Capacity-building in the area of ICT security: Activities and Reflections

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UNIDIR's role in ICT security capacity-building

"Capacity" is a combination of different factors:

- Knowledge
- Capital
- Institutions and policies
- Technology and other physical assets

We support knowledge- / institution-building and policy development



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UNIDIR is a voluntary funded organization:

- 100% of the Program's activities and staff is funded through the voluntary contributions of our donors
- In 2022-2023, SECTEC received financial support from 14 donors for its activities:
 - Core programme donors included Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Microsoft.
 - Additional support for specific activities and workstreams was received from Australia, Canada, France, EU, Japan, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, and the United Kingdom.



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How is the focus of activities decided?

TOP-DOWN

Guidance from previous OEWG and GGE reports, current OEWG APRs, relevant GA resolutions

UNIDIR's ICT Security Capacity-Building Priorities

DIRECT REQUESTS

Requests received from MS or regional organizations

BOTTOM-UP

Internal research on capacity building needs flagged by MS during multi-lateral processes, consultations with MS and regional organizations - 0000- 0000000 - 000



We design & deliver capacity-building activities both independently and in partnership with others

Selected examples

- Other UN agencies: UNODA and UNITAR
- Regional and Sub-regional Organizations: African Union, ASEAN, EU, OAS
- Civil society and other NGOs: GFCE

How could the OEWG better support future capacity-building work by UNIDIR?

- Continue to use APRs to identify priority issues for upcoming sessions
- Build in time for more focused discussions on selected topics
- Increase awareness of existing resources and promote their use



Thank you!

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