

Dear MAG

As requested ahead of our next virtual meeting tomorrow, I'm writing with a brief update on the initial work of this year's BPF on Cybersecurity.

We held our first call on 5th June (meeting summary available here - https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/4904/1261). During the call, we discussed the approved proposal for this year (http://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/filedepot_download/6119/1181) which focuses on deepening the conversation around cybersecurity culture, norms and values. The goal is to better understand what norms have developed, collect global best practices on implementing those norms, and consider how unequal implementation can lead to a digital security divide.

Initial work is focusing on preparatory research by volunteers. This research seeks to provide context for the development of cybersecurity norms, and identify existing norms and how they have been implemented. The research will lead to a call for input which will go not only to the BPF mailing list but also via broader outreach both to NRIs and to the list of organisations identified in the 2017 BPF work.

We are currently scheduling our next call to take place in early July and we plan to launch the call for input by mid-July. The BPF group will then produce a draft outcome document which will be presented at a session at IGF 2018.

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