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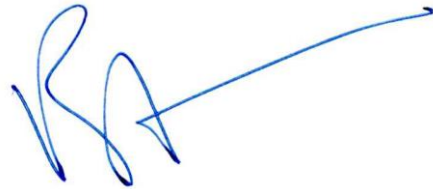
Dear colleagues,

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 (OEWG), established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/240 adopted on 31 December 2020.

You will recall that the OEWG's Second Annual Progress Report (A/78/265) decided that the OEWG Chair would convene a dedicated **Global Roundtable on ICT security capacity-building**. I am pleased to inform you that the Global Roundtable will take place in-person on **10 May 2024 at United Nations Headquarters (UNHQ)** in the form of a **high-level meeting** 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 building synergies and advancing the international community's work on capacity-building in concrete ways. The Global Roundtable will also be broadcast 'live' on UN Web TV.

In view of the active role played by the stakeholder community in the delivery and coordination of global capacity-building efforts, and given the stakeholder community's extensive on-the-ground experience and expertise, I believe that the active participation of interested stakeholders will be a crucial contribution towards the organization of a meaningful and substantive Global Roundtable. In this regard, **I have the honour to invite interested stakeholders with expertise, experience and/or knowledge pertaining to capacity-building in the domain of ICT security to participate in the Global Roundtable. Registration details, as well as a concept note containing further details about the Global Roundtable, are enclosed.**

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.



Burhan Gafoor

Chair

Open-Ended Working Group on
security of and in the use of
information and
communications technologies
2021-2025

Enclosure:

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

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. Other queries relating to the event may be directed to the OEWG Chair's team at cyberoewgchair@gmail.com.

CONCEPT NOTE

GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE ON ICT SECURITY CAPACITY-BUILDING

Date: 10 May 2024, 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Venue: United Nations Headquarters, New York

Background

In view of the rapidly evolving global ICT security environment, there is an urgent need to enhance the capacity of all States to secure their national ICT environments by addressing challenges in this domain and to implement and further develop the cumulative and evolving framework for responsible State behaviour in the use of ICTs.

In this regard, States have emphasized that capacity-building is a cross-cutting pillar and multi-disciplinary effort that underpins our collective international efforts to address all areas of ICT security in the context of international security, including addressing existing and emerging threats; implementing and developing rules, norms and principles of responsible State behaviour; international law; and pursuing confidence-building measures.

Introduction

In the second Annual Progress Report of the Open-ended working group on security of and in the use of ICTs 2021-2025 (OEWG), States agreed that the OEWG Chair would convene a dedicated **Global Roundtable on ICT security capacity-building** as a platform to bring together capacity-building practitioners, State representatives, and interested stakeholders, to advance international efforts on capacity-building.

Against this backdrop, the Global Roundtable will be convened as a high-level meeting to enable States, International Organizations and stakeholders to engage in an interactive discussion and exchange of views; to showcase national, regional, subregional, and cross-regional initiatives; to encourage the sharing of information and best practices; to promote learning from national strategies; and to catalyze the formation of partnerships; with a view towards identifying gaps, building synergies and leveraging the full potential of new and existing efforts. The Global Roundtable will also be a timely opportunity to reflect on the capacity-building “mapping exercise” currently being carried out by the UN Secretariat at the request of the OEWG, and to identify potential gaps in the existing global capacity-building landscape.

Format and Structure

The Global Roundtable will be a full-day event with two signature panels complemented by breakout groups to delve deeper into specific capacity-building thematic areas of focus, taking place in-person at UNHQ. **Participation at the Ministerial-level is requested and recommended.**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 9 May

6:30pm

Welcome Reception

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

Friday, 10 May

9:00-10:00am

OPENING PLENARY

*The Secretary-General (TBC)
Keynotes by Strategic Partners
Opportunity for brief opening remarks by Ministers*

10:00am-11:30am

SIGNATURE PANEL I

Signature panels will feature high-level discussions moderated at ministerial-level on key areas of focus with a view towards strengthening the global capacity-building agenda

11:30am-1:00pm

SIGNATURE PANEL II

Signature panels will feature high-level discussions moderated at ministerial-level on key areas of focus with a view towards strengthening the global capacity-building agenda

1.00pm-3.00pm

LUNCHTIME CAPACITY-BUILDING MATCHMAKING SESSION

The lunchtime matchmaking session will feature structured activities designed to foster informal connections and collaborative partnerships between capacity-building providers and States seeking capacity-building, and between States, IOs and stakeholders.

3:00pm-5:00pm

BREAKOUT GROUPS BY THEMATIC FOCUS AREA OF CAPACITY-BUILDING

Breakout groups will feature focused discussions on specific areas of capacity-building

5:00pm-6:00pm

CLOSING PLENARY