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Overview of ITU-D Activities Related to Cybersecurity and Critical Information Infrastructure Protection

ITU Regional Workshop on Frameworks for Cybersecurity and CIIP Doha, Qatar 18-21 February 2008

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Introduction to ITU

- International organization where governments and private sector coordinate global telecom networks and services
- Founded in 1865, it is oldest specialized agency of the UN system
- 191 Member States, 780 Sector Members & Sector Associates
- Headquarters Geneva, 11 regional offices, 760 staff / 80 nationalities



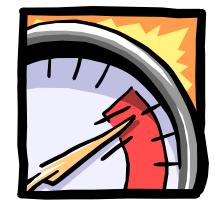
ITU Mission & More

- Maintain and extend international cooperation in telecommunications
- Technical and policy assistance to developing countries
- To harmonize actions of Member States and promote cooperation between Member States and Sector Members
- Instigator and manager of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) held in two phases
- ITU named as one of the world's ten most enduring institutions by US university scholars



Setting the Context

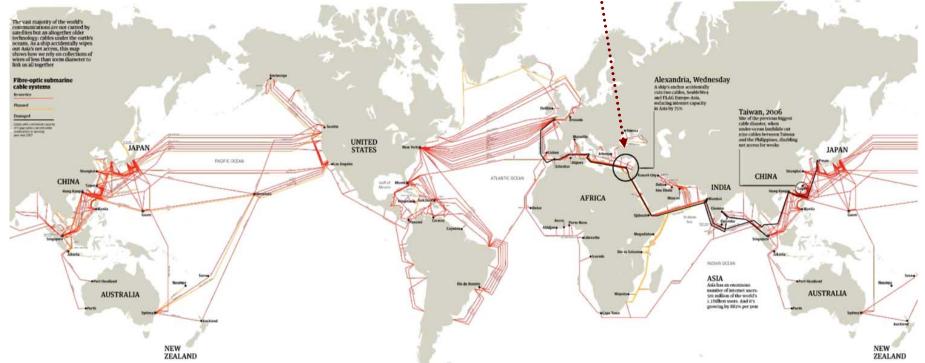
- In the 21st century, growing dependency on information and communications technologies (ICTs) that span the globe;
- Rapid growth in ICTs and dependencies led to shift in perception of cybersecurity threats in mid-1990s;
- Growing linkage of cybersecurity and critical information infrastructure protection (CIIP);

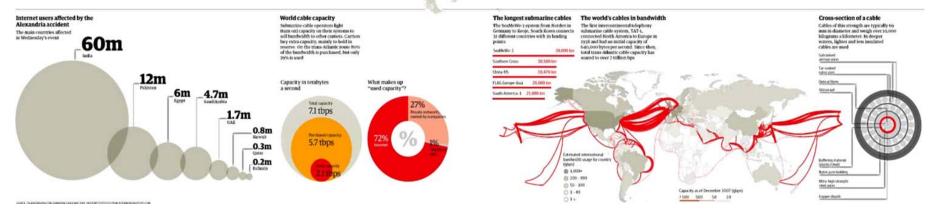


- Number of countries began assessment of threats, vulnerabilities and explored mechanisms to redress them;
- But most countries have not formulated or implemented a national strategy for cybersecurity or CIIP;
- In parallel with national consideration, move to international political agenda.

Is Cybersecurity/CIIP Important? Net Outage – February 2008

The internet's undersea world







ITU Development Sector Role

- From ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006):
 - Resolution 130: Strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies;
- From World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006):
 - ITU-D Study Group 1 Question 22/1
 - Cybersecurity part of Programme 3 managed by ITU-D ICT Applications and Cybersecurity Division



