CYBERSECURITY

Friday, October 15
14:30-16:30   Session SE.4 — room G

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) called upon ITU to act as the sole facilitator of action line C5, "Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs". In response, ITU Secretary-General, Dr. Hamadoun I. Touré, launched the Global Cybersecurity Agenda(GCA), which is a framework for international cooperation aimed at enhancing confidence and security in the information society.

ITU-IMPACT's endeavor is the first global multi-stakeholder and public-private alliance against cyber threats, staging its state-of-the-art facilities in Cyberjaya, Malaysia. An operational home of ITU's Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA), it supports ITU Member States and others with the expertise, facilities and resources to effectively enhance the global community's capability and capacity to prevent, defend against and respond to cyber threats.

This session will highlight the key issues in cybersecurity and ITU's response through its ITU-IMPACT endeavor, under the GCA framework.

The discussion will be organized around the five work areas of the Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA). Within this framework some of the key questions include:

- What is the appropriate nature and extent of international harmonization regarding cybercrime legislation, given that many of the current initiatives are largely limited to the regional level rather than at a global level?

- Given that the private industry's technical prowess is essential for responding to cyberthreats, how can it fulfill its role as a key stakeholder in the global fight against cyberthreats?

- Given the increasing sophistication of cyber threats and the danger posed to critical infrastructure, what role should be played by the international harmonization of security policies and standard as well as for 'watch and warning systems'?

- People are the weakest link: what are the most effective capacity building strategies that promote and secure a sustainable and proactive culture of cybersecurity?