



Global Conference on Cyber Capacity Building Strengthening Cyber Resilience for Development

7 – 9 February 2023

Location: World Bank HQ, Washington, DC and online

The Challenge

The rising digitization across all sectors is shaping a new reality for people across the globe. More people are able to reap the benefits of digital solutions and online services every day, but as they do cyber threats are increasingly targeting the most critical functions of society, fueling distrust online and offline.

To adequately support and secure digital transformation all countries should engage and invest in building capacities. Cyber capacity building (CCB) is a key enabler of sustainable and resilient digital development.

Much has been done to promote best practices in CCB but insufficient awareness among key decision-makers and a lack of resources and coordination sometimes hinders implementation. Putting policies into practice requires enhanced understanding of the value of cybersecurity, the implementation of best practices and increased coordination to accelerate CCB efforts globally.

There is an urgent need for high-level multi-sectoral collaboration. To drive this forward, the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE), the CyberPeace Institute, The World Bank (WB) and the World Economic Forum have joined forces to organize the **Global Conference on Cyber Capacity Building** to advance, operationalize and collaborate on CCB. Recognizing the key role that CCB represents in enabling, supporting and fostering the UN Agenda 2030, the key theme of the 2023 edition will be “Strengthening Cyber Resilience for Development”

Conference Objectives and Outcomes

The Global Conference aims to be a key gathering to secure and improve high level awareness for international cyber capacity building, strengthen coordination of efforts on a global scale and significantly widen the pool of resources available.

The 2023 conference will focus on “Strengthening Cyber Resilience for Development” and will aim to:

- Develop an International CCB Agenda with regional chapters to coordinate efforts and resource mobilization on CCB.
- Enhance CCB efforts by accelerating current multi-stakeholder cooperation and public-private partnerships.
- Provide routes to implementing accepted international policy recommendations on CCB in multiple sectors.
- Raise decision-makers’ awareness of how cybersecurity and CCB support digital, social and economic development, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Targeted Audience and Participants

The Global Conference on Cyber Capacity Building will leverage the combined networks of the GFCE, the CyberPeace Institute, The World Bank and the World Economic Forum to bring together ministerial-level decision-makers, senior working-level representatives from government agencies and experts from across the public sector, private sector, academia and civil society.

The conference will draw participants and experts from all sectors and regions to recognize the different contexts in which CCB takes place. There will be regionally-targeted sessions and a focus on participation from low and middle-income countries to maximize CCB efforts towards sustainable development.

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