Contribution of IGF DC IS3C to GDC deep dive on trust and security

Thank you for this opportunity, co-facilitators, ambassadors and dear colleagues. My name is Wout de Natris and I am the coordinator of the Internet Governance Forum’s Dynamic Coalition on Internet Standards, Security and Safety Coalition or IS3C. We are a multistakeholder coalition with a clear goal: to make the Internet more secure and safer. This can be achieved by way of more widespread and rapid deployment of existing security-related, open-source internet standards and ICT best practices by the ICT and Internet industry. Deploying these standards literally plugs holes criminals make use of and will make many sorts of Internet abuse impossible; immediately.

Imagine ICT, IoT and an internet that becomes safer because larger organizations, public and private, use their buying power to purchase secure by design ICT services, devices, applications and tools.

Imagine, ICT that contains long-existing, security-related, open-source internet standards and ICT best practices designed into them by developers and manufactured by industry.

Imagine they are maintained to remain safe and secure.

This currently is far from normal. ICT is often not designed to be secure, they’re sold inherently insecure. IS3C’s research shows that most organisations do not procure asking for ICT standards to be built in, schools do not teach these standards, laws and regulations do not mention them and decision takers remain unaware of their options and use.

IS3C this year will offer best practices, guidelines and toolkits on how to procure secure by design, we will offer the narrative and arguments that will convince decision takers to procure secure by design and will bring together industry and educators to work on up to date cyber security curricula in tertiary schools and universities.

We cannot do this alone. We invite you to join our processes, so that we can cater to individual stakeholders’ demands and provide training programmes that will be devised to your wishes. We invite you to make IS3C’s outcomes part of the Global Digital Compact.

We also invite you to join this initiative and work together to make the Internet more secure and safer. You can find more information on IS3C’s working groups here: https://is3coalition.org/. You can join IS3C through the IGF website: https://mail.intgovforum.org/mailman/listinfo/dc-isss_intgovforum.org.

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