Key Activities Underway

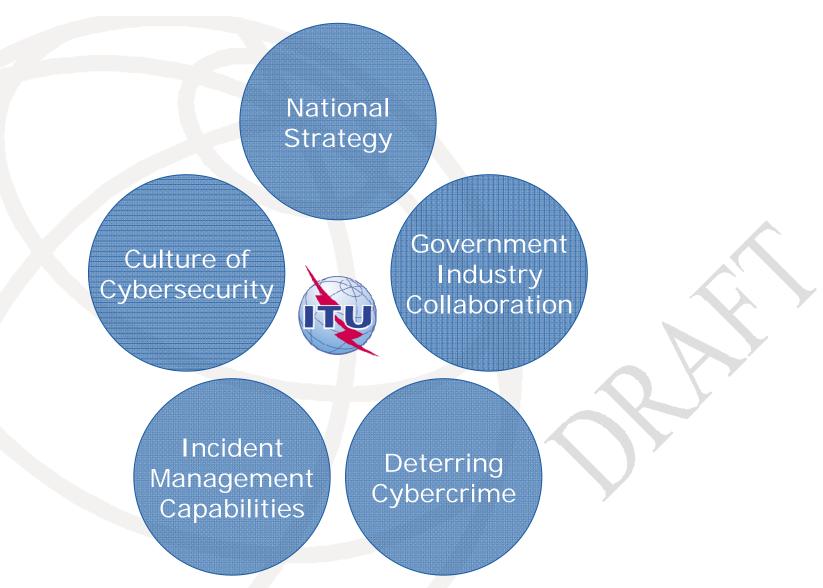
- ITU-D Study Group 1 Question 22/1: Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity
 - Developing Framework for Organizing a National Approach to Cybersecurity
- ITU-D Programme 3 ITU
 Cybersecurity Work Programme to Assist Developing Countries
- Close synergies between these two activities



ITU Cybersecurity Work Programme to Assist Developing Countries 2007-2009

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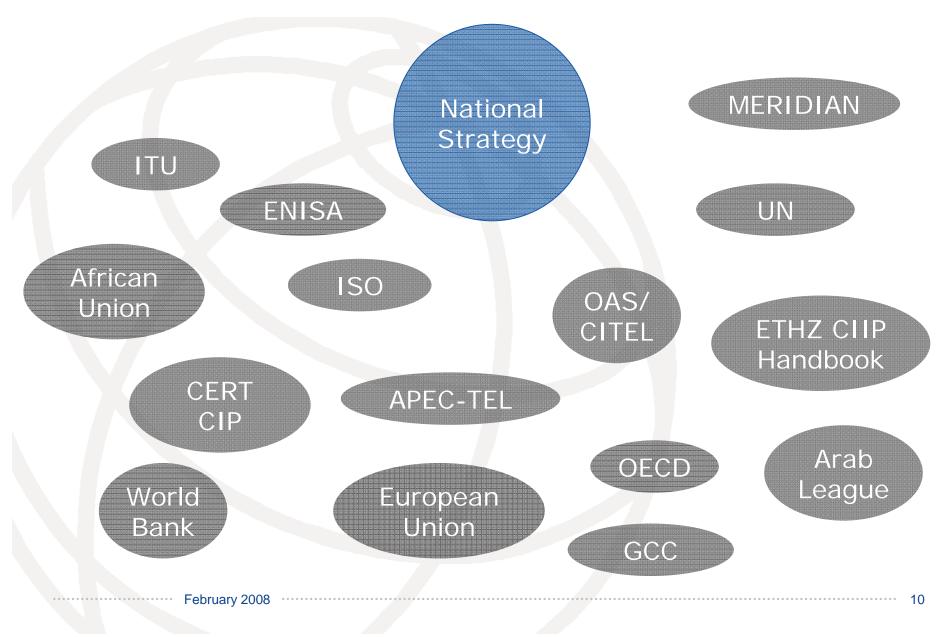
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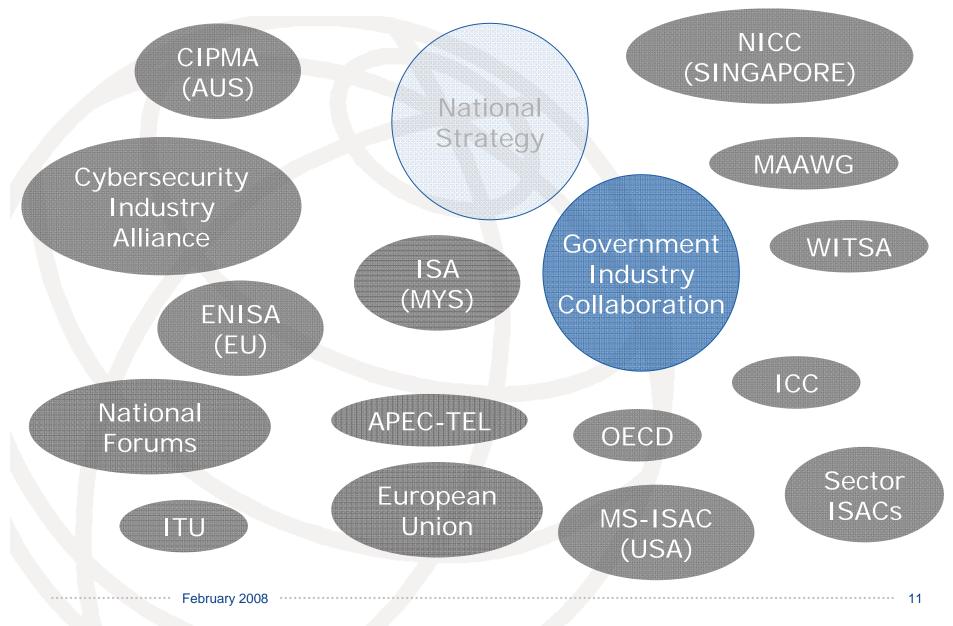


