Cybersecurity and Strengthening Democratic Processes

February 27-28, 2019

St. Hugh's College, Oxford, United Kingdom

DAY 1   Wednesday, February 27th

09:00 - 09:30   **Opening Remarks**
- Farah Urrutia, Secretary of Multidimensional Security, OAS
- Andrew Dinsley, Head of Programmes, Cyber Security, National Security Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office-UK
- Sadie Creese, Founding Director, The Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre

09:30 - 10:00   **Introduction to the Digital Ecosystem and Cyber Threats**
- Lea Kasper, Executive Director, Global Partners Digital
- Miguel Rego, CEO, iHackLabs

Moderator: OAS General Secretariat

This session will cover what is cybersecurity and cybercrime and where it sits within the conventional security dialogue; key actors; steps that have been taken to combat cybersecurity threats and the role of parliamentarians in implementing, scrutinