IGF 2017 Reporting Template

- Session Title: Commonwealth Open Forum- Facilitating Investment in Cybersecurity as a means of Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

- Date: December 21, 2017

- Time: 10:10-11:10 am

- Session Organizer: Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO)

- Chair/Moderator: Shola Taylor, Secretary General, CTO

- Rapporteur/Notetaker: Anita Sohan, Senior Programme Officer, CTO

- List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations:

1. Shola Taylor, CTO
2. Tracy Hackshaw, Trinidad and Tobago Multistakeholder Advisory Group/Ministry of Planning and the Economy, Trinidad and Tobago
3. Gavin Willis, UK National Cyber Security Centre
4. Robert Collett, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office

- Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):

▪ Helping to do cybersecurity work and build capacity can help with achieving the sustainable development goals.
▪ Cybersecurity is a team sport.
▪ Cybersecurity and/or cybercrime should not be discussed in isolation from other issues.
▪ The CTO Council adopted a Resolution which brings the issue of cybersecurity to the attention of the Commonwealth Heads of Government.

- If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each presentation:

Agenda Item 1: Commonwealth Approach to developing National Cybersecurity Strategies (Shola Taylor, CTO)

The Chair presented on the importance of having national cybersecurity strategies within the Commonwealth, expressing the view that such a document provides the framework to support an all encompassing approach to protect Cyberspace infrastructure, its content and users. The CTO's work in relation to cybersecurity was also shared, specifically as it relates to national strategy development, cybercrime and cyberstandards.

Agenda Item 2: Best practices on cybersecurity (Gavin Willis, UK National Cyber Security Centre)

Mr Willis gave an overview on the role of the UK National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), specific to its guidance function on cybersecurity which is aimed at helping UK government departments, agencies, critical national infrastructure and its supply chains protect their information and systems. Mr Willis also spoke about the NCSC guide on 10 steps for cybersecurity.

Agenda Item 3: Challenges faced by SIDS and LDCs (Tracy Hackshaw, Trinidad and Tobago Multistakeholder Advisory Group)

Mr Hackshaw presented on the cybersecurity challenges faced by small island developing states and less developed countries. He noted that developing countries face unique challenges exacerbated by their

geographic location and that high technological barriers exist, particularly within law enforcement. He stated that cybercrime and terrorism are outlets for real world conflicts and that technology will continue to advance, and along with this, would be the increase in technological sophistication of cybersecurity threats.

Agenda Item 4: Cybersecurity as an agenda item for CHOGM 2018 (Robert Collett, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office)

Mr Collett gave an update on the Global Conference on Cyberspace (GCCS) held in India in November 2017, where the UK FCO partnered with the CTO to host two side events to discuss cybersecurity as an agenda item for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London in April 2018. He then shared themes for capacity building which arose from discussions from the GCCS.

- Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session (3 paragraphs):

There were interactive discussions at the open forum which revolved primarily around capacity building for cybersecurity. Some of the points raised include:

- The "Commonwealth Approach for Developing National Cybersecurity Strategies" serves as a guide, based on the Commonwealth Cybergovernance Principles, to provide practical advice and propose actions that can be adapted by countries to suit their individual circumstances.
- Key performance indicators are also a crucial component of Strategies as they ensure the objectives of the national Cybersecurity strategy are being achieved, and that appropriate mechanisms are put in place to monitor and validate its implementation.
- What can the Commonwealth do to strengthen cybersecurity? The CTO Council had passed a Resolution to bring the issue to the attention of the Commonwealth Heads of Government and as a result of this and the side events hosted by the CTO and UK FCO in New Delhi during the GCCS, project themes were identified.
- When certain initiatives or projects are conducted, there is a need for follow up and to ensure that human and financial resources are sufficiently allocated.
- The need for public-private partnerships to be recognized within the capacity building themes for CHOGM.
- There is a need for the establishment of strong coordination mechanisms when it comes to capacity building to avoid various organizations funding similar projects within the same countries.
- There is a need for norms for cybersecurity, improving cross-jurisdictional efficiency and multi-state standards, meaning that certification is applicable across various countries.
- Cybersecurity and cybercrime should not be separated from other mainstream activities and security topics, particularly within developing countries as national security issues tend to receive significant resource allocations.

- Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways (3 paragraphs):

- CHOGM project themes will be circulated to all Commonwealth governments for comment by the CTO.
- There should be consideration of the needs of least developed states within the CHOGM agenda going forward.
- The inputs of the Commonwealth IGF will feed into the ideas being put forward for CHOGM 2018. Engagement with participants will continue in order to find ways of collaborating in order to find solutions which will work for the Commonwealth.

Gender Reporting

- Estimate the overall number of the participants present at the session: 30 participants

- Estimate the overall number of women present at the session: 12 women

- To what extent did the session discuss gender equality and/or women's empowerment? The session did not discuss matters relating to gender equality or women's empowerment, however, the CTO subscribes to the Commonwealth principles and values which includes gender equality and women empowerment as essential components of human development and basic human rights.

- If the session addressed issues related to gender equality and/or women's empowerment, please provide a brief summary of the discussion: n/a