



# Responsible state behaviour in cyberspace

A capacity building program for  
ASEAN Member States



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In April 2018, ASEAN leaders reiterated their vision for a peaceful, secure and resilient regional cyberspace as an enabler of economic progress, enhanced regional connectivity and betterment of living standards for all. They also recognised the need for all ASEAN Member States to implement practical confidence-building measures (CBMs) and adopt a set of common, voluntary and nonbinding norms of responsible state behaviour in cyberspace.



In September 2018, ministers responsible for cybersecurity agreed to subscribe in principle to the norms recommended in the 2015 report of the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security (UNGGE), and to focus on regional capacity-building in implementing these norms.

The creation of two UN cyber initiatives in 2019 presents an important opportunity to further discuss issues relating to peace and stability in cyberspace. Both the UN Group of Governmental Experts (UN GGE) and a new UN Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) will consider issues relating to norms of responsible state behaviour. It's therefore crucial that the history and implications of prior agreements relating to the 11 norms articulated by the 2015 UN GGE are widely understood.

## Objectives

This series of workshops and training sessions strives to support the ASEAN region towards further adoption and meaningful implementation of the 2015 UN GGE report's recommendations. The workshops will review global developments in advancing norms for responsible state behaviour; identify opportunities for the ASEAN community to engage in these discussions; and consider how the norms can be implemented, alongside an assessment of training and capacity needs.

To that end, the project aims to deliver three objectives:

- build an understanding of the history of previous UN GGEs and their reports, including the topics of international norms, confidence-building measures, and the application of international law
- provide an overview of the practicalities of the upcoming UN GGE and OEWG processes
- support the active engagement of the ASEAN community in regional discussions on international norms, such as through the ASEAN Regional Forum.

## Expected participants

- Representation from national agencies in ASEAN Member States responsible for cybersecurity and cyber diplomacy.
- ASEAN Secretariat (in regional workshops).
- Selected ASEAN-based experts from academia, think tanks (local members of ASEAN-ISIS and the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific) and industry.

## Draft calendar of events

International and regional events		Project activities	
Fourth ASEAN Regional Forum Open-Ended Study Group on Confidence-Building Measures to Reduce the Risk of Conflict Stemming from the Use of ICTs	26 March 2019	Invitations sent out to all ASEAN Member States	April 2019
Second ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Security of and in the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ARF ISM on ICTs Security)	28–29 March 2019		
OWEG organisational meeting	3–4 June 2019	First regional workshop, Kuala Lumpur	11–12 June 2019
UN Institute for Disarmament Research, Cyber Stability Conference, New York	6 June 2019		
ASEAN Leaders' Summit	20-23 June 2019		
		First national training	August 2019
First meeting OWEG	9–13 September 2019		
Singapore International Cyber Week	1–3 October 2019	Second national training	October 2019
First OWEG Inter-Sessional meeting	2–4 December 2019	Second regional workshop	End of November
UN GGE expert session	5–13 December 2019	Third national training	January 2020
Second meeting OWEG	10–14 February 2020	Fourth national training	February 2020
Second UNGGE expert session	March 2020	Fifth national training	April 2020
Final OWEG meeting	6–10 July 2020	Third regional workshop	June 2020
Third UNGGE expert session	August 2020		
Final UNGGE expert session	20–28 May 2021		

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