

Paths for Multi-stakeholder Engagement in the Fight Against Cybercrime

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Overview

The fight against cybercrime cannot be siloed. On a national, regional and international level, the meaningful and sustained collaboration of governments, the private sector, experts and civil society organisations is the only way to mitigate and control the challenges cybercrime poses to an open and secure cyberspace.

In May 2021, a new UN process will start mandated with working towards a possible comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies (ICTs) for criminal purposes. The modalities for this process, including the role of civil society, are yet to be decided.

Divergent views and opinions around this issue mean that the perception of civil society as valuable partners in these processes is not universally shared. From ensuring accountability to protecting human rights, the role of civil society is crucial in the anti-cybercrime efforts. However, multi-stakeholder engagement in the fight against cybercrime has not been without its challenges, and progress in this area has been hard-fought.

Concluding a series of workshops on engaging civil society in the fight against cybercrime, this public event aims to explore practical ways for civil society engagement in the upcoming UN process on and in global cybercrime policy making more generally. It will draw on concrete examples from the Open-ended working group on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security and on other UN processes on transnational crime. The event will include representatives from states, civil society and private sector and will aim to explore innovative ways for engagement and the prospects for multi-stakeholder coordination on cybercrime.

The discussion is being organised in collaboration with the European Union Institute for Security Studies and will take place in English, Spanish and French.

Speakers

Fernanda Teixeira Souza Domingos, Coordinator, Cybercrime Supporting Group, Brazil

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Moliehi Makumane, Special Advisor, South African Representative to the UN Group of Governmental Experts (GGE)

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Co-chair: Patryk Pawlak, Brussels Executive Officer, European Union Institute for Security Studies

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

The recording of the session will be made available on the EU Cyber Direct website.