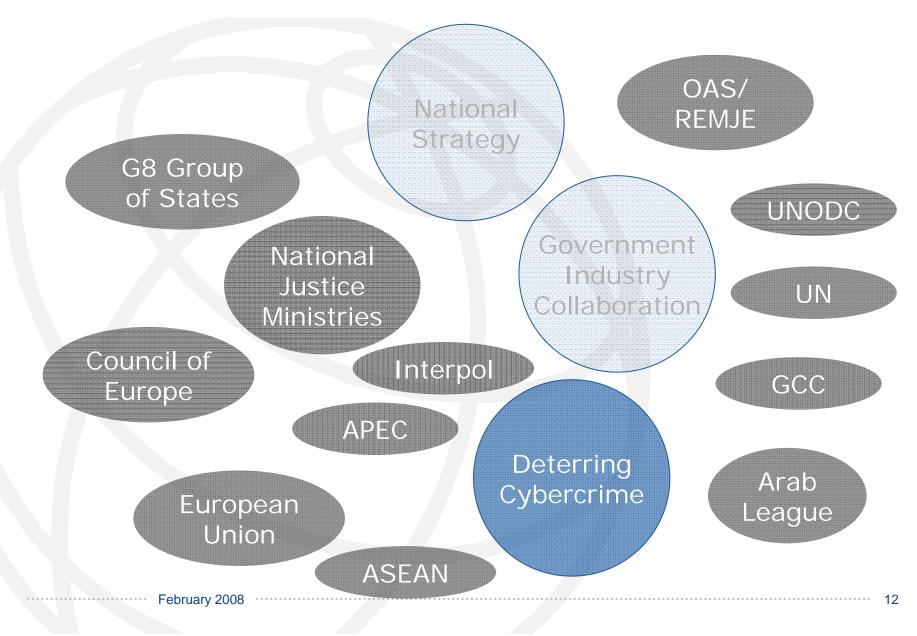
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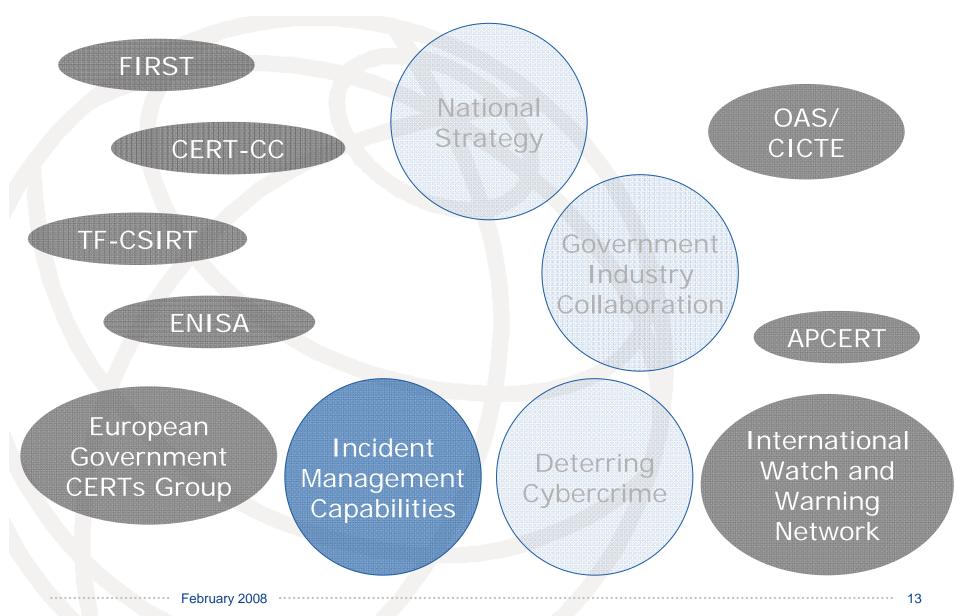
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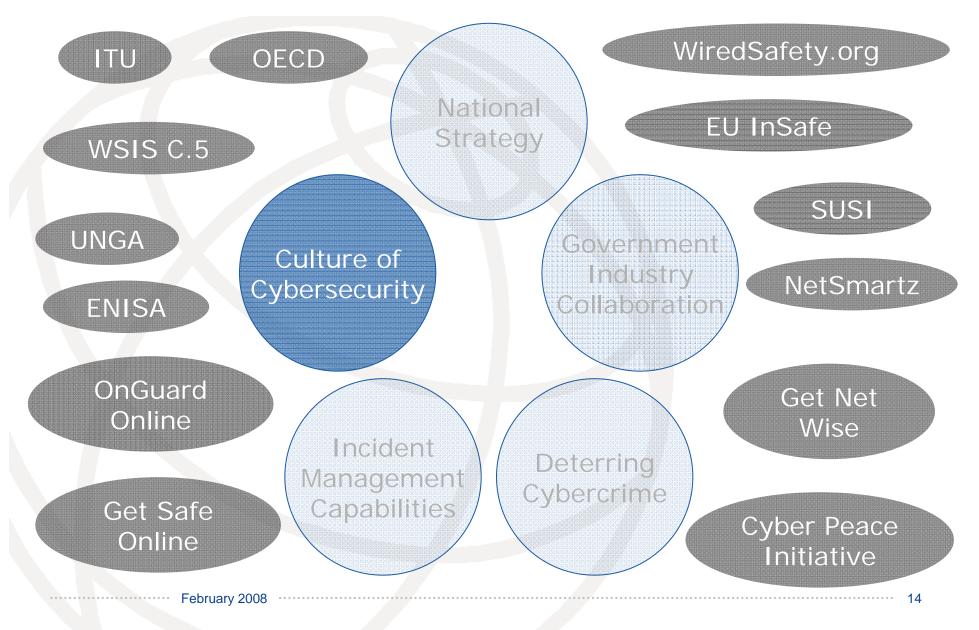
Thousands of Existing Initiatives and Actors Involved













ITU Efforts to Support Framework and National Implementation Efforts

- Reference material and training resources
- Toolkits including ITU National Cybersecurity/CIIP Self-Assessment Toolkit
- Regional Cybersecurity Forums
 - August 2007: Vietnam
 - October 2007: Argentina
 - November 2007: Cape Verde
 - February 2008: Qatar
 - June 2008: Australia
 - > August 2008: Zambia (TBC)
 - > October 2008: Bulgaria
 - November 2008: Tunisia



Cybersecurity Work Programme to Assist Developing Countries: High Level Elements

- Assistance related to Establishment of National Strategies and Capabilities for Cybersecurity and Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP)
- Assistance related to Establishment of appropriate Cybercrime Legislation and Enforcement Mechanisms
- Assistance related to establishment of Watch, Warning and Incident Response (WWIR) Capabilities
- Assistance related to Countering Spam and Related Threats

- Assistance in Bridging Security-Related Standardization Gap between Developing and Developed Countries
- Establishment of an ITU Cybersecurity/CIIP Directory, Contact Database and Who's Who Publication
- Cybersecurity Indicators
- Fostering Regional Cooperation Activities
- Information Sharing and Supporting the ITU Cybersecurity Gateway
- Outreach and Promotion of Related Activities

www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/cybersecurity/docs/itu-cybersecurity-work-programme-developing-countries.pdf

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Specific Activities: Some Examples

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National Strategies/Capabilities for Cybersecurity & CIIP

- Establishment of National Frameworks for Cybersecurity & CIIP
- National Cybersecurity/CIIP Readiness Self-Assessment Toolkit
 Pilot tests in selected countries
- Regional Cybersecurity Forums on Frameworks for Cybersecurity and CIIP
- Online Experts Forum to Help Developing Countries Develop Capacity
- Toolkit for Promoting a Culture of Cybersecurity (2008)
- Online Training Modules for Cybersecurity Awareness and Solutions
- References:
 - http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/cybersecurity/projects/readiness.html
 - http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/cybersecurity/strategies.html
 - http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/

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CYB Activities Cybersecurity E-Strategies ICT Applications Internet and IP Networks Telecentres General Information	 National Strategies for Cybersecurity and Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP) Modern societies have a growing dependency on information and communication technologies that are globall interconnected. However, this interconnectivity also creates interdependencies and risks that need to be mana at national, regional and international levels. Enhancing cybersecurity and protecting critical information infrastructures are essential to each nation's security and economic well-being. At the national level, this is a shared responsibility requiring coordinated action related to the prevention, preparation, response, and recovery from incidents on the part of government authorities, the private sector a citizens. At the regional and international level, this entails cooperation and coordination with relevant partner formulation and implementation of a national framework for cybersecurity and critical information infrastructure protection (CIIP) requires a comprehensive approach. 	aged Practices for a National Approach to Cybersecurity Presentation: ICTs and e- Environment - Overview of BDT Scoping Study for nd Developing Countries s. The IBrowse CYB News Feeds
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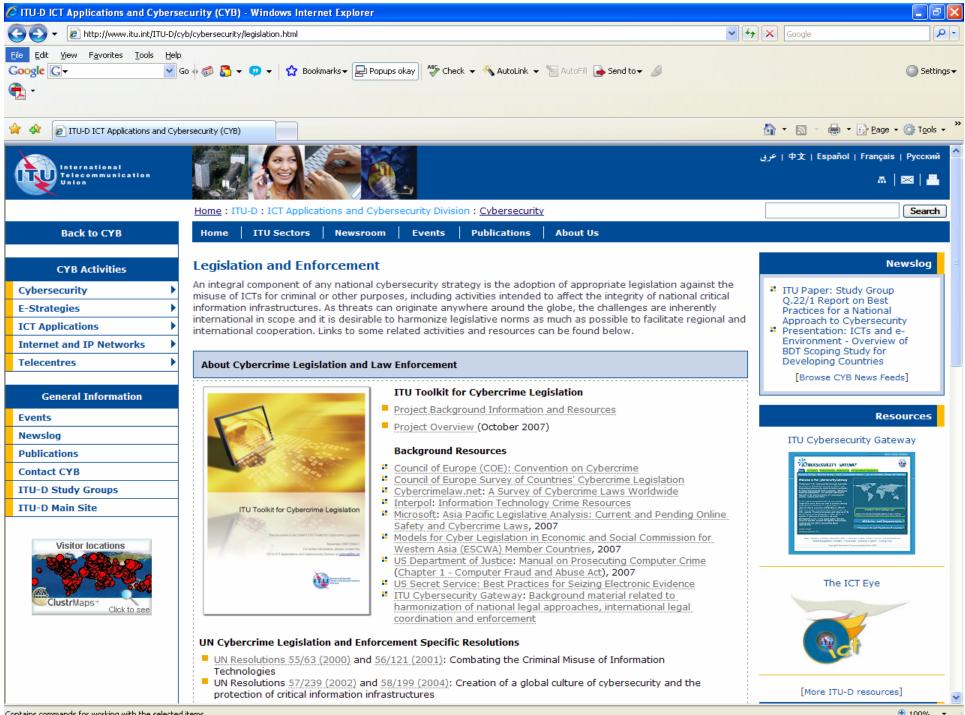


Establishment of Appropriate Cybercrime Legislation and Enforcement Mechanisms

- Regional Capacity Building Activities on Cybercrime Legislation and Enforcement
- Cybercrime Publication: undergoing editing, published in early 2008
- ITU Toolkit for Cybercrime Legislation (2008)

References

www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/cybersecurity/legislation.html



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ITU Toolkit for Cybercrime Legislation

- Representing one of five elements Q22/1, deterring cybercrime is an integral component of a national cybersecurity/CIIP strategy
- ITU Toolkit for Cybercrime Legislation aims to provide countries with reference material that can assist in the establishment of a legislative framework to deter cybercrime;
- Development of toolkit undertaken by multidisciplinary international group of experts:
 - first draft early 2008.



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Establishment of Watch, Warning and Incident Response (WWIR) Capabilities

- Assistance to Developing Countries related to Establishment of Watch, Warning and Incident Response (WWIR) Capabilities
- CSIRT Primer and Survey
- CSIRT Toolkit
- Inventory of Watch, Warning and Incident Response Capabilities by Region
- Standard Reporting Format for Fraudulent Online Activities (with e-crime extensions) (2008-2009)
- References
 - www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/cybersecurity/wwir.html

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General Information	More on Watch, Warning and Incident Response		Resources ITU Cybersecurity Gateway
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	CERT/CC Virtual Training Environment (VTE) Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams	services, this includes: alerts and warnings, advisories, technical assistance and security-related training.	The ICT Eye
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	European Government CERTs (EGC) Group	CPNI, United Kingdom: The WARP Toolbox	Ser.
	Dutch Belnet CERT resources TERENA TF-CSIRT resources (task force involves	 GOVCERT.nl, The Netherlands: CSIRT in a Box Training resource for incident response teams 	
	 IERENA IT-CSIRT resources (task force involves CSIRTs/CERTs from all over Europe) IENISA: Inventory of CERT activities in Europe, 2006 ICHIHT) resources (includes listing of incident 		[More ITU-D resources]
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		handling tools)	
	Regional Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT) resources	handling tools)	ITU and ETH Zurich: A Generic National Framework for Critical



