



2017 IGF Best Practice Forum (BPF): Cybersecurity – Virtual Meeting I

Summary Report

20 May 2017

1. The IGF Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Cybersecurity held its first call since it was formally approved by the MAG. The meeting took place on 20 May 2017 and was facilitated by Markus Kummer. The purpose of the call was to chart a course of action on the basis of the group's [proposal](#) for the 2017 cycle. A recording of the meeting is available here:
<https://intgovforum.webex.com/intgovforum/ldr.php?RCID=3ce998f99076b5e49eaf840814bf4fab>
2. Much of the discussion focused on a questionnaire that should be designed to steer the group's work, as contained in the [proposal](#) submitted to the MAG. This would allow for the gathering of cybersecurity best practice cases from various parts of the world, in particular building on the IGF's network of National and Regional Initiatives (NRIs). As a general recommendation, given that the questionnaire would likely collect very divergent responses along stakeholder lines, it was said that any differences should be identified and taken into consideration as areas where stakeholder groups could be brought together for further discussion.
3. It had been originally proposed that this questionnaire draw primarily from the work already done in the document for the second phase of the IGF ['Policy Options for Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion\(s\)' \(CENB II\)](#) – namely that individual policy recommendations would be distilled and best practices supporting these would be collected. A second alternative or complementary approach was raised, in which questionnaire respondents would be asked in a more open-ended way which cybersecurity practices they see as promoting “connecting and enabling the next billion” and in particular, as supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It was noted that the first approach would be a worthwhile exercise, while the second might generate more discussion and make more of a policy impact as the SDGs are explicitly linked to. It was agreed that the first approach was best to start off with and that the more open-ended questions could be asked afterward.
4. To get the work started, group members volunteered to take over a number of key tasks:

- Andrew Cormack offered to do a close review of CENB II and make a preliminary effort to synthesize the relevant policy recommendations;
 - Maarten van Horenbeeck volunteered to come up with a draft list of recipient organizations for the questionnaire;
 - Louise Marie Hurel offered to get a common document started identifying which particular organizations and individuals had previously contributed to the BPF's work; while
 - Wout de Natris will investigate, as a parallel approach, which specific topics might be worth looking at more closely and steering respondents toward. It was said on the latter, that if asked which issues they would want to cover, respondents are likely to gravitate toward something newsy and topical (e.g. ransomware, which was a topic in the news this week), but that it might be worth doing a "deep dive" in one emerging issue.
5. Participants on the call also shared their recent experiences in cybersecurity or related meetings. Wout gave an overview of the Netherlands' ['International One Conference'](#), which focused on out-of-the-box approaches to cybersecurity cooperation and the necessity of engaging all actors. Mahee Kirindigoda briefed on the recently concluded [Sri Lanka IGF](#), in which cybersecurity featured prominently, and where the suggestion had also been made that cybersecurity and "Internet values" be incorporated into educational curricula, like a civics programme. On his participation in a conference geared toward the technical and hacker community, Maarten reported that attendees showed more interest in getting involved in Internet policy issues, including the IGF's BPFs - which could signal a shift from that community's traditional abstention from Internet politics.
6. At the end of the call, it was agreed the group would reconvene in two to three weeks' time, in particular to look at the initial results of the CENB II review. 19 or 21 June, based on group members' stated availability, are the possible dates for the call.

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