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Dear colleagues,

I have the honour of addressing you in my capacity as Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021-2025, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240 adopted on 31 December 2020.

Further to my letter to stakeholders on 27 February 2024, I would like to inform you that the **Global Roundtable on ICT Security Capacity-Building** will take place in the format of an in-person, high-level meeting on 10 May 2024 at United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ). The global roundtable is designed to provide an action-oriented platform for capacity-building practitioners, State representatives, and interested stakeholders, to exchange ideas, share best practices, and build partnerships, with the aim of enhancing synergies and advancing the international community's work on capacity-building in concrete ways.

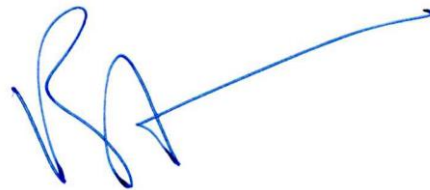
In this regard, I am pleased to enclose a **detailed programme of the Global Roundtable (Annex A)**, which elaborates on the themes and formats of the signature panel, breakout groups and lunchtime session. The programme also contains an updated schedule, for stakeholders' reference.

In particular, I wish to draw your attention to the **lunchtime "matchmaking" session**, which will be an opportunity for capacity-building partners to showcase existing capacity-building programmes and initiatives on offer and for interested States to approach them directly for further collaboration. This will be a valuable opportunity to contribute to the Global Roundtable's objective of advancing the international community's work on capacity-building

in concrete ways, and ensuring that capacity-building resources reach as many member states as possible. Further details about expressing interest in making a presentation at the lunchtime matchmaking session are enclosed in the programme.

Finally, I would like to **remind stakeholders to register their intention to participate in the Global Roundtable by Friday, 29 March 2024**, in accordance with the registration details conveyed in my letter of 27 February 2024. The registration details are also enclosed for ease of reference at **Annex B**.

I thank you for your continued interest in the work of the OEWG, and I look forward to your contributions towards a fruitful and productive Global Roundtable.



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2021-2025

Enclosure:

- Annex A – Programme Details for Global Roundtable on ICT security capacity-building
- Annex B – Registration Details for Global Roundtable on ICT security capacity-building

**PROGRAMME DETAILS**

**GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE ON ICT SECURITY CAPACITY-BUILDING**

**Date: 10 May 2024, 9:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Venue: United Nations Headquarters, New York**

**Introduction**

The Global Roundtable will be a full-day, in person, high-level event with a signature panel, complemented by a lunchtime “matchmaking” session and breakout groups in the afternoon to delve deeper into the specifics of capacity-building. The updated Global Roundtable schedule is appended below.

**Signature Panel: Building Cyber Resilience for Sustainable Development by Bridging the Global Capacity Gap**

It is clear that capacity-building is key to developing the resources, skills, policies and institutions necessary to increase the resilience and ICT security of States. It supports the framework of responsible State behaviour in the use of ICTs and contributes to the building of a safe and secure ICT environment for all, which is an essential building block for sustainable digital development. As the digital landscape evolves, it is more important and urgent than ever that capacity-building efforts are accelerated to ensure that all States can safely and securely seize the benefits of digital technologies. It is also vital that the international community come together to encourage, assist and inspire one another by sharing success stories and integrating lessons learnt into future capacity-building programmes.

This signature panel will begin with opening remarks from a geographically diverse group of panellists, followed by time for speakers from the floor to give interventions.

## Questions for Discussion at the Signature Panel:

- What barriers do countries face in building the ICT security capacities required to support their sustainable development goals? How do we overcome these barriers?
- How is your country/region overcoming the capacity gap and/or assisting others to do so?
- Are there lessons in capacity building to be shared and applied internationally?

## **Lunchtime: Matchmaking Session**

The lunchtime “matchmaking” session will be an opportunity for partners in capacity-building, including States, international organizations, and stakeholders, to showcase existing programmes and initiatives on offer. Capacity-building partners will have the opportunity to make short three minute, three slide “elevator pitch” presentations providing an overview of their available programmes. Interested States may approach presenters directly to discuss potential partnership and/or collaboration.

All partners and stakeholders interested in making a presentation at the matchmaking session are kindly requested to indicate their interest using the link provided: <https://forms.office.com/e/mQAmu791Ak>. All expressions of interest must be submitted by **19 April 2024**.

## **Afternoon: Breakout Sessions**

Two concurrent breakout group sessions will provide a platform for substantive and practical discussion on concrete and action-oriented measures that States, International Organizations and stakeholders should take to improve capacity-building measures. Discussions will seek to unpack the five foundational cyber capabilities identified in the UNIDIR “**Unpacking Cyber Capacity Needs: Part I – Mapping the Cyber Foundational Capabilities**” Report. Breakout Group I will discuss the development of ICT policies and processes on a strategic level, while Breakout Group II will focus on the capacities needed to strengthen technology, people and skills and partnerships, as follows:

I. Strengthening Governance Policies and Processes

*Featuring discussion on developing national cyber strategies and regulatory acts (“Policies and Regulations”) and improving governance structures (“Processes and Structures”).*

II. Developing Technology, Talent and Partnerships

*Featuring discussion on the development of operational and technical capacities (“Technology”), growing the talent pipeline (“People and Skills”), and partnerships (“Partnerships and Networks”).*

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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **Thursday, 9 May**

**6:30pm**                      **Welcome Reception for Participants of the Global Roundtable on ICT Security Capacity Building**

*Heads of delegations are cordially invited to a welcome reception hosted by the Chair of the OEWG at the Singapore Mission*

### **Friday, 10 May**

**8:00am-9:30am**              **Ministerial Breakfast Meeting**

**9:45am-11:00am**            **Opening Plenary of Global Roundtable**

**11:00am-1:00pm**            **Signature Panel: Building Cyber Resilience for Sustainable Development by Bridging the Global Capacity Gap**

**1:30pm-3:00pm**              **Lunchtime: Matchmaking Session**

**3:00pm-5:00pm**              **Breakout Sessions**

Group I: Strengthening Governance Policies and Processes

Group II: Developing Technology, Talent and Partnerships

**5:00pm-6:00pm**              **Closing Plenary of Global Roundtable**

**REGISTRATION DETAILS**

If you wish to participate in the Global Roundtable on ICT security capacity-building on 10 May 2024, **please register at the Microsoft Forms link provided below no later than 6pm (New York local time) on Friday, 29 March 2024.** Each participant should register individually at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/88Kza2zbsJ>.

Confirmed participants will receive further information about the event prior to the meeting, as well as instructions on how to access UNHQ.

**Additional Information**

More information on the OEWG 2021-2025 can be found on the dedicated OEWG webpage (<https://meetings.unoda.org/open-ended-working-group-on-information-and-communication-technologies-2021>).

Specific queries on registration, access to UNHQ, and related matters may be directed to Ms. Katherine Prizeman, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, at [prizeman@un.org](mailto:prizeman@un.org). Other queries relating to the event may be directed to the OEWG Chair's team at [cyberoewgchair@gmail.com](mailto:cyberoewgchair@gmail.com).

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