

OAS Cyber Security Capacity Building Efforts



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OAS Regional Approach

CICTE
Secretariat

REMJA Cybercrime
(Legislation)

CITEL
(Telecommunications)

OAS Hemispheric Cyber Security Strategy (2004)

Declaration “Strengthening Cyber Security in the Americas” (2012)

Declaration “Protection of Critical Infrastructure from Emerging Threats” (2015)

Declaration “Strengthening Hemispheric Cooperation to Counter Terrorism and Promote Security, Cooperation and Development in Cyberspace” (2016)

What the OAS does on Cyber issues?

- Development of National Cybersecurity Strategies.
- Technical Training , Workshops and country-specific Technical Missions.
- Cybersecurity Exercises.
- Development of national CSIRTs and a regional CSIRT Hemispheric Network.
- Awareness Raising, Research and Expertise.

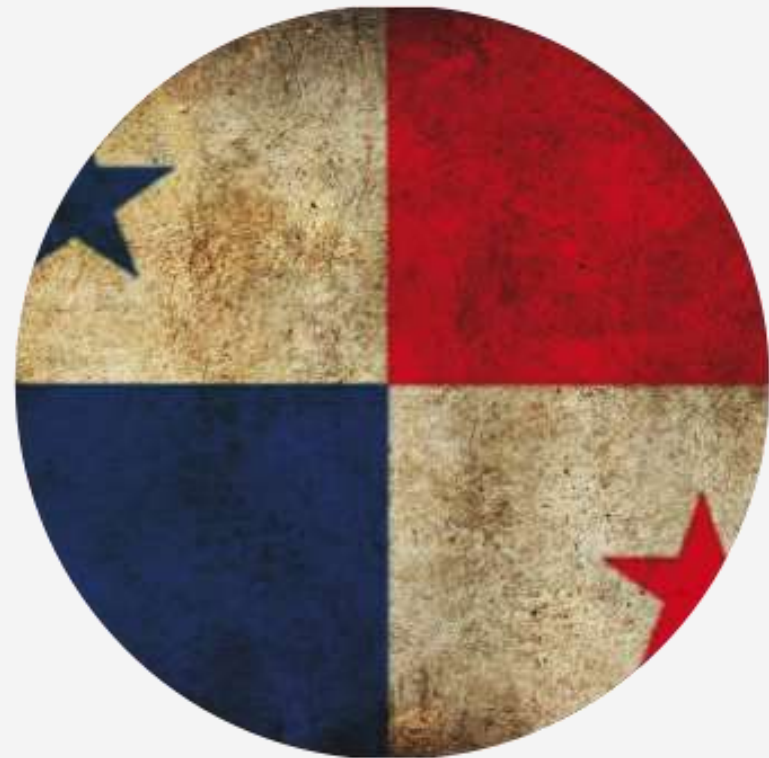
National Strategies Adopted



Colombia
(2011 & 2016)



Trinidad and Tobago
2013



Panama
2013



Jamaica
2015

National Strategies under development



Costa Rica



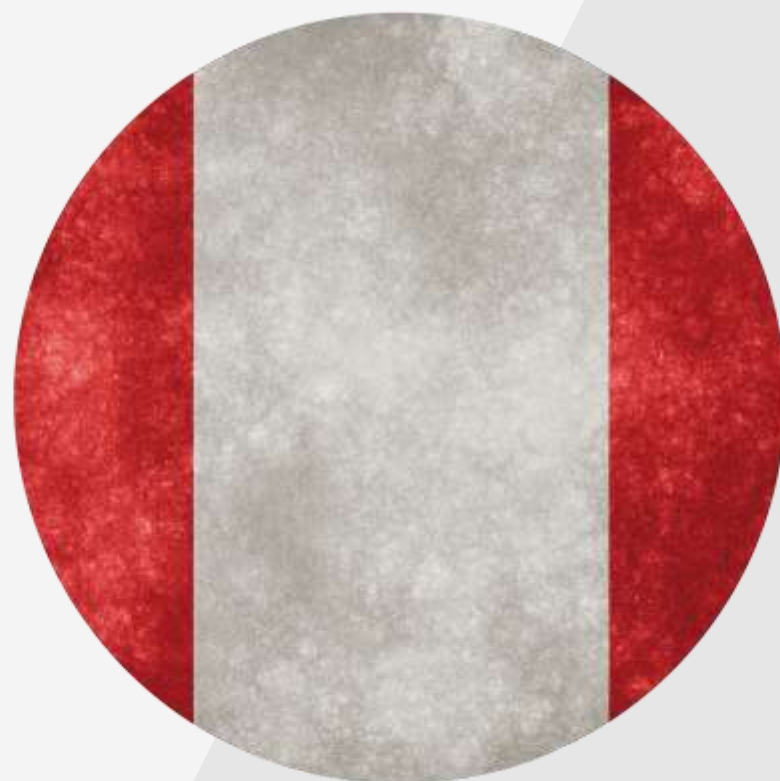
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**Dominican
Republic**



Paraguay



Peru



Suriname



Technical Training, Workshops and Technical Missions

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- Regional and Sub regional technical training and workshops on various skillsets e.g. industrial control systems and critical infrastructure protection, cybersecurity incident handling and digital forensics.
- Variety of country-specific technical training based on needs.
- Workshops on exchange of best practices to encourage information sharing.
- Tailored in-situ missions with the participation of recognized experts to address specific country needs.

- **Webinars on cybersecurity topics**, including developing trends and new tools.
- Approximately **30** activities per year.
- Over **4,500 participants benefited** from our events since 2003. Not only government officials, but also civil society, academia, private sector, critical infrastructure operators.
- Model is based on south-south collaboration and global exchange of best practices.

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Cybersecurity Exercises




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With the support of the Department of Information and Technology Services (DOITS) of the OAS, we have built a robust virtual platform to carry both national and regional exercises.




8 National Exercises to date and **2** Regional Exercises.



With the support of the government of Spain, the OAS organized the first International CyberEx in 2015:

- **300+** regional and international participants
- **45** teams
- **21** participating countries
- **1** day Capture-the-Flag Exercise



There are a variety of themes and process that these exercises cover. It is important to identify the right fit for you!

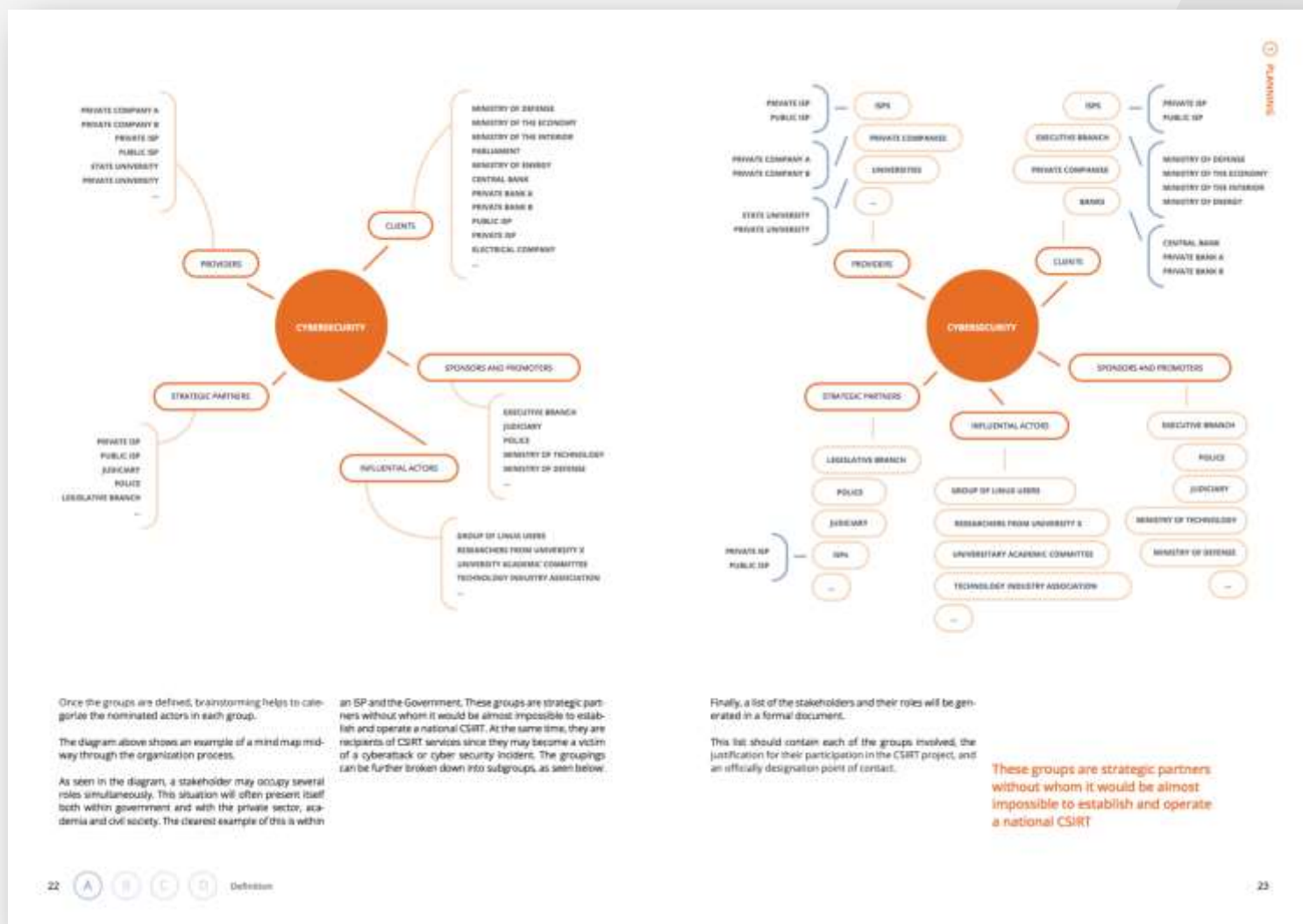


Development of National CSIRTs

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- **20** National CSIRTs in the Americas. **Only 5 in 2004.**
- Every CSIRT has a different level of maturity.
- OAS provides **technical support + equipment.**
- **“Best Practices for Establishing a National CSIRT”** - in-house designed methodology to establish and improve CSIRTs in the Americas .

Best Practices for Establishing a National CSIRT



Once the groups are defined, transforming helps to categorize the nominated actors in each group.

The diagram above shows an example of a mind map midway through the organization process.

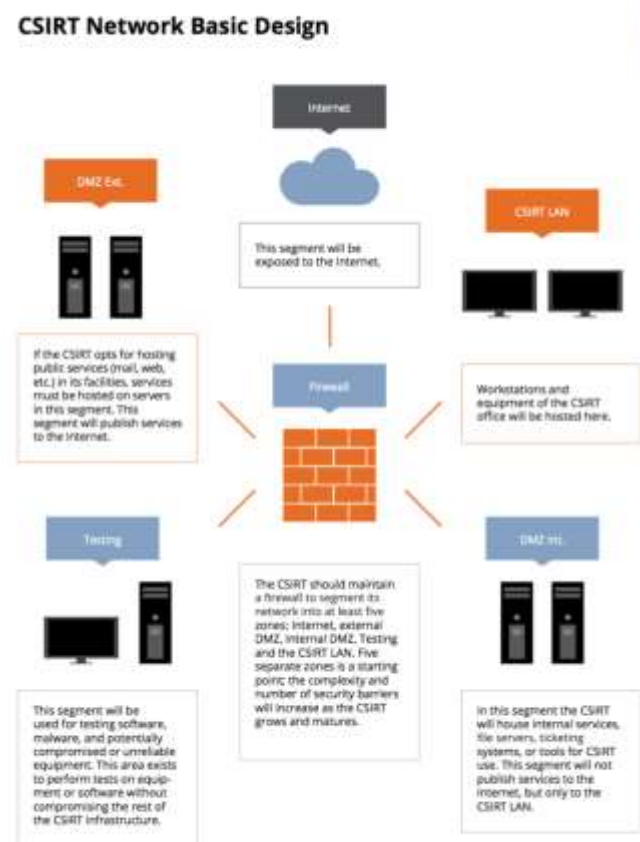
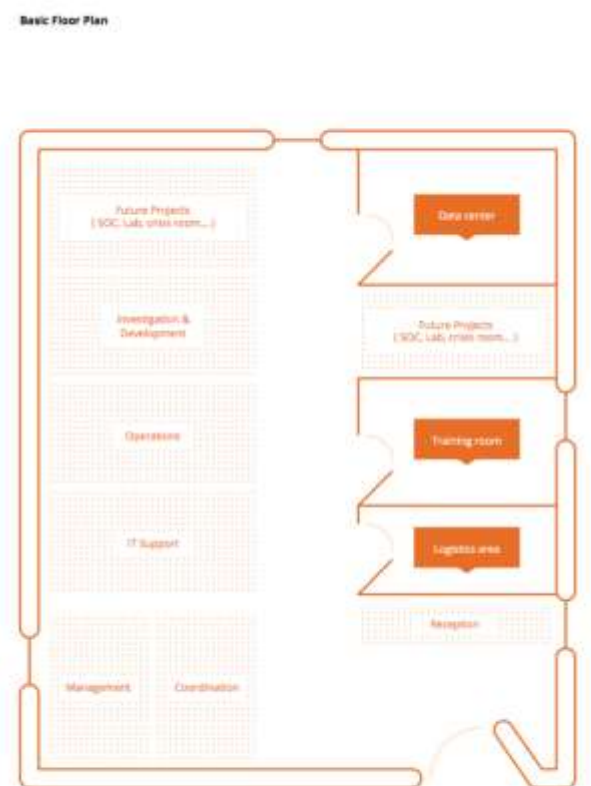
As seen in the diagram, a stakeholder may occupy several roles simultaneously. This situation will often present itself both within government and with the private sector, academia and civil society. The clearest example of this is within

an ISP and the Government. These groups are strategic partners without whom it would be almost impossible to establish and operate a national CSIRT. At the same time, they are recipients of CSIRT services since they may become a victim of a cyberattack or cyber security incident. The groupings can be further broken down into subgroups, as seen below.

Finally, a list of the stakeholders and their roles will be generated in a formal document.

This list should contain each of the groups involved, the justification for their participation in the CSIRT project, and an official designation point of contact.

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Reactive Services

Reactive services are the most important services provided by a CSIRT. In essence, "reactive services" respond to cyber security incidents occurring within the CSIRT community or within its own infrastructure. A response can be launched based either on a request for assistance or from monitoring and sensor networks maintained by the team. The principle types of reactive services are incident management, vulnerability response, and artifact response.

Incident management

Incident management service consists of several phases: notification and receipt of an incident, classification or triage, response, analysis and resolution. The CSIRT must first determine the type, potential impact, and severity of an incident, followed closely by designating a response team to devise a plan of action that will restore services or systems to normal operation or otherwise mitigate the impact of a cyber security event. In certain cases, this will necessitate that CSIRT personnel visit the site of the security event.

Many actors are typically involved in cyber incident response, including ISPs, other CSIRTs, technology providers, law enforcement agencies, international actors, legal teams, press departments, and different areas of an affected organization. The CSIRT coordinates response activities and communications of the various stakeholders to optimize efforts and reduce incident resolution times. To accomplish this, the CSIRT should know the requirements and procedures of each of the stakeholders in order to positively manage interaction between them.

Vulnerability response

This comprises a variety of vulnerability management processes, including patching, implementation of countermeasures, and other mitigation strategies. As new patches become available for detected vulnerabilities, the CSIRT must notify all stakeholders, and distribute patches or describe techniques for implementing countermeasures while coordinating and confirming that adequate measures are taken.

Response to malicious artifacts

A malicious artifact is a file or object in a system that is involved in an attack on a network or system, or used to evade security controls or measures. Managing malicious artifacts requires removing them from an affected system or informing stakeholders of how to do so.

Proactive Services

These services aim to improve the infrastructure and security processes of the target community to prevent security incidents or reduce their impact when they occur. The main types of proactive services are performing monitoring, distributing alerts, and offering research and development services.

Monitoring and alert services

First Level

One of the most basic services offered by a CSIRT, monitoring and alerting involve the implementation of systems that detect security events, perform event and incident correlation, produce automated reports, and scan for vulnerabilities within the target community. To perform these functions, the CSIRT can either develop its own in-house solutions or employ third-party commercial or open source tools and sensors. Information produced by monitoring and alert initiatives will inform strategic decision-making and improve incident response processes.

Second Level

A more developed CSIRT will offer more advanced monitoring and alert services. These track target community infrastructure and systems in much more depth, but generally provide similar types of alerts and incident correlation as first level monitoring and alerts. More closely monitoring CSIRT systems allows for earlier detection of security events, vulnerabilities, or malicious artifacts. To perform this kind of in-depth monitoring, system interconnection or installation of safety sensors in community infrastructure is generally needed.

Third Level

As a coordinator and collaborator, the CSIRT generates knowledge of the systems, processes, and infrastructure of the target community. Accordingly, the response team can develop strategies, specific tools, and plug-ins from existing systems to analyze, monitor and protect the particular infrastructure of the community it serves.

Research and Development

First Level

These services allow the CSIRT and its community to stay abreast of developments in the field of information security and incident response. Specifically, it will allow them to stay up-to-date on alerts, evolving threats, emerging attack vectors, best practices and new norms in services and device maintenance and operation, defense strategies, and a host of other topics.

Second Level

As a CSIRT matures, it will develop more robust R&D capabilities. With the information it gathers and generates, the CSIRT can carry out security audits and assessments on its own systems or those of the target community. This may include application or infrastructure analysis, review of security policies, vulnerability scanning, penetration testing, and compliance with market standards or norms.

Third Level

As technology evolves, threats and vulnerabilities change. The CSIRT must be able to detect emerging threats or vulnerabilities inherent to new technologies and distribute information relevant to them that can improve security levels.

Formal Closure occurs when all the information generated in the CSIRT establishment process, including its completeness, is analyzed and verified. After the closure process is complete, the National CSIRT will be formally established.

Upon closing the establishment process, the CSIRT Project Manager will have:

- A list of stakeholders
- Statements of establishment of the CSIRT (Mission, Vision, services, etc.)
- Legal documents for the creation of CSIRT
- Physical facilities, issues, etc.
- Hired and trained human resources
- Operations Manual with policies and procedures
- Technical infrastructure and respective support contracts

In addition, other documents are drafted during the establishment phase, including definition of scope, timeline and budget. The project team should be convened for a defining session to discuss lessons learned and where the process might be improved upon.

Finally, with all the information generated, it is essential to make a closing report containing:

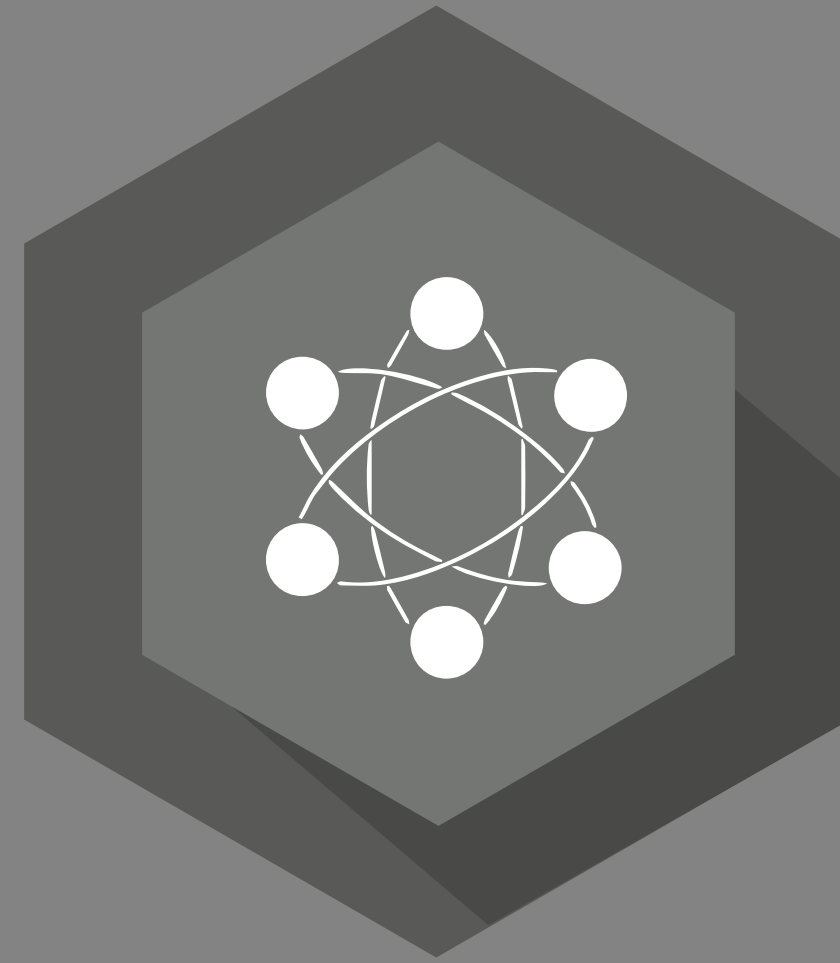
- The overall objective of the project
- Activities performed
- Performance of the project (scope, timeline, budget)
- Lessons learned
- Future Recommendations

This report will be attached to the project documentation and it will give formal closure to the project.

Formal Completion of Activities

During planning, the Project Team establishes clear steps to be completed during project implementation. Each of these has a clear indicator of completion, such as "Trained Human Resources." To record the activity as formally completed, the project team must verify that all necessary staff received the training and then collect appropriate documentation. Similarly, all contracts and service agreements must be verified and have legal approval and necessary documentation.

Finally, the closing report should be approved by the project sponsor in order to complete the implementation phase of the CSIRT.



OAS Hemispheric Network

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Online platform designed to:

- Facilitate real-time communication and information sharing.
- Provide early warning feeds and alerts.
- Identify incident trends in the region.
- Facilitate online and real-time collaboration between national CSIRTs.
- Virtual sandboxes to develop tools.

Unify the Community

The screenshot displays the OAS Hemispheric Technical NET website. The top navigation bar includes the OAS logo, a 'Member states' dropdown menu, and links for 'Services', 'Partners', 'About', and a 'Logout dsubero' button. The 'Member states' dropdown is open, showing a grid of countries categorized under 'American States'. The main content area is divided into several sections: a 'Forum' with a description and an icon of two people; 'Admin Announcements' with a link to 'Funcionalidades Basicas'; a 'Private messaging' section showing 'no new' messages; and 'Latest Forum Posts' featuring a post about CSIRT training. On the left, a 'Chat' sidebar shows 'Diego Subero' and 'OAS Team' as online users. The right sidebar contains a list of recent downloads, including 'Jamaica Strategy!!', 'Senal', 'Id icon', 'Ossec rules', and 'OWASP Testing Guide V4'.

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Forum
A space for the exchanging of ideas and experiences.

Admin Announcements: [Funcionalidades Basicas](#)

Private messaging
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Latest Forum Posts
Cursos necesarios para iniciar un CSIRT
In [Main Forum / Education and training](#)
4 months 2 weeks ago

Chat
Diego Subero
OAS Team
Search people
No User is Online Now!

Countries
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica
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United States of America
Uruguay
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30 September 2014

OAS Hemispheric Technical NET

Individual benefits

Per CSIRT country



Reducing Cost



Alerts subscription
6K per country per year
Trusted Sources

Real time Comparison



Comparative country attacks
Similar Hacking teams
Similar behaviors

Improve incident Handling



CSIRTs Skill Directory
Preventive actions
Knowledge Base

Regional benefits

North, Central, South, Caribbean



Regional Correlation & Alerts



Same events in countries
Early warnings
Hacker team profiles
Detect regional attacks
So on..

Trending regional incidents



Most active attackers
Most hack mode
Most Web Server
Number of affected sites
So on...

Collaborative Working



Sharing projects
Sharing incidents handling
Sharing tools
Sharing ideas, questions

Int'l & Partners benefits

Law enforcement, Int'l communities, private sector



Information for investigation



Attackers profiles
Common vulnerabilities
Common targets

Improve information exchange



Detect needs
Trends attacks
Improve Major multi-jurisdiction incidents handling

Coordination



Identify & consolidate resources
Major incidents handling
Standardized efforts



**Awareness Raising,
Research and Expertise**

Awareness Raising, Research and Expertise

- Raising cybersecurity awareness through multi-stakeholder outreach.
- Producing research and data focused on cybersecurity in Latin America and the Caribbean region.
- Developing expertise in the area of cybersecurity from the Latin America and the Caribbean region.

Cybersecurity

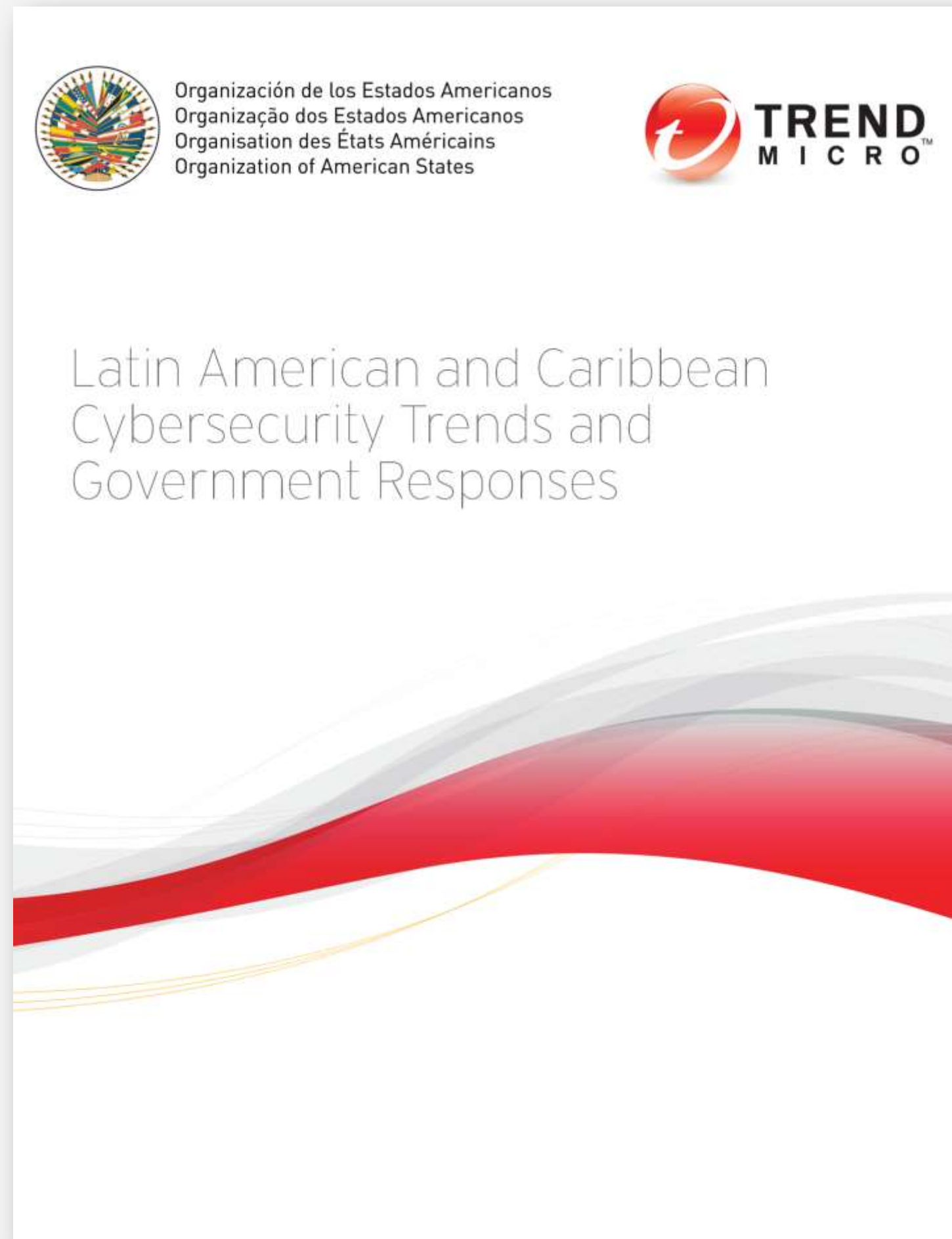
Awareness Campaign **Toolkit**



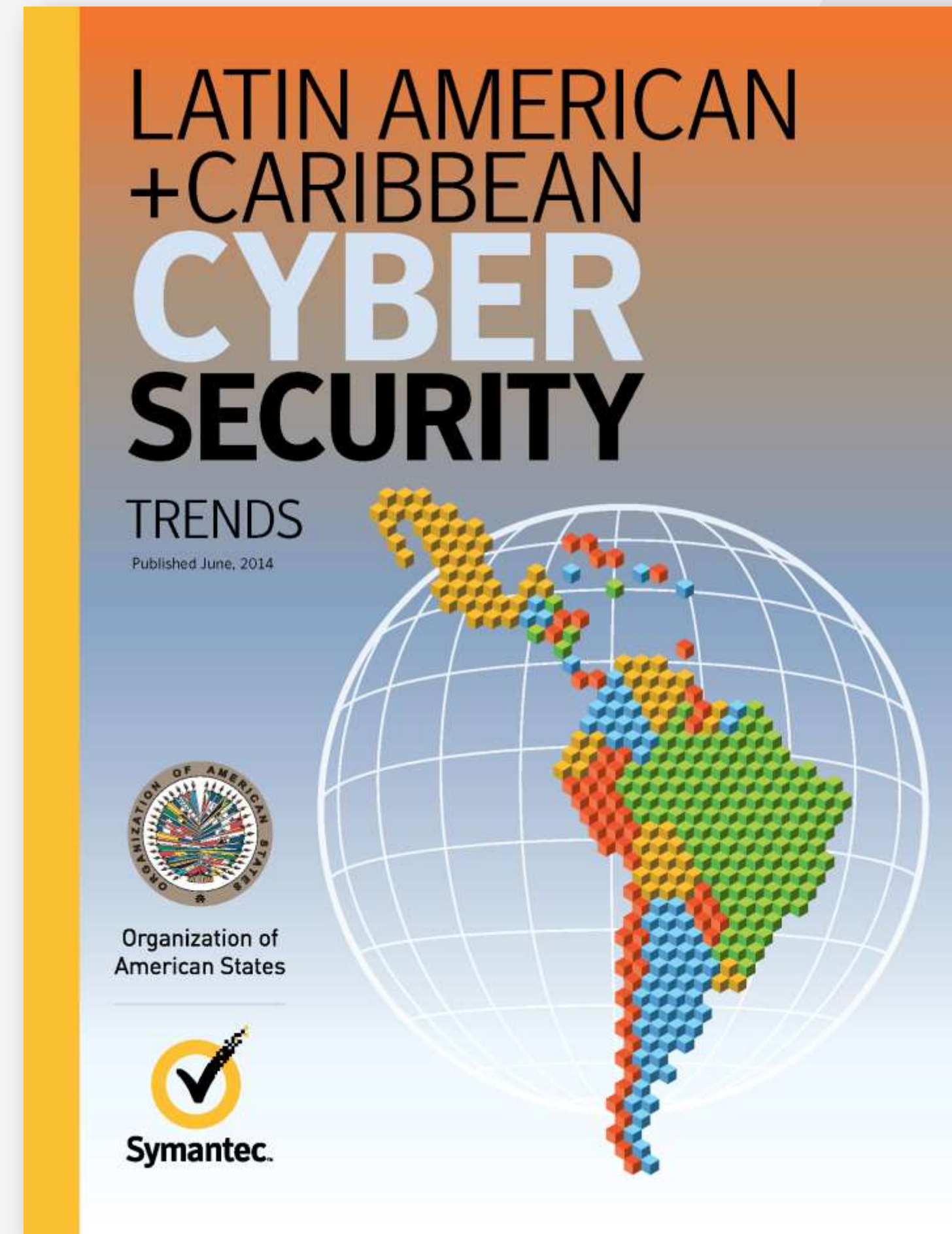
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Education & Awareness Strategy

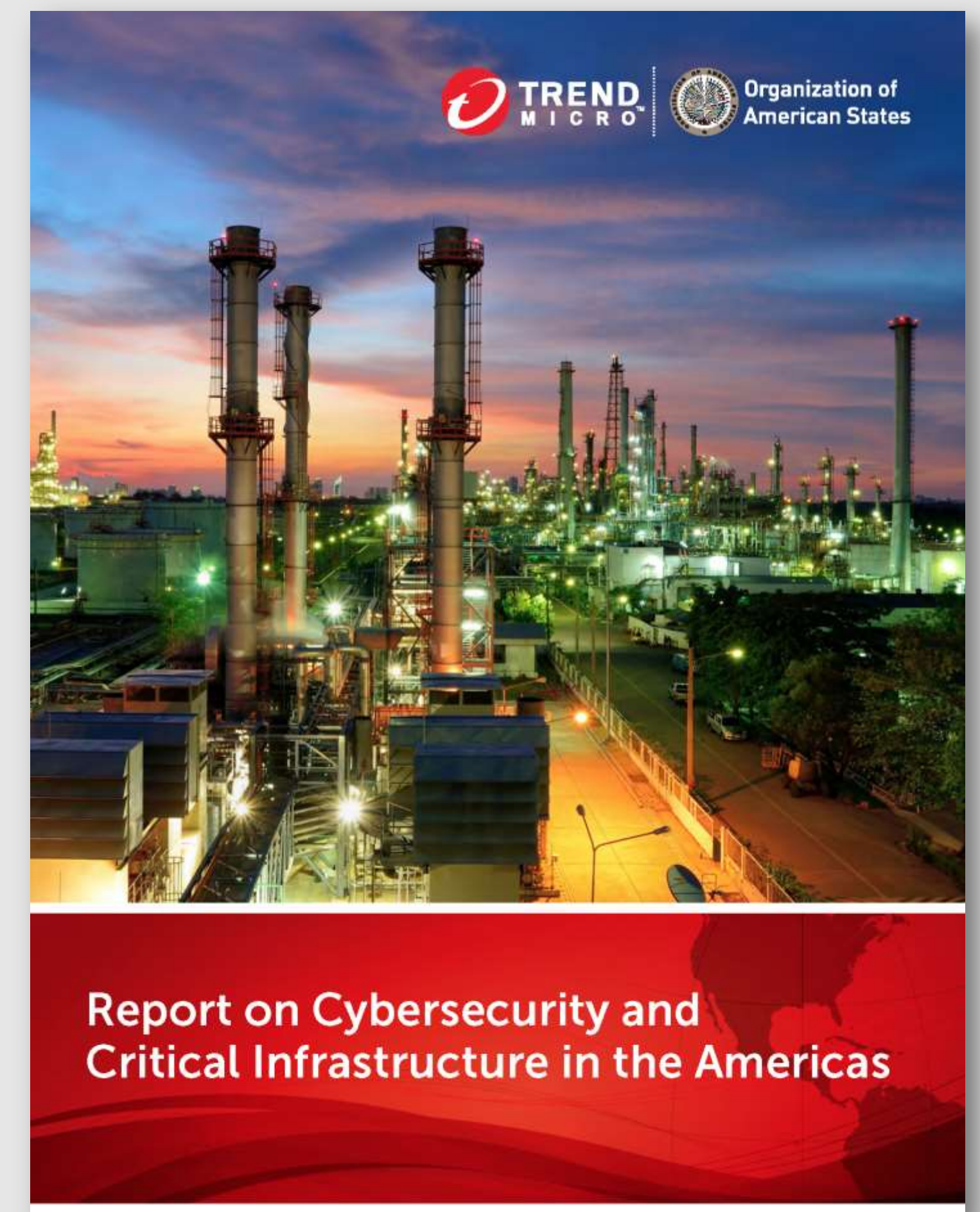




2013



2014



2015

Cybersecurity

Are We Ready in Latin America and the Caribbean?

2016 Cybersecurity Report

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Incident Response Capacity Building in the Americas

FIRST | Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams
Maarten van Houtelbeek, Christine Hoogen and Peter Aljan



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Argentina

Policy and Strategy

Culture and Society

Education

Legal Frameworks

Technologies

Led by the National Program for Critical Information Infrastructure and Cybersecurity (NCI) in coordination with various agencies, academic institutions and the private sector, the Government of Argentina has developed a draft National Cybersecurity Strategy that is currently awaiting adoption. Argentina is notable for forming one of the first national CERTs in 1994. Since 2011, it has functioned under the ICC-CERT, maintains a central registry of cybersecurity events and threats. The Armed Forces run annual Cyber Incident Response Exercises to share best practices and review command and control functions; however, they currently have limited capacity for cyber resilience.

Previously, CNI was managed more or less informally. However, in June 2015, the Presidency of the Republic of Argentina issued Decree No. 1387/2015, which restructured government control of CNI, establishing a National Office within the Under-Secretariat for the Protection of Critical Information and Cybersecurity Infrastructure, under the Head Office of the Cabinet of Ministers – Cabinet Secretariat. This new program will work to develop cybersecurity norms and standards, as well as collaborate with the private sector to improve CNI resilience.

Around increases in cybercrime, the Government of Argentina continued a comprehensive legal framework for ICT, including Penal Code Law 26,386 and Law 26,328 on data protection. It is also developing procedural law for handling digital evidence. While mechanisms are in place for disclosure, the private sector is not legally required to report breaches to cybersecurity. Nevertheless, awareness of cybersecurity risks among businesses has grown significantly. The Technology Crime Division of the Argentine Federal Police Force is responsible for investigating cases of cybercrime.



CYBERSECURITY

- Costa Rica**
 - Attorney General of the Republic
 - Costa Rican Institute of Electricity
 - Judicial Investigations Department
 - Ministry of the Presidency
 - Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications
 - Superintendence of Telecommunications
 - University of Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic**
 - Attorney General of the Republic
 - Dominican Energy Agency
 - Dominican Telecommunications Institute
 - National Police
- Ecuador**
 - Telecommunications Regulatory and Control Agency
 - Armed Forces of Ecuador
 - Attorney General of Ecuador
 - Ministry of Defense
- El Salvador**
 - Ministry of Justice and Public Security
- Grenada**
 - Royal Grenada Police Force
- Guatemala**
 - CERT-gt
 - Ministry of the Interior
 - Public Ministry
 - Superintendence of Telecommunications
 - Technical Secretariat of the National Security Council
- Guyana**
 - CERT-gy - Ministry of Home Affairs
 - Guyana Energy Agency
 - Guyana Defence Force
 - Guyana Police Force
 - University of Guyana
- Haiti**
 - National Telecommunications Council

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- Honduras**
 - CONADE
 - National Telecommunications Commission
 - Ministry of Foreign Relations and International Cooperation
 - National Police of Honduras
 - National Property Management System
- Jamaica**
 - Jamaica Bank Association
 - Jamaica Constabulary Force
 - Ministry of National Security
 - Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining
 - Public Ministry
 - University of the West Indies
- Mexico**
 - Attorney General's Office
 - Mexican Internet Association, A.C.
 - Mexican Parliament
 - Secretary of the Interior
 - Specialized Commission on Information Security
- Nicaragua**
 - National Engineering University
- Panama**
 - National Authority for Governmental Innovation
 - Regulatory Council Authority
- Paraguay**
 - Attorney General's Office
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - National Secretariat of Information and Communications Technology
- Peru**
 - Joint Command of the Armed Forces
 - Ministry of Defense
 - Ministry of Foreign Relations
 - Ministry of the Interior
 - National Office of E-Government and Information
 - National Police of Peru
 - Public Ministry - Prosecutor's Office
- Saint Kitts and Nevis**
 - Financial Services Regulatory Commission
 - LMSC
 - Ministry of Energy, Finance, Trade and Industries
 - Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports, Information Communications and Technology
 - Telecommunications and Post
 - West Indies Cricket and Tennis Police
 - West Indies Electricity Company, Ltd.

