CICTE PROGRAM:
CYBERSECURITY

Description

With over 15 years of experience, CICTE's **Cybersecurity Program** is the regional leader in aiding the Organization of American States (OAS)' member states to build technical and policy-level cybersecurity capacities. Its initiatives and activities aim to ensure an open, secure, and resilient cyberspace throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Goals

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

→ Enhance robust, effective, and timely information-sharing, cooperation, and coordination among cyber-security stakeholders at the national, regional, and inter-national level.

→ Boost access to knowledge and information on cyber threats and risks by public, private and civil society stakeholders as well as Internet users.

Beneficiary countries

Antigua and Barbuda	Haiti
Argentina	Honduras
Barbados	Jamaica
Belize	Mexico
Bolivia	Nicaragua
Brazil	Panama
Canada	Paraguay
Chile	Peru
Colombia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Costa Rica	Saint Lucia
Dominica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Dominican Republic	Suriname
Ecuador	The Bahamas
El Salvador	Trinidad and Tobago
Grenada	United States
Guatemala	Uruguay
Guyana	Venezuela

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Activities

The Cybersecurity Program's regional efforts are multi-faceted and focus on (I) policy development, (II) capacity building (including training and exercises), and (III) research and outreach.

I. Policy Development: The Program assists OAS member states in developing national cybersecurity strategies that involve all relevant stakeholders and are tailored to each nation's legislative, cultural, economic, and structural situation.

II. Capacity Building: The Program helps to establish national computer security incident response teams (CSIRTs) and provides tailored technical assistance and training opportunities to strengthen national institutions and organizations. Additionally, it has the CSIRTAmericas network, which provides threat intelligence and timely cybersecurity information among 29 CSIRTs from 20 OAS Member states.

III. Research and Awareness Raising: The Program 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.

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Results

17 National cybersecurity strategies developed in Latin America and the Caribbean

2 regional reports published on the level of cybersecurity capacity of OAS Member States

Over 2000 women trained in cyber exercises and more than 600 young students have benefitted from digital security training to enter the field of cybersecurity

15,000+ citizens and public and private officials trained in cyber operations, cybersecurity, and diplomacy, cybersecurity leadership and international cybersecurity regulations

+20 publications launched on regional issues pertaining cybersecurity such as critical infrastructure, cybersecurity education and workforce development, digital security, online gender violence, data classification, among others

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