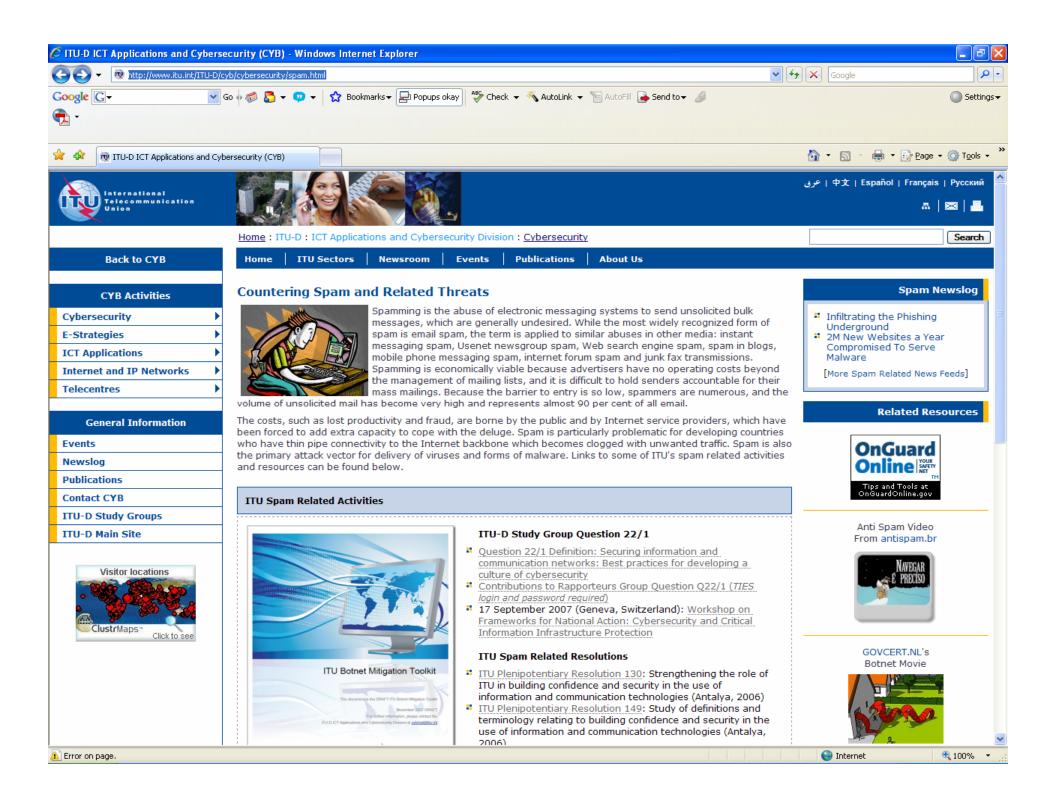
Information Sharing through Enhancing the ITU Cybersecurity Gateway

- Enhancement of the ITU Cybersecurity Gateway
- Establishment of an ITU Cybersecurity/CIIP Directory
- Establishment of an ITU Cybersecurity/CIIP Contact Database
- Establishment of Annual Who's Who in Cybersecurity/CIIP Publication
- Establishment of an Annual ITU Cybersecurity Publication
- ITU Cybersecurity Fellowship Programme for Developing Countries
- References
 - http://www.itu.int/cybersecurity/gateway/



Countering Spam and Related Threats

- Survey on Anti-Spam Legislation Worldwide (underway)
- Botnet Mitigation Toolkit for Developing Countries
 - Pilot Projects for Implementation of Toolkit (Malaysia)
- Joint Activities for StopSpamAlliance.org
- Study on Financial Aspects of Spam and Malware (with ITU-T Study Group 3)
- Translation of Message Anti-Abuse Working Group Best Practices Docs (almost completed)
 - Code of Conduct
 - MAAWG Managing Port25
 - BIAC-MAAWG Best Practices Expansion Document
 - Anti-Phishing Best Practices for ISPs and Mailbox Providers
 - MAAWG Sender BCP Version 1.1 & Executive Summary
- References
 - http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/cybersecurity/spam.html



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Case Study: Spam, Malware, Botnets

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ITU Study on Financial Aspects of Network Security: Malware & Spam

- Malware and spam are converging: spam is used to expand and sustain botnets, which are, in turn, used to send spam
- Negative and positive financial effects
 Costs for individuals, organizations, nations
 Benefits for legal but also illegal players
- Study aims at documenting the state of knowledge of these financial aspects

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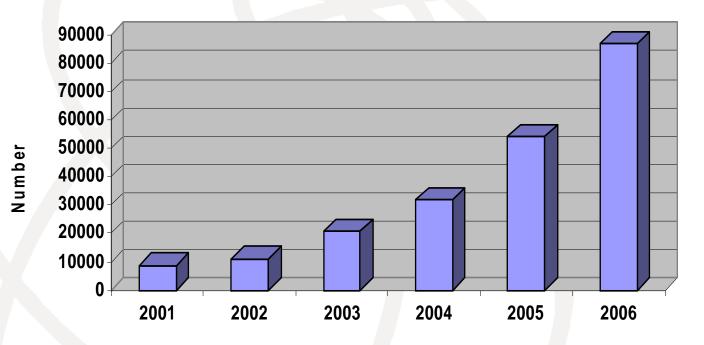


