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**OCTOPUS Conference
Cooperation Against Cyber Crime**

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Workshop in South Asia



- South Asia – The most happening place for ICT led innovations
- Many countries are taking (or have taken) steps to introduce Legislation and establish units to deal with Cyber Crime
- Building on earlier Conferences in the Region since 2008, Sri Lanka hosted a regional event – 5th & 6th April 2011
- Hosted jointly by Council of Europe and ICT Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA)
- Supported by Sri Lankan Ministry of Justice – Secretary Justice and Attorney General, Supreme Court Judges were Key note speakers
- High level presence from Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Workshop in South Asia



- Over 100 participants (broad range of stakeholders - Judges, Parliamentarians, Prosecutors, Lawyers, Investigators, ISPs, CERTs and others)
- The aim of the Workshop was to enhance the capacity of countries of South Asia to cooperate
 - Internationally against cybercrime and more specifically:
 - To assess the cybercrime legislation of participating countries in view of their Compatibility with international standards (a prerequisite for international cooperation)
 - To share experience and promote international police and judicial cooperation Including accession to agreements (eg:- Budapest Convention)
 - To promote interagency and public-private cooperation at domestic levels.

Conclusions



- Key conclusions reached

- Cyber Crime a concern for all countries in the Region - Distinction between Cyber Crime and Cyber Security Strategies
- Legislation should be harmonised with international Standards to ensure consistency and interoperability and for greater judicial and law enforcement cooperation. In doing so to align Legislation with Budapest Convention – but adequacy and effectiveness should be monitored on continuing basis
- Conditions and safeguards on Investigative Powers to ensure due process and respect for human rights
- Role of Parliamentarians, CERTs and Private sector (Best practices from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka)
- Sri Lanka & India were very much aligned with the Convention - Bangladesh & Bangladesh also considering Legislation along with the Convention
- “Colombo Draft” adopted by Pakistan delegation led to positive impact on Reform



Thank You !

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