

ECOWAS Capacity Building on Cybercrime

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At a Glance

- ❑ Established 28 May 1975
- ❑ 15 Member States
 - ❑ 8 Francophone: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Niger, Mali, Senegal and Togo
 - ❑ 5 Anglophone: Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone
 - ❑ 2 Lusophone: Cabo Verde and Guinea-Bissau
- ❑ 4 middle income countries
- ❑ Population : 380 Million+
- ❑ Internet Penetration: 39.77 %

Sources: <http://www.worldometers.info/world-population/western-africa-population/>
<http://www.internetworldstats.com/stats1.htm>



Other ECOWAS Related Texts on Cybercrime



- ❑ ECOWAS has established some rules for cross – border cooperation and technical assistance which could be used by Member States to render mutual assistance on cybercrime issues
 - ❑ Article 57 of the ECOWAS revised Treaty on judicial and legal cooperation, which prescribes that the Member States undertake to promote judicial cooperation with a view to harmonizing judicial and legal systems
 - ❑ Convention A/P1/7/92 of ECOWAS relating to mutual aid on judicial penal matters
 - ❑ ECOWAS Convention A/P1/8/94 relating to Extradition
 - ❑ Agreement on cooperation in criminal police matters between the Member States of ECOWAS



Challenges

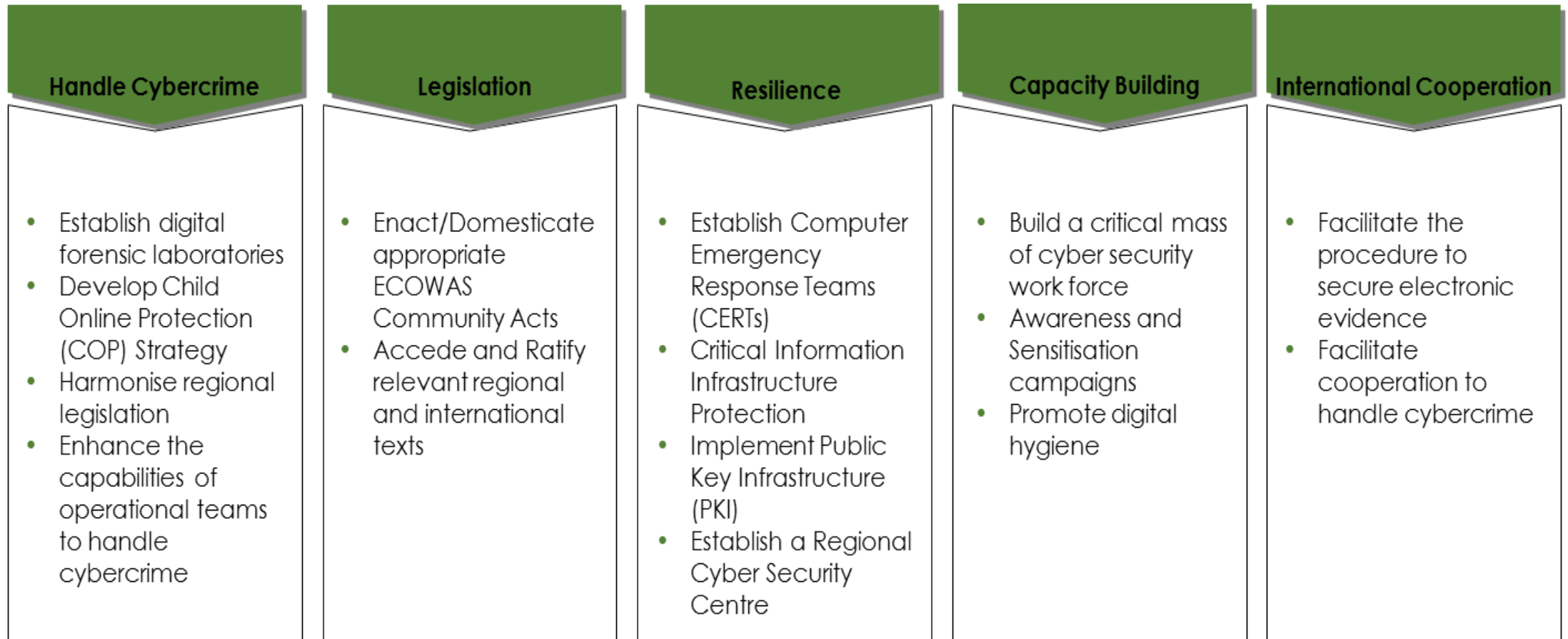
- ❑ Domestication
- ❑ Skillsets
- ❑ Cooperation



Pillar 1: Fight Cybercrime



Actions





Capacity Building

- ❑ Trainings for Prosecutors and Investigators in collaboration with Global Prosecutors E-Crime Network and Council of Europe
- ❑ Train the Trainer Events with Council of Europe
 - ❑ **2017:** Introductory Training of the Trainers Course for Judges, Magistrates and Prosecutors on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence
 - ❑ **2018:** Advanced Judicial Training of Trainers Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence
- ❑ Trainings under 11th European Development Fund (EDF)



