Purpose

The UN Commission and Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Bangkok 2005, Salvador 2010) as well as the UN Intergovernmental Expert Group on Cybercrime (in 2013) have underlined on numerous 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 joint project on Global Action on Cybercrime (GLACY) of the European Union and the Council of Europe is one example. The Council of Europe in 2014, furthermore, established a dedicated Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) aimed at capacity building on cybercrime and electronic evidence worldwide.

The side-event is to illustrate how policies agreed upon by the UN Congress and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice 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. Cybercrime capacity building in the Philippines (Geronimo Sy, Assistant Secretary of Justice, Philippines)
3. Cybercrime and cybersecurity strategies in Mauritius (Kritananda Naghee Reddy, Principal State Counsel Attorney General’s Office, Mauritius)
4. Addressing the question of legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence (Pedro Verdelho, Prosecutor, Portugal)
5. Discussion

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