CYBERSECURITY

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Corporate Governance, Knowledge and Standards

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Legal Frameworks

Cybersecurity Legal Frameworks
Legislative Frameworks for ICT security
Privacy, data protection and other human rights
Substantive cybercrime law
Procedural cybercrime law

Legal Investigation
Law enforcement
Prosecution services
Courts

Responsible Reporting
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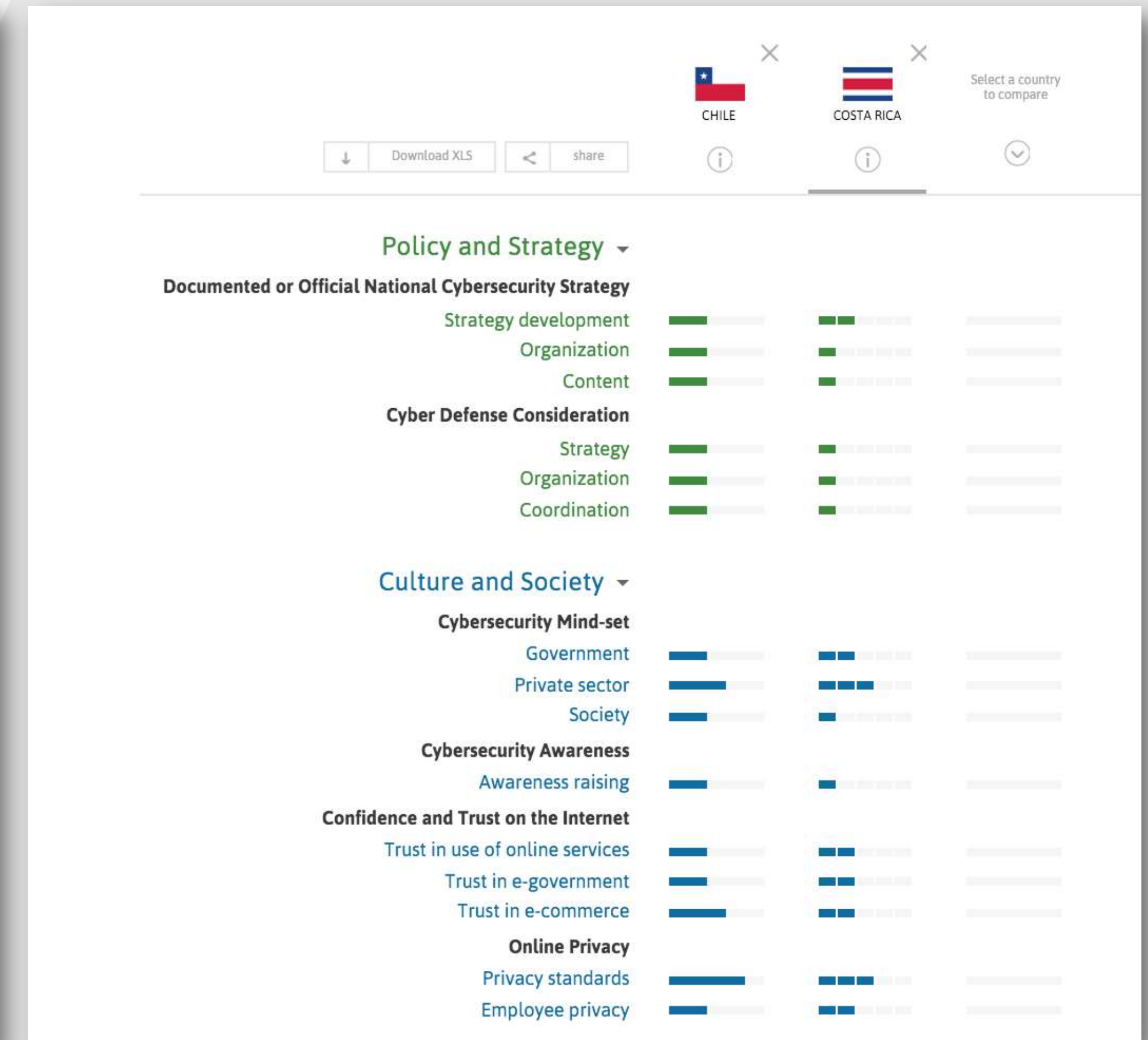
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Results

2015

- Assisted Costa Rica and Paraguay in drafting National Cybersecurity Strategies;
- Assisted Colombia in the review of its National Cybersecurity Strategies and provided recommendations which they have adopted;
- Organized Commission of International Experts to analyze the current state of cybersecurity in Mexico. Recommendations for improving legal aspects, national coordination and critical infrastructure protection provided;
- Published the report on “[Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection in the Americas](#)” and the “[Cybersecurity Awareness Campaign Toolkit](#)”;
- Supported the launch of the Guyana National Computer Incident Response Team (GNCIRT);
- Conducted the first “International CyberEx 2015,” attracting 39 cybersecurity incident response teams from OAS member states and 6 international teams;
- Organized more than 30 activities in 2015, training more than 2,500 cybersecurity professionals, including technical professionals, policymakers, law enforcement authorities, and critical infrastructure operators.

Results

2016

- Assisted Dominican Republic in drafting its National Cybersecurity Strategy;
- Published the report “[Cybersecurity: Are we ready in Latin America and the Caribbean?](#)” prepared in cooperation with the Inter-American Development Bank;
- Launched the Observatory of Cybersecurity in Latin America and the Caribbean (www.cybersecurityobservatory.com);
- Published the guide “[Best Practices for Establishing a National CSIRT](#)”;
- Prepared Action Plans for the implementation and management of national CSIRTs in Dominican Republic and St. Kitts and Nevis;
- Organized the South School of Internet Governance (SSIG). More than 200 participants from the civil society, academia, private sector and government attended the SSIG and discussed topics pertaining to “Cybersecurity and Freedom of Speech in the Web”;
- Organized 2 activities, training around 85 cybersecurity professionals from the region in cybersecurity and digital forensics.



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