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TITLE: Cybersecurity Governance

Priority area : Priority setting for Regional Initiatives.

Description

In recognition of the ITU's mandate within the context of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society as the moderator/facilitator of WSIS Action Line C5, namely "building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs)," and following Resolution 130 of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Guadalajara, 2010) aimed at "strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies," Trinidad and Tobago considers that a coordinated approach to cybersecurity and assistance to facilitate the establishment of systems to combat cybercrime are imperative to the Americas region, and in particular to its members which are Small Island Developing States (SIDS). High value is equally placed on multilateral action to ensure cooperation with other Member States and organisations, with a view to giving effect to the technical and legal responses required to prevent and mitigate against the global phenomenon of cybercrime. Notwithstanding, there are inherent limitations to the capacities of SIDS to engender strategy, organisation, awareness-raising, cooperation, evaluation and skills development, which in turn could be manifested as vulnerabilities with respect to global action in the area of cybersecurity.

Objective(s)

To enhance the capacities of ITU Member States in the Americas Region, and in particular SIDS, to develop a culture of cybersecurity predicated on best practices, and which may include targeted assistance to engender strategy, organisation, awareness-raising, cooperation, evaluation and skills development. Assistance in this area should not be in duplication of or conflict with efforts led by other regional organisations.

Expected results

1. Enhanced coordination and sustained national and regional approaches to cybersecurity.
2. Enhanced coordination in the development of national and regional regulatory frameworks to combat cybercrime in the Americas region.
3. Support for institutional and organisational mechanisms at the national and regional levels to effectively implement cybersecurity strategies.
4. Promotion of the establishment of national CIRTs and optimisation of the coordination among them.
5. Improved awareness-raising and multi-stakeholder cooperation regarding cybersecurity practices and activities.