

GFCE 2021: Coordinate the global network for Cyber Capacity Building

Introduction

With the establishment of the GFCE Foundation, a strategic entity has been added to the GFCE structure. The GFCE Foundation Board sees it as their responsibility to support the GFCE community with the way forward. The GFCE organized several consultation sessions during the V-meetings in May and June with the objective to receive concrete feedback and suggestions from the GFCE community on the future direction of the GFCE.

Based on these sessions, the GFCE Foundation Board has formulated six (6) relevant building blocks. This strategic roadmap is to enhance the GFCE's position as the coordinating platform for cyber capacity building. The building blocks serve as input for the GFCE Annual Workplan 2021 which will be developed in consultation with the GFCE community in the coming months and presented at the next GFCE Annual Meeting by the end of 2020.

GFCE long term goals

To strengthen **international collaboration** on cyber capacity building and expertise globally, the GFCE focusses on the following long-term goals:

- **Coordination:** avoid duplication and fragmentation of CCB efforts globally by supporting coordination activities;
- **Knowledge sharing:** make relevant CCB knowledge and expertise available on a global scale (e.g. through the Cybil knowledge portal);
- **Matchmaking:** match requests of cyber capacity needs from GFCE members with offers of support;

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In this section, the GFCE Foundation Board has outlined six strategic building blocks. These building blocks will guide the direction for the GFCE and its community for 2020 – 2021 and the deliverables of the GFCE will be closely linked to these. These building blocks are fundamental to the ambition to support the global community in the coordination for cyber capacity building.

1. Strengthen the GFCE Brand

- As a coordinating platform on Cyber Capacity Building, it is essential that the GFCE strengthens its brand both within the GFCE and for the broader community.
- It is essential for GFCE Members and Partners to understand what the GFCE has to offer and how to engage with the existing structure.
- It is important to advertise the GFCE's successes and its envisioned role on cyber capacity building to the broader global CCB community.

2. Make the GFCE more inclusive

- The GFCE is a multi-stakeholder community. Over the next year, the GFCE strives to be more inclusive in connecting with diverse groups of interest in order to have a balanced community.
- The GFCE community will be extended by connecting "missing stakeholders"; in particular: private sector, beneficiaries and implementing partners.
- Further, the GFCE aims to be of added value to all its Members and Partners. Therefore, if relevant, new groups/ initiatives will be established to ensure inclusivity.

3. Enhance collaboration within the GFCE Community

- The GFCE has made big steps since its launch in 2015.
- Since then, new entities (GFCE Foundation, Advisory Board and the Research Committee); new tools (Clearing House, Cybil, Global Research Agenda); and other ways of collaboration (Working Groups) have launched.
- It will be key to enhance and connect these entities and tools to add maximum value to the GFCE community in 2021.

4. Increase the GFCE's regional focus

- Most cyber capacity building activities and stakeholders have a regional focus. Therefore, the GFCE aims to increase its awareness of regional cyber capacity needs to better serve its community and to multiply regional efforts on a global level where possible.
- In cooperation with regional organizations, the GFCE will organize regional meetings with a focus on how the GFCE can support regional cyber capacity needs (with its network, expertise and knowledge).

5. Connect with other platforms and processes

- The GFCE aims to find synergies and connections with other stakeholders and ongoing processes related to cyber capacity building. For example, the GFCE's aims to have a role in the implementation of the outcomes of the UNGGE/OEWG processes.
- An important linkage is to make cyber capacity building part of the larger digital development agenda.
- Other examples include the leveraging of expertise from others such as the Meridian, IGF and WEF community.

6. Enlarge the pool of international resources

- By improving global coordination of cyber capacity building, the GFCE is supporting the Global community to use scarce resources more efficiently.
- The GFCE also strives to enlarge the pool of international resources for cyber capacity programs. A key factor for this is to secure political recognition on cyber capacity building as: (i) a key enabler for digital development and (ii) a foundation for a prosperous digital ecosystem.
- The GFCE aims to organize a Global high-level CCB conference by the end of 2021.