Purpose

The UN Commission and Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Bangkok 2005, Salvador 2010) have underlined on many occasions the value of capacity building to address the challenge of cybercrime, and a broad agreement in this respect is emerging (see CCPCJ Resolution 22.8).

A number of international organisations and bi-lateral donors have taken this up and launched programmes to support the strengthening of legislation, the establishment of high-tech crime units, the training of judges and prosecutors, enabling efficient international cooperation and other measures.

The side-event is to provide examples illustrating how policies agreed upon by the CCPCJ can be translated into specific action. This is to encourage bi-lateral donors and international organisations to further expand capacity building programmes and to seek synergies between different initiatives.

Agenda

1. Capacity building on cybercrime: concept and impact (Alexander Seger, Council of Europe)

2. Strengthening cybercrime legislation: examples of workshops in East and West Africa (Maureen Owor, Uganda)

3. Addressing cybercrime and cybersecurity: examples from Latin America (Belisario Contreras, Organisation of American States)

4. Cybercrime capacity building in the Philippines (Normina R. Hadjula, Department of Justice, Philippines)

5. Comments and conclusions by partners (Estonia, Japan, Norway, Romania, Panama)

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