CYBERWELLNESS PROFILE
STATE OF KUWAIT

BACKGROUND

Total Population: 2 892 000
(data source: United Nations Statistics Division, December 2012)

Internet users, percentage of population: 75.46%
(data source: ITU Statistics, December 2013)

1. CYBERSECURITY

1.1 LEGAL MEASURES

1.1.1 CRIMINAL LEGISLATION
Specific legislation on cybercrime has been enacted through the following instruments:
- None.

1.1.2 REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE
Specific legislation and regulation related to cybersecurity has been enacted through the following instruments:
- None.

1.2 TECHNICAL MEASURES

1.2.1 CIRT
Kuwait does not have an officially recognized national CIRT.

1.2.2 STANDARDS
Kuwait does not have an officially approved national or sector specific cybersecurity framework for implementing internationally recognized cybersecurity standards.

1.2.3 CERTIFICATION
There is no cybersecurity framework for the certification and accreditation of national agencies and public sector professionals in Kuwait.

1.3 ORGANIZATION MEASURES

1.3.1 POLICY
Kuwait does not have an officially recognized national or sector-specific cybersecurity strategy.

1.3.2 ROADMAP FOR GOVERNANCE
There is no national governance roadmap for cybersecurity in Kuwait.

1.3.3 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
There is no agency responsible for cybersecurity in Kuwait.

1.3.4 NATIONAL BENCHMARKING
Kuwait does not have any officially recognized national benchmarking or referential to measure cybersecurity development.

1.4 CAPACITY BUILDING

1.4.1 STANDARDISATION DEVELOPMENT
Kuwait does not have an officially recognized national or sector-specific research and development program or project for cybersecurity standards, best practices and guidelines.

1.4.2 MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT
Kuwait has an Information Security forum which is nationally recognized as a program for creating awareness for cybersecurity.

1.4.3 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION
Kuwait does not have the exact number of public sector professionals certified under internationally recognized certification programs in cybersecurity.

1.4.4 AGENCY CERTIFICATION
Kuwait does not have any certified government and public sector agencies certified under internationally recognized standards in cybersecurity.

1.5 COOPERATION

1.5.1 INTRA-STATE COOPERATION
Kuwait has a security program with the UK.

1.5.2 INTRA-AGENCY COOPERATION
Kuwait does not have any officially recognized national or sector-specific program for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public sector.

1.5.3 PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP
There is no officially recognized national or sector-specific program for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public and private sector in Kuwait.

1.5.4 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Kuwait is a member of the ITU-IMPACT initiative and has access to relevant cybersecurity services.

2. CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

2.1 NATIONAL LEGISLATION
Specific legislation on child online protection has been enacted through the following instruments:
- None.

2.2 UN CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL
Kuwait has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 16, 17(e) and 34(c), to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Kuwait has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 2 and 3, to the Optional Protocol to The Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

2.3 INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT
The Central Agency for Information Technology (*) launched a National Awareness Program in 2008 and maintains a weekly broadcast in Kuwait Satellite Channel on a variety of IT topics including internet safety.

2.4 REPORTING MECHANISM

There is no website or hotline dedicated to child online protection in Kuwait.