CYBER THREATS IN AFRICA.
Policy Responses and Best Practices

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AFRICA’S RESPONSE TO CYBER THREATS

LEGAL  TECHNICAL  ORGANISATIONAL
LEGAL RESPONSES + AFRICAN UNION INITIATIVES

- African Union Convention on Cybersecurity and Personal Data Protection (Malabo Convention)
- The Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention)
- The UN Norms of Responsible State Behavior in Cyberspace
- The Lomé Declaration on Cybersecurity and Fight Against Cybercrime
- United Nations Convention on Countering the Use of ICTs for Criminal Purposes (Ongoing)
- UN Open-Ended Working Group on ICTs
TECHNICAL RESPONSES

- Capacity, skills and infrastructure
- Computer Emergency Response Teams
- Appropriate Cyber Security Strategies
- 24/7 Points of Contact/ Mutual Legal Assistance, etc.
ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSES

- Institutional mechanisms and procedures - Article 27 Malabo Convention
- Security sector partnerships - Article 26
- People Centered Approach - Education, Awareness Raising, Victims Response - Article 26
- National Regulatory Authorities - Article 25
LEVERAGING SECURITY SECTOR RESPONSES TO ADVANCE CYBERSECURITY IN AFRICA

International Cooperation- Article 28(4)

“State Parties shall make use of existing means for international cooperation with a view to responding to cyber threats, improving cyber security and stimulating dialogue between stakeholders. These means may be international, intergovernmental or regional, or based on private and public partnerships.”

Capacity Building + Technical Assistance
IS CYBERSECURITY MERELY A NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE?

- The nature of cyberspace means responses must transcend the traditional notions of security.

- While governments mostly create and develop cybersecurity initiatives, it is important to consult technical experts, private businesses, and civil society for recommendations on how to improve strategies.

- Private sector companies are crucial because of their role in creating and maintaining the technologies on which cybersecurity issues arise.

- The technical community have the technical expertise and understanding of the Internet and is often cited by governments when developing cybersecurity policies.

- Civil society is uniquely positioned to advocate for cybersecurity policies.
Thank you, for your attention

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 Merci pour votre attention

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