Advancing Regional Cyber Security and Stability in Africa
Taking Stock of Africa’s Continental Cyber Security Architecture

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Response?

ONLY TWO MEMBER STATES
Engagement and consultation process

- PSC’s request for a CAP and the need for consultations among Member States
- AUCIL’s leadership in facilitating stakeholder engagement
- Capacity-building program in three stages: Virtual, Addis Ababa, New York
- Strategic partnerships, like Global Affairs Canada, the UK, Germany, University of Reading, Cyber Law international providing support and technical assistance
Role of the Tunisia WG

- Review of the Draft Statement
- Alignment with AU Policies
- Consideration of Member States’ contributions
- Integration of comments from AUC technical departments
- Exchange of views from Partners (UK and Germany)
- Interaction between Member States and Experts
The CAP: key points highlighting distinct aspects

- Sovereignty and Cyberspace Jurisdiction
- Due Diligence in Cyberspace
- Non-intervention and Independence
- Peaceful Settlement of Disputes
- Prohibition on the Use of Force
- Humanitarian and Human Rights Law
- Capacity Building and International Cooperation
CAP’s Significance & strategic importance

1. Supporting Digital Growth
2. Enhancing Cyber Resilience
3. Promoting Economic Opportunities
4. Strengthening Regional Cybersecurity
5. Attracting Investment
Implementation Strategy

- Regional Collaboration through RECs;
- Engagement with International Partners;
- Advocacy Missions by the African Union;
- Dynamic Updating and Adaptation;
- Fostering a Culture of Collaboration and Information Sharing;
- Building Capacity and Enhancing Expertise
END OF PRESENTATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION.

QUESTIONS, ADDITIONS, COMMENTS/REMARKS, REACTIONS?
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