

Engaging civil society in the fight against cybercrime

Session Two – International Cooperation against cybercrime: existing cybercrime responses and paths forward

Speakers

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Ian Tennant, Fund Manager, Global Initiative Against Transatlantic Organized Crime

Co-chair: Joyce Hakmeh, Senior Research Fellow, International Security Programme, Chatham House

Co-chair: Dr Patryk Pawlak, Brussels Executive Officer at the European Union for Security Studies

Outline

This session takes stock of the existing international and regional efforts against cybercrime, highlighting the existing and potential pathways for civil society organisations to engage at the regional and international level. It will elaborate on the latest developments of the UN Intergovernmental Expert Group on Cybercrime (IEG) and the implications of the UN General Assembly resolution A/RES/74/247 of 2019 that mandated the establishment of a new Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee of Experts, representative of all regions, to initiate a comprehensive international convention on “countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes” within the UN General Assembly’s Third Committee.

Format and Proceedings

- 11:30** **Start of the meeting**
- 11:30-1145** **Welcome and opening remarks**
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11:45-12:20 In-conversation between speakers, moderated by Joyce Hakmeh and Patryk Pawlak

Panellists will provide insights on where civil society can best position itself to make an impact on global mechanisms for fighting cybercrime, including in the upcoming UN process.

John Brandolino (UNODC) will provide an overview of the UN's cybercrime work and the new process, including its modalities.

Alexander Seger (Council of Europe) will reflect on the work of GLACY+ and how the Council of Europe works with civil society organisations.

Nnenna Ifeanyi-Ajufo (African Union) will consider the role of regional organizations in facilitating civil society engagement in the global cybercrime policy making.

Ian Tennant (GI-TOC) will explore the challenges for civil society in multilateral processes.

12:20-12:50 Q&A session

12:50-13:00 Closing remarks

Audience

This meeting will consist of between 25-30 selected participants. The participants have expertise in a broad range of areas including: digital rights, women's rights, cyber policy, public policy, law, technology, and politics.

Please note that in order to foster an open discussion, the meeting will be held under Chatham House rules.