

Wed, 17 Nov
9h00 – 10h50

Workshop 3 – Regional workshop for Africa: Strengthening cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence in the region – Challenges and solutions

Languages: EN/FR/PT/AR

Purpose: Internet penetration and related services such as mobile-based financial services, are rapidly growing in Africa. This is accompanied by increasing cybercrime. Many countries in Africa have made it a priority to develop legal frameworks to efficiently criminalize offences against and by means of computers, permit domestic investigations and allow for effective international cooperation between criminal justice authorities, in line with international standards, in particular those of the Budapest and Malabo Convention. The benefits of cooperative approaches were confirmed on the occasion of the First Africa Forum on cybercrime in 2018 and again in the Second Africa Forum in June 2021. This workshop is to follow up on the agreement reached in these forums to further strengthen domestic and international cooperation on cybercrime in Africa as well as on the commitment by regional and international organisations to support such efforts. The specific aim is to identify concrete initiatives to be undertaken in the near future.

This workshop is co-organized with the African Union Commission (AUC) and with the support of Global Forum for Cyber Expertise (GFCE) and the ECOWAS Commission.

Moderator/s: Jean-Robert Hountomey (African Union Cyber Security Expert Group)

Rapporteur: Hein Dries (OCWAR-C Project)

Secretariat: Martha Stickings (GLACY+ Project, C-PROC, Council of Europe)

► Introduction and objective of the workshop

— Jean-Robert Hountomey (African Union Cyber Security Expert Group)

► Setting the scene

— Abdul Hakeem Ajjola (Chair of the African Union Cyber Security Expert Group)

► Domestic coordination and international cooperation on cybercrime in Africa: needs and challenges

— Albert Antwi-Boasiako (Acting Director-General, Cyber Security Authority, Ghana)

— Speaker TBC

► What initiatives to enhance domestic and international cooperation?

— Dean Watkinson (Cybercrime Specialized Officer, INTERPOL)

— Papa Assane Touré (Magistrate, Deputy General Secretary of the Government, Senegal)

— Adel Jomni (Research professor, Business Law Centre, University of Montpellier)

► Recommendations on improving international cooperation in the region and beyond

— Open discussions panel moderated by Moctar Yedaly, Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE)

► Conclusions