

# **EAC Regional Meeting on Preventing and Combating Cybercrime**

**27-28 May 2014**

## **Kampala Outcomes on Strengthening Regional Cooperation**

### **Action Points**

#### **Child Online Protection**

- Establish a network of experts, to share experience and agree next steps
- Functions of the network will include *inter alia*:
  - Development of a strategy for awareness raising and education, including identification, development and sharing of relevant materials, tailored to local needs as appropriate
  - Strengthening national, regional and global relationships with electronic service providers, including with a view to reporting and removal of child abuse material
  - Promoting harmonization of legal frameworks on child online protection
  - Acting as a platform for the coordination and delivery of capacity building for criminal justice institutions
- The network will include a representative from each EAC country, as well as the EAC Secretariat and other relevant international organizations, and have rotating chairmanship
- In collaboration with the EAC Secretariat and other relevant international organizations, convene a further regional meeting for considering the elaboration of a regional framework on child online protection

## Strengthening International and Regional Criminal Justice Cooperation

- Taking into account existing mechanisms and initiatives, including those established by INTERPOL, create a network of focal points for:
  - Law enforcement;
  - Prosecution services; and
  - Central authoritiesin order to facilitate informal and formal modes of cooperation in criminal matters involving cybercrime and digital evidence
- Roles of the focal points will include *inter alia*:
  - Exchange of experience in international cooperation in criminal matters involving cybercrime and digital evidence
  - Sharing of information and approaches to obtaining digital evidence outside of the EAC region, in particular from global electronic service providers
  - Considering possible mechanisms to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of mutual legal assistance in line with the rule of law, for example through accreditation and training
  - Providing and compiling information on national cooperation requirements, such as laws and procedures
  - Acting as a platform for the coordination and delivery of capacity building for institutions engaged in international and regional cooperation
- The network will include the EAC Secretariat and other relevant international organizations and, where appropriate, service providers.

## **University Partnerships and Capacity Building**

- Establish a virtual network of universities from across the EAC region and beyond, with an interest in delivering programmes and conducting research on cybercrime and cybersecurity
- Seek to establish more formal modes of collaboration between the universities of the network and equivalent centres of excellence from outside of the region, to include in particular:
  - Cooperation in customizing pre-existing cybercrime and cybersecurity modules to meet local needs
  - Cooperation in research in identified areas of cybercrime and cybersecurity
- Explore possibilities for universities of the network to contribute to mainstreaming of digital investigation skills within law enforcement academies and training programmes
- Examine and report upon the potential for the use of MOOCs, and other online materials, in the area of cybercrime and cybersecurity for capacity building within the region
- Prepare a research paper on the possibilities for privatization, or other outsourcing approaches, of digital forensics capacity, in order to support law enforcement and criminal justice institutions in the EAC region

## **Mobile Money**

- With support from FSD Africa, convene a multi-stakeholder EAC regional meeting to support effective approaches to the regulation of mobile money that promote economic inclusion and prevent criminal misuse

- Prior to the meeting, commission a situational report on developments and approaches to the regulation of mobile money within each country of the EAC region

### **Computer Incident Response Teams (CIRTs)**

- Convene a policy-level meeting of CIRTs in EAC countries with a view to considering enhancing modes of collaboration between CIRTs, including sharing information about threats and possibilities for efficient sharing of specialized capabilities

The networks established above may require assistance and targeted capacity building with respect to individual human resources in order to enhance the international cooperation of the networks as and when required by an EAC country.