Economics of Security

- New international "division of labor" contributes to cheap yet increasingly sophisticated forms of attacks
- Net profits of fraudulent and criminal activity are presently high, contributing to expanding security violations
- Better empirical information basis is required for more effective countermeasures



New malware releases



Year

Source: Kasperski Labs, 2007



An economic perspective

- Highly complex interactions in the information and communication technology (ICT) value net
- Legitimate and illegitimate players act rational, responding to (perceived) economic incentives
- Security failures caused by misaligned economic incentives as much as bad technical design or careless user behavior



"Benefits"

Legal business opportunities Security software and services Infrastructure equipment and bandwidth Illegal business opportunities Writing of malicious code Renting of botnets Profits from pump and dump stock schemes Commission on spam-induced sales Sales of illegally acquired goods Money laundering



Outline of Study (March 2008)

- Principal investigators:
 - Dr. Michel J. G. van Eeten, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
 - Dr. Johannes M. Bauer, Michigan State University, USA
- The problem of malware
- Business models related to malware
- Financial aspects of malware
- Financial aspects of spam
- Preliminary assessment of welfare effects



Case Study: Botnets

 Botnets (also called zombie armies or drone armies) are networks of compromised computers infected with viruses or malware to turn them into "zombies" or "robots" without the owners' knowledge.



- 2007 generation botnets such as Zhelatin (Storm Worm) are particularly aggressive using advanced techniques such as fast-flux networks and striking back with denial of service (DDOS) attacks against security researchers or vendors trying to mitigate botnet
 - "Fast-flux service networks are a network of compromised computer systems with public DNS records that are constantly changing, in some cases every few minutes. These constantly changing architectures make it much more difficult to track down criminal activities and shut down their operations."
 - Honeynet Project & Research Alliance





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ITU Botnet Mitigation Project inspired by Australian Internet Security Initiative (AISI)

- Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) partnership with 25 Australian ISPs
 - ACMA collects data on IPs emitting malware
 - Identifies IPs operated by participating Australian ISPs
 - Notifies ISP responsible for affected IPs
 - ISPs undertake to mitigate malware activity from infected IPs on their networks
 - Notify infected customers
 - Change security and filtering policies as necessary
- AISI project working internationally to fight botnets and has agreed to assist ITU project and extend AISI to other ITU Member States



ITU Botnet Mitigation Package

- Framework for national botnet related policy, regulation and enforcement
- Multi-stakeholder international cooperation and outreach
 - Phase 1 (2007): Downloadable toolkit/guidelines for ITU Member States
 - Phase 2 (2008/2009): Targeted national/regional assistance initiatives
 - Malaysia, TBD

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Recap of Desired Outcomes of this Event

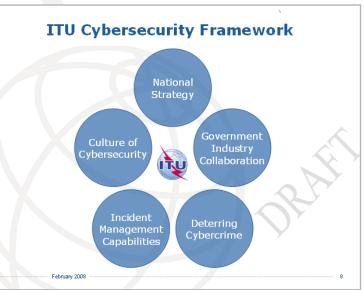
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Explain the ITU Cybersecurity Framework

To identify major cybersecurity actors in a country, their roles and means of coordination, interaction, and cooperation...





Including those who...

- Lead government interagency efforts on cybersecurity and provide operational guidance;
- Interact with the private sector with regards to cybersecurity whether for cybercrime, incident management, or technical and policy development;
- Develop and enforce laws related to cybersecurity;
- Coordinate action related to the prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from cyber incidents; and,
- Promote a national culture of cybersecurity, including awareness-raising for individuals, small businesses and other users.



More Information

- ITU-D ICT Applications and Cybersecurity Division
 - www.itu.int/itu-d/cyb/
- ITU-D Cybersecurity Overview
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