



Why Protecting Cyberspace Matters?

In our increasingly interconnected world, cybersecurity has become a critical concern for nations across the Americas. As digital technologies advance, so do cyber threats, ranging from data breaches to attacks on critical infrastructure. These threats can cause widespread disruption and economic damage, undermining public trust and national security.

The transnational nature of cyber-attacks demands regional cooperation, as no country can combat them alone. Moreover, the digital divide in the Americas leaves some nations more vulnerable, potentially affecting the entire region. The Organization of American States (OAS) works through its Inter-American Committee against Terrorism to enhance cybersecurity capabilities across the Americas, aiming to create a resilient digital ecosystem through collaborative efforts.

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1 Strengthening National Policy Development

The Cybersecurity Section assists OAS member states in developing national cybersecurity strategies. These strategies involve all relevant stakeholders and are tailored to each nation's legislative, cultural, and economic situation.

OUR MISSION

To support OAS member states in building technical and policy capacities to successfully prevent, identify, respond to, and recover from cyber incidents.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Support the development, revision, and implementation of National Cybersecurity Strategies.
- Offer training on policy and diplomacy cybersecurity issues.
- Research on regional issues pertaining cybersecurity.

2 Technical Assistance and Training for Cybersecurity Incident Response

The OAS helps member states establish national Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) and provides tailored technical assistance and training opportunities to strengthen national institutions and organizations. We also promote the CSIRTAmericas Network for information exchange across the hemisphere.

OUR MISSION

To enhance robust, effective, and timely information sharing, cooperation, and coordination among cybersecurity stakeholders at the national, regional, and international levels.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Establish national CSIRTs.
- Provide technical assistance.
- Offer training to strengthen national institutions.
- Facilitate threat intelligence and timely cybersecurity information sharing among 52 CSIRTs from 22 OAS Member States.



3 Research and Awareness Raising for Up-To-Date Policies

Cybercrime evolves rapidly. To promote security across the hemisphere, countries need access to updated, quality information. The OAS develops technical documents, toolkits, and reports to guide policymakers, CSIRTs, infrastructure operators, private organizations, and civil society by highlighting current developments and identifying key cybersecurity issues and challenges in the region.

OUR MISSION

To boost access to knowledge and information on cyber threats and risks for public, private, and civil society stakeholders, as well as Internet users.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Develop technical documents, toolkits, and reports to guide policymakers.
- Conduct research to identify key cybersecurity issues.
- Raise awareness through quality information development.



"It highlights that the initiative tackles two crucial issues - the need for better cybersecurity measures and the promotion of gender inclusivity in the digital space. By prioritizing the rights and security of all individuals regardless of gender, this approach sets a new standard for protecting online freedom and privacy."

Shadrach Wilson – Intelligence officer Customs Anti-Narcotics Unit of Guyana.

"The OAS Masterclass Human Rights and Gender Perspectives in Cyberspace was an excellent course which provided valuable information that allowed me to further understand and think seriously of where improvements can be made locally, regionally and internationally with respect to the application of human rights in cyberspace."

Gordina Hector-Murrell – Director of Cyber Security Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology of Antigua and Barbuda.

"Having the possibility of sharing with people who know the subject is extremely enriching. It is of great importance to have the possibility of learning about the initiatives, projects and improvements that other countries have had on issues as relevant as this. Having the possibility of learning about the experiences of other countries on cybersecurity and critical infrastructure issues will allow us to advance in a more solid way in the search for the country's objectives in this matter."

Esteban Rojas Nuñez – Prosecutor coordinator of the Cybercrime Unit – Public Ministry of Costa Rica.

"Through this program, I have acquired fundamental knowledge and skills that will allow me to significantly strengthen my capabilities in the protection and management of these vital systems. The detailed content and quality of instructors have been exceptional, providing a deep understanding of current threats and challenges, as well as best practices and mitigation strategies. This training has not only broadened my professional perspective, but has also prepared me to more effectively contribute to the security and resilience of our critical infrastructures"

William Vizcaino Castro – CSIRT Information Security Analyst of National Police of Colombia.

OUR IMPACT

By 2023, **18 of 30 OAS Member States** received support for National Cybersecurity Strategies or Policies; in 2024, 5 more (Belize, Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Trinidad and Tobago) are being assisted.

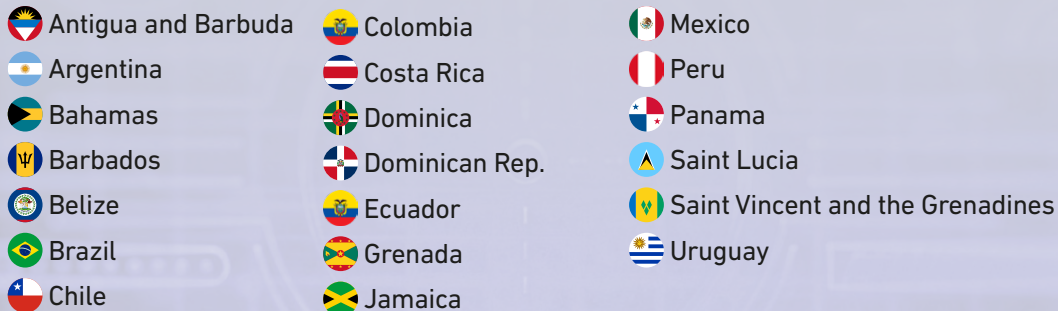
Over **4,000 women** trained in cybersecurity exercises.

More than **15,000 citizens and public and private officials** trained in cyber operations, cybersecurity, and diplomacy.

More than **1,200 youth** trained on digital security to enter the field of cybersecurity.

More than **20 publications** launched on regional issues pertaining to cybersecurity such as critical infrastructure and cybersecurity education.


COUNTRIES WHERE WE HAVE WORKED



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