10	<i>Protecting fundamental rights and the rule of law in the fight against cybercrime – Legislative challenges and approaches in Africa</i>
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*Room 1 Thursday, 18 October 2018, 9h30-13h00* 

<u>Background</u>: The large-scale theft of personal data, computer intrusions, bullying, harassment and other forms of cyber violence, or sexual violence against children online, are attacks against human rights. Hate speech, xenophobia and racism may contribute to radicalisation leading to violent extremism. Attacks against computers used in elections and election campaigns are attacks against democracy. Daily attacks against critical information infrastructure affect national security and economic and other national interests as well as international peace and stability. Moreover, evidence in relation to fraud, corruption, murder, rape, terrorism, the sexual abuse of children and, in fact, any type of crime may take the form of electronic evidence, which is volatile, often intangible and often in other jurisdictions. And accessing such evidence also has implications for human rights and the rule of law.

<u>Purpose</u>: (1) To discuss the challenges to human rights and the rule of law posed by cybercrime in Africa (2) To review progress made in Africa on related adapting legislative frameworks to the new digital environment (3) To discuss the way forward to raise awareness on Digital rights.

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Panel:

- Cybercrime and threats to fundamental rights [World Bank, Cipesa, Academia]
  - Introduction and general remarks
  - The international landscape
  - The situation in Africa
- ► Upholding human rights and the rule of law in the field of cybercrime [ICANN, Internet Society]
  - Introduction and general remarks
  - The global outlook
  - Protection of Personal Data in cybercrime investigation and prosecution
  - The situation in Africa

## Panel discussion

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Reference	Malabo convention
materials	African Chart on Human Rights – African Union Internet Governance and digital economy –
	Personal Data Protection Guidelines for Africa.