Harmonising cyber legislation in the ECOWAS region
Accra (Ghana), 18-21 March 2014

Workshop Programme
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Jointly organised by:

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS) Commission
African Union Commission
African Centre for Cyberlaw and Cybercrime Prevention (ACCP)
United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI)
Council of Europe (COE)
UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law)
ISS (Institute for Security Studies)

Workshop hosted by:

KAIPTC - Cyber Security Institute (CSI)

About the workshop

Workshop purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to support countries of the ECOWAS region in the harmonization and strengthening of legal frameworks on e-commerce, including electronic transactions, cybercrime and data protection.

Following a joint plenary session on the first day of the workshop, the event will be divided into two tracks:

▪ Cyberlaw harmonization track: this track is supported by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) as a part of a project to strengthen regional harmonization of laws on electronic commerce and by the ECOWAS Commission and the African Union Commission in their efforts to ensure the implementation at national level of regional legal frameworks on electronic transactions, cybercrime and data protection. This track is to result in a deeper knowledge of participants of e-commerce laws and a review of progress made.

▪ Cybercrime track: this part is supported by the Council of Europe under its Project Cybercrime@Octopus – which is aimed at strengthening cybercrime legislation and criminal justice capacities on the basis of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime – in cooperation with ACCP, UNAFRI and ISS. This track is to result in a checklist to be prepared by participants of issues already addressed in their respective country and of issues that still need to be addressed in view of a comprehensive legal and criminal justice response to cybercrime.

Workshop participants

The workshop is addressed to officials responsible for e-commerce law reform and for legislation and the criminal justice response to cybercrime from Cape Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bisseau, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone as well as other countries of the ECOWAS region. The workshop will be held in English only.[1]

Workshop location and contacts

The workshop will be hosted by the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC). http://www.kaiptc.org/

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[1] UNCTAD held a workshop for French-speaking ECOWAS countries in Dakar, Senegal, 11-14 February 2014.

Tuesday, 18 March 2014	
	Plenary session
8:30 - 9:00	Registration of participants
9:00 - 9:30	Opening Ceremony: Host country UNCTAD, ECOWAS, AUC, UNCITRAL, ITU, ACCP, UNAFRI, COE, ISS
9:30 - 10:00	Presentation of workshop objectives
10:00 - 12:30	Electronic commerce legislation (Electronic transactions / electronic signature and authentication)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Information Security and Computer Crime
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 - 17:15	Data protection and privacy

Wednesday, 19 March 2014

Cyberlaw harmonization track			**Cybercrime track**	
9:00 - 10:30	E-Commerce in ECOWAS		9:00 - 10:30	Cybercrime legislation in Africa
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break		10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:30	Consumer Protection		10:45 - 12:30	International perspectives
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch		12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Intellectual property rights		14:00 - 15:30	Regional Perspectives
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break		15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 - 17:15	Domain Names		15:45 - 17:15	Substantive Cybercrime law

Thursday, 20 March 2014

9:00 - 10:30	Freedom of information		9:00 - 10:30	Procedural Cybercrime law
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break		10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 - 12:30	Taxation		10:45 - 12:30	ECOWAS Approach to Cyber Crime
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch		12:30 - 14:00	
14:00 - 15:30	Presentation of national regulation ICT and e-commerce by countries in the region		14:00 - 15:30	International cooperation
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break		15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 - 17:15	Presentation of national regulation ICT and e-commerce by countries in the region (continued)		15:45 - 17:15	Elements of cybercrime strategies

Friday, 21 March 2014

9:00 - 10:30	Harmonisation of e-commerce laws in the region		9:00 - 10:30	Cybercrime training tools for law enforcement, prosecutors and judges
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break		10:30 - 10:45	Cont'd
10:45 - 12:30	Harmonisation of e-commerce laws in the region(continued)		10:45 - 12:30	Cont'd
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch		12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Workshop Conclusions and Closing Ceremony			