

BPF Cybersecurity 2023 Kick-off call
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Summary

Introduction: the BPF Cybersecurity and previous work

1. The Best Practice Forum on Cybersecurity is an IGF intersessional activity to collect existing and emerging good practices from community experience. The bottom-up developed BPF outputs intend to contribute to an understanding of global good practice, and to serve as a resource to inform policy discussions, standards development, business decisions, as well as public understanding, awareness and discourse.
2. The BPF in 2023 can build on its previous work, which focused on
 - Cybersecurity culture, norms and values (2018, [report](#));
 - Norms operationalization and commonalities in international and cross-stakeholder cybersecurity initiatives (2019, [report](#));
 - Use of normative principles in non-cybersecurity governance and best practices in relation to international cybersecurity agreements (2020, [report](#));
 - Drivers behind cybersecurity initiatives and lessons learned from historical security incidents (2021, [report](#));
 - Trends in frequency of norms elements and storytelling as a tool to learn from those most affected by incidents (2022, [report](#)).
3. The BPF Cybersecurity works in an open and bottom-up manner to develop tangible outputs for the IGF 2023 annual meeting, hosted by the government of Japan in Kyoto from 8 to 12 October. The work of the BPF is coordinated by a team¹ consisting of expert and MAG co-facilitators supported by the IGF Secretariat. The BPF calls and mailing list² are open to all interested.

BPF Cybersecurity 2023 objectives and work plan

4. The [proposal for a BPF Cybersecurity in 2023](#), confirmed by the MAG, defines the objective for the BPF in 2023: *'To collect and evaluate cybersecurity events to present first-person narratives from those most affected as victims or first responders to policy and norms developing deliberations, so that high-level policy decisions are grounded in reality.*
5. The call participants discussed two possible approaches to collect and unpack incidents, both options are driven by crowdsourced analysis from the BPF cybersecurity community:

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² Subscribe to the mailing list at https://mail.intgovforum.org/mailman/listinfo/bpf-cybersecurity_intgovforum.org

- **Option 1:** collect high-profile cases and select one incident per region for analysis of its impact and assess the effect of the observation of norms and their implementation.
 - **Option 2:** unpack 2 or 3 high-profile international incidents that are well documented, produce an incident and response timeline, and determine the impact of cybernorms and policies.
6. Both options received general support, with some leaning towards option 1 as it might bring new data and stories to the discussion. Other suggestions:
- Opportunity to revisit the case studies the BPF worked on in 2021.
 - Cooperation opportunities with the Dynamic coalition IS3C - Internet standards, security and safety and its work on security by design.
 - The chance to obtain sufficient qualitative information should be the main concern to opt for one of both approaches.
7. A [survey](#) will be launched to crowdsource ideas and suggestions of incidents to look at. The aim is to get a general idea of what cybersecurity incidents people are interested in and care about. The obtained list of incidents that ‘inspire and strike fear’ will then be narrowed down for deeper analysis. The survey also invites volunteers to actively participate in the BPF.
8. Open and public information is the first source of information for the BPF and ethical and regulatory requirements must be respected if the methodology requires deep-dive interviews (e.g. with first responders).

Outreach & next steps

9. The BPF work will be enriched if stories and insights come from different regions. In addition to the survey, BPF participants are encouraged to work with their local IGFs to propose sessions where stories can be shared and collected. As such, the experiences from people on the ground can reach the global dialogue.

Meeting slides: https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/56/24951

Recording:

<https://intgovforum.zoom.us/rec/share/Xjtl0WJppBDeBUI3qusJerMOrRqrCSezN2szEvhyIEMluXJ55A08w7ttS7sWAcB.A-sMSXmOrkuETph7>

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