

# The Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative

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# Outline

- ✓ The development of the Initiative
- ✓ CCI explained
- ✓ CHOGM mandate
- ✓ Law Ministers' Meeting 2011
- ✓ Current Status
- ✓ Requests for assistance
- ✓ Way Forward



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# The Internet



- ✓ Individual and democratic freedoms
- ✓ E-Governance
- ✓ Financial transactions, trade and commerce –  
Confidence in Internet structures will serve to drive economic global activity



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## A borderless, global e-marketplace – Global Threats



- ✓ Fraud
- ✓ Child pornography
- ✓ Money Laundering
- ✓ Human Trafficking
- ✓ Terrorism
- ✓ Illegal Drugs



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## Global Problem needs a Global Solution through a Holistic Multi-stakeholder Approach

- ✓ Updating and harmonising legal regimes
- ✓ Supportive policies and institutions
- ✓ Effective enforcement
- ✓ Cross-border cooperation and coordination
- ✓ Assistance to developing countries



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# The Role of the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth aims to be the catalyst and enabler in promoting a more effective cross-national response to cyber threats.



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# Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting October, 2011

Heads committed to improve international security by: “... improving legislation and capacity in tackling cyber crime and other other cyber space security threats, including through the Commonwealth Internet Governance Forum’s Cybercrime Initiative...”

CHOGM communiqué. Para 7(i)



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“ Ministers ... recognise the significant threat cybercrime poses to national security and law enforcement in all countries of the Commonwealth; [and ask] a multidisciplinary working group of experts to... identify the most effective means of international co-operation and enforcement... with a view to identifying best practice, educational material and training programmes for investigators, prosecutors and judicial officers. ... ”

*Commonwealth Law Ministers Communique, 2011*





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# Commonwealth Model Law

- ✓ Minimum foundation for common definitions and thresholds
- ✓ Harmonised domestic criminal laws
- ✓ Establishment of Legal Frameworks that will enable international cooperation
- ✓ Fast and effective regime of international cooperation for fast and effective investigation and prosecution.



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## Criteria for Considering Requests?

- ✓ High level political commitment to the assistance being requested
- ✓ Respect for Human Rights and Freedom of Expression amongst other Commonwealth Values
- ✓ A context for the assistance requested – no drive-by training



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# Programme of Work

- ✓ Scoping Exercise
- ✓ Gap Analysis
- ✓ Development of national/regional strategy
- ✓ Implementation of Strategy



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## Partners' Collaboration

- ✓ Resources and expertise are drawn from the pool of partners to the Initiative.
- ✓ Partners contribute to specific project work as mandated by their parent organisations
- ✓ If required, resources external to the Partners are also sought as per advice from Steering Group



## Partners

COMNET  
COMSEC  
UNODC  
ICMEC  
ICSPA  
ICANN  
CBC  
CTO  
CPA

ITU  
Partner Countries  
Council of Europe  
Diplo Foundation  
Center for Internet  
Safety, Canberra  
CTU  
Cyberethics, Cyprus  
CPS/GPN

AT&T  
CHIS  
ENASCO  
ISS  
INTERPOL  
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# Expertise Required



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Technical



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# Current Status of Initiative

- ✓ Governance Structure
- ✓ Interim constitution
- ✓ Interim Management Board
- ✓ Inaugural Steering Group Meeting



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# Governance Structure

A legal consultation took place in Dec 2011

- ✓ Secretariat
- ✓ Executive Management Board composed of Government reps and COMSEC
- ✓ Steering Group composed of reps from all partner organisations to the Initiative





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# Funding

Two funding streams have been identified:

1. Operational – Seed fund to finance the operations of the Initiative
2. Project – to cover the cost of specific assistance sought by recipient countries.

NB. Seed fund for operations has been established with contributions from COMSEC, govts of UK & Malta.



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# Requests for Assistance

The following have been received:

- ✓ Government of Ghana
- ✓ Secretariat for the Pacific Community
- ✓ Government of St Kitts and Nevis
- ✓ Gov of Antigua - identified as possible candidates for assistance
- ✓ Government of Montserrat - same as Antigua



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# GHANA Project

Setting up of National CIRT and Development of National Cybercrime Strategy.

A scoping mission was deployed to Ghana between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 led by Tim Crosland from SOCA, UK.

This was fast tracked in order to present concrete findings for discussion at the inaugural Steering Group Meeting of February 28<sup>th</sup> 2012.



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# Forward Plan

- ✓ Coordinate Assistance requested so far
- ✓ Road Map and deliverables
- ✓ Outreach and Awareness Raising
- ✓ Encourage member states to contribute to CCI
- ✓ Proact CW Governments to take advantage of CCI
- ✓ Coordinate the development and programme of work for the Initiative



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# Questions?



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