations</u>

Financing Entity: Portugal's Directorate-General for National Defence Policy **Objectives:** To support the training and capacity building of Mozambique's cyber defence bodies.

Cabo Verde

The 2022-2026 SCP with Cabo Verde underscores the importance of equipping legal and administrative structures with tools to enhance efficiency in combating organized crime, including cybercrime. Specifically, in the Justice, Security, and Defence sector, the SCP outlines cooperation actions focused on cybersecurity, including initiatives for awareness, training, and education to develop general and specific cybersecurity skills. Additionally, the SCP promotes cyber-defence and information technology activities within the framework of defence cooperation with Cabo Verde.

In terms of cybersecurity, an EU-funded flagship project for Cabo Verde is planned for 2023. Cabo Verde is to become a **regional digital hub**, taking advantage of the ELLA Link connection, by developing a conducive digital ecosystem and innovative digital services (capacity, IP transit, datacentre housing).

Guinea-Bissau

The 2021-2025 SCP between Portugal and Guinea-Bissau aims to equip legal and administrative structures to effectively combat corruption, money laundering, and organized crime, including cybercrime, as a means of reinforcing the rule of law.

Angola

The 2023-2027 SCP with Angola focuses on two key sectors under Thematic Axis 3 - Promoting peace and the security-development link:

1. Justice

Objective: Equip legal and administrative structures to enhance institutional efficiency, particularly in combating cybercrime, as a crucial element in affirming and consolidating the Rule of Law.

2. Internal security

- Portugal's intervention aims to strengthen the capacities of various Angolan institutions, including the National Police, Civil Protection and Fire Service, Migration and Foreigners Service, and the Security Forces and Services of the Angolan Ministry of the Interior.
- Specific focus on addressing relevant issues such as cybercrime and cyberterrorism within the broader context of internal security.

São Tomé e Príncipe

The 2021-2025 SCP with São Tomé and Príncipe focuses on the priority intervention sector of Justice, Security, and Defence. Portugal's cooperation aims to develop systemic, structural, and human resources capacities, contributing to greater efficiency and effectiveness in São Tomé's legal and judicial systems, essential for consolidating the rule of law and governance, key pillars of democracy.

Specifically in the area of internal security, the SCP includes the following actions and initiatives:

Cybersecurity Cooperation:

Objectives:

- i. Raise awareness and provide training to develop general and specific skills in the safe use of technologies and protection of cyberspace.
- ii. Establish close cooperation and knowledge-sharing in responding to incidents in cyberspace.
- iii. Build the capacity of São Toméan Security Forces and Services, with a particular focus on addressing issues related to cybercrime and cyberterrorism.

Timor-Leste

Within the framework of the SCP 2019-2023, Portugal promoted a training and technical assistance programme, in the field "Consolidation of the Rule of Law and Good Governance"

Area: Simplification and Administrative Modernisation

This training programme aims to develop leadership, business, technical and regulatory skills, as well as training in strategic sustainability and organisational conduct and culture. Distance learning courses are held with the aim of developing the technical and behavioural skills of trainees, such as <u>training in information security</u>, <u>cybersecurity and Information Protection</u>. These training actions aim to develop local skills, providing trainees with relevant personal and organisational skills, as well as sustainability and risk management skills, thus promoting global stability and growth.