

Cyber Norms Implementation

Research project proposal



GFCE Theme/Topic	CBMs, Norms Implementation and Cyber Diplomacy
Research Idea	Supporting the implementation of the 11 2015 UN GGE norms of responsible state cyber behavior by publishing a consolidated guide containing examples of where the norms have been implemented in practice
Existing work/literature on the topic	<p>UNODA (2017). Civil Society and Disarmament: 2017. https://www.un.org/disarmament/publications/civilsociety/civil-society-and-disarmament-2017/</p> <p>ASPI (2020). UN Cyber Norms, an explainer. https://www.aspi.org.au/cybernorms</p> <p>IGF BPF Cybersecurity</p>
Problem statement/Knowledge gap	The 11 2015 UNGGE norms of responsible state behavior in cyberspace provide an important basis on which states should develop their cybersecurity policies and strategies. However, it has been reported that there is an understanding gap between what the norms say and what they mean in practice. By highlighting concrete real-world examples of where the norms have been implemented with a certain degree of success, there is an opportunity to encourage better understanding and accelerating broad adoption.
Scope of Research and limitations	The project should identify and showcase two to three practical examples of each of the norms in the form of short vignettes/case studies. Examples should be drawn from as wide a geographical spread as possible. The project should also identify and collect resources to help countries implement each of the norms. Additional information may be provided if needed by States to assist them in the implementation of the norms.
Research question(s)	<p>PRIMARY QUESTION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What are the most relevant examples of the implementation of the 2015 UNGGE norms at the national level? <p>SECONDARY QUESTION(S)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) What resources are available to support the implementation of the norms at a national level? 3) What additional information can support the implementation of the norms? 4) How have nations responded to or are currently responding to the need to implement cyber norms? 5) What are some of the challenges faced in implementing these norms?
Research objectives	Provide a consolidated guide to norms implementation that can be provided to national governments to support implementation

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	of the 11 2015 UNGGE norms of responsible state behavior in cyberspace.
Suggested research approach (method)	Combination of online research and interviews.
Research output	A consolidated guide to norms implementation that can be provided to national governments to support implementation of the 11 2015 UNGGE norms of responsible state behavior in cyberspace. Each norm should have its own chapter, but no chapter should be longer than four slides (unless agreed with the project manager). It should include case studies and resources (ie links to additional information and support). It could include additional helpful information (including comments and quotes from experts in the field and top tips) as identified by the researchers and agreed with the project manager.
Time estimate	40 days, with the final output to be delivered within 2 months of signing the contract.
Estimation of human resources needed	At least one Senior Expert on cyber capacity research, cyber norms, and/or cyber policy research.
Selection criteria (of research supplier)	In-depth understanding of the UN GGE/OEWG processes demonstrated by publications, reports, and/or other written materials (including academic articles, blogs, policy briefs/papers, official submissions to the OEWG on ICT) on cyber norms and/or cyber policy; Good understanding of cyber capacity as a topic of research; a demonstrated ability to write for a broad non-expert audience.
Budget	USD 50,000 total