



# Octopus Conference 2023

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9h30-11h00

## **Workshop 9 – Regional workshop for Africa: The Convention on Cybercrime and the Second Protocol – key to international cooperation on electronic evidence**

Languages: EN/FR/PT (passive)

**Purpose:** While electronic evidence is of increasing significance to criminal investigations and proceedings also in Africa, procedures to obtain such evidence from other jurisdictions are often lengthy and not effective. The Second Protocol to the Budapest Convention (opened for signature in 2022) provides tools for enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence – such as direct cooperation with service providers and registrars, effective means to obtain subscriber information and traffic data, immediate co-operation in emergencies or joint investigations, whilst ensuring a strong system of human rights and rule of law safeguards, especially when it comes to protecting personal data. Almost a quarter of African countries are either Parties or have been invited to accede to the Budapest Convention. Making use of the tools of the Second Protocol is thus an option for Africa. Cabo Verde, Ghana, Mauritius, and Morocco are among the signatories so far. The workshop is aimed at showcasing the relevance and expediency of the tools for cooperation provided for in the Protocol, as well as at discussing possible challenges to their implementation in the African region.

**Moderator/s:** Rabiyatou Bah, Programme Manager, OCWAR-C project  
Hein Dries, Key Expert on Cybercrime, OCWAR-C project

**Rapporteur:** Abdul-Hakeem Ajijola, Chair of the Cyber Security Expert Group, African Union

**Secretariat:** GLACY+ project

► **Introduction and objective of the workshop – why should African countries consider Convention on Cybercrime and its Protocols? [15 min]**

- Erica O’Neil, Assistant Deputy Chief, United States Department of Justice [5 min]
- Dr. Albert Antwi-Boasiako, Director-General, Cyber Security Authority, Ghana [5 min]
- Alassane Ndiaye, Magistrate, Ministry of Justice, Senegal [5 min]

► **Enhanced tools for international co-operation – what changes does the Second Additional Protocol bring? [25 min]**

- Daniel Monteiro, Senior Prosecutor, Ministry of Justice, Cabo Verde [5 min]
- Rajeshsharma Ramloll, Solicitor General, Attorney-General's Office, Mauritius [5 min]
- Moderated discussions [15 min]

► **Putting theory into practice: ways towards a more effective international co-operation – good stories and challenges in the region [45 min]**

- Jamila Akaaga Ade, Assistant Director, Head of the Cyber Crime Unit, Department of Public Prosecutions, Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria [5 min]
- Jacqueline De Lange, Section Commander: Commercial, Financial and Cybercrime, INTERPOL NCB Pretoria, South Africa [5 min]
- Moderated discussions [30 min]

► **Conclusions [5 min]**