

Spreeklijn Special Envoy Rosenthal Octopus Conference (5-7 min)

Korte samenvatting en way forward

- NL looks back at a very successful Global Conference on Cyberspace in The Hague;
- Almost 2000 participants: not only many ministers from over the world, but also CEO's from private sector, civil society, academia and think tanks.
- NL thanks the Council of Europe for active participation.
- Most tangible deliverable: impetus for cyber capacity building by launching the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise.
- Strategic result: we have strengthened the international support for a free, open and secure cyberspace;
- Important to note that we shouldn't see the GCCS2015 as a one off: Essential that we remain active coming period in voicing our vision on free, open and secure internet, with inclusion of all stakeholders from governments, civil society and the private sector;
- NL looks forward to working with partners to that end, also leading up to and during the EU presidency in 2016.

Economic Growth and Social Development

- The economic potential of the Internet is beyond any doubt, provided that key conditions are met. Governed through a partnership between all stakeholders concerned, the Internet is an engine for economic growth and social development that facilitates innovation and business transformation.
- Key challenge for development as underlined during the conference; we must ensure that this global resource will not create new digital divides, but rather enable nations to empower their people to grasp the endless opportunities the internet offers and to leapfrog 20th century limitations, creating 21st century economic and social opportunities

Cyber Security

- The Internet has become a critical resource for citizens, companies and governments alike.
- In order to safeguard it, we all have a shared interest and responsibility. In the end, cyber security will determine success and failure in tomorrow's world. Public-private cooperation has delivered a

number of concrete results and the international exchange of best practices in this field should be promoted.

- During the GCCS, we produced toolkits to improve CERT maturity and to implement Responsible Disclosure policies.

International Peace and Security

- The GCCS developed specific ideas that contribute to maintaining international stability in cyberspace. They relate to possible measures concerning responsible State behavior, a collective approach to the protection of national critical infrastructures and vital components of the global Internet.
- On this topic, we should also recognize the work done by the UN Group of Governmental Experts. As the Internet has become a strategic asset for all of us, broad international discussion is needed. Following the GCCS, the Netherlands will remain actively involved in helping to promote this dialogue.

Freedom and privacy

- As a guiding principle of the GCCS2015, the Netherlands strongly believes that security and freedom are complementary to one another: without privacy there can be no security, and there can be no security without privacy
- At this Conference we tried to implement these principles to the best of our ability and we will continue to invest in long-term efforts and coalitions to build this vision on cyberspace.

Global Forum on Cyber Expertise

- Many speakers during the GCCS highlighted that in an increasingly connected world, capacity building is the key to fully reap the benefits of cyberspace.
- As a concrete effort to strengthen cyber capacity, 42 international partners from governments, intergovernmental organizations and companies have established the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE), which was officially launched at the GCCS.
- Its primary objective is to provide a dedicated, informal platform to facilitate the exchange of expertise and by implementing concrete cyber initiatives, closely involving civil society, think-tanks

and academia. My colleague will be sharing more information on this initiative during the capacity building workshop.

Cybercrime

- Lastly, I would like to conclude with the topic that is most relevant to the Octopus Conference. Namely, cybercrime. The international nature of the Internet poses special challenges for law enforcement.
- At the Global Conference on CyberSpace, we discussed issues of investigating and prosecuting cybercrime across different jurisdictions. I am very grateful for the contributions from the institutions of the Council of Europe and the Secretary General. Although these issues will not be resolved easily, they remain urgent.
- Also, practical improvements to international cooperation for law enforcement were discussed.
- States, businesses and NGOs can take measures to make it harder for criminals to commit illegal acts, both in their own country and across national borders.
- The Budapest Convention is a widely valued international agreement in countering cybercrime on a global scale and an incentive for coordinated international legislation and cooperation between law enforcement agencies.

Conclusion

- Refer to chair's summary at www.gccs2015.com: more in depth overview of what has been discussed during GCCS2015
- I firmly believe the strength of the GCCS was bringing together members of governments, private sector and civil society experts to look at the bigger picture and take into account cyber security, crime and online privacy. We no longer need to compartmentalize, but rather harmonize these relevant themes to ensure that the internet remains free, open and secure.
- Next GCCS: Mexico in 2017