Mapping exercise on the landscape of programmes and initiatives of cyber capacity building

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Switzerland has no dedicated programmes or initiatives for capacity building abroad in the area of cybersecurity. However, Switzerland also contributes to capacity building in various ways. On the one hand, it does this by financing small projects in cooperation with institutions and non-governmental organisations. For example, Switzerland has supported capacity building workshops on international cyber negotiations (GGE and OEWG) for African countries. Another project, also in Africa, aims to help civil society make its voice heard at the OEWG.

On the other hand, Switzerland finances and supports various institutes and organisations whose tasks include capacity building in the area of cyber security. These include, for example, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). It offers a cybersecurity training course or organises workshops. For its part, the Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) has a cybersecurity governance programme within the framework of which it implements projects focusing on improving cybersecurity law and policies, increasing the capacities of cybersecurity actors, and strengthening accountability in cybersecurity. One of its project has supported the establishment of a Western Balkans Cybersecurity Research Network, composed of civil society researchers from the region. The network research aspects covering cybersecurity and human rights, cybersecurity needs of vulnerable groups, gender, and cybersecurity, in their respective national contexts.

In 2002 Switzerland and Malta set up DiploFoundation, a not-for-profit organisation located in Geneva, funded by a number of institutional partners and project-based activities. DiploFoundation specialises in capacity development in the field of Internet governance and digital policy. DiploFoundation, among other things, works to improve the role of small and developing states in global diplomacy by:

- training officials through online courses, workshops and simulation exercises;
- developing capacity on internet governance, cybersecurity, data, artificial intelligence, and other emerging tech issues;
- promoting and developing digital tools for inclusive and impactful governance and policy-making.

Switzerland provides financial support for dedicated activities of the OSCE Transnational Threats Department. Such activities may include cyber diplomacy courses focused on building national capacities to engage in international cyber policy deliberations or sub-regional training events on cybersecurity.

Switzerland also is a sponsor of UNIDIR's Security and Technology Programme. UNIDIR conducts research, organizes knowledge-building and knowledge-sharing events, and provides dedicated training and education activities in the field of cybersecurity and other technologies. Its work supports

multilateral cyber discussions and helps member states in the implementation of agreed rules, norms and principles of responsible state behaviour.

Last but not least Switzerland is a Co-sponsor of the Programme of Action to advance responsible State Behaviour in the use of information and communication technologies in the context of international security and member of the GFCE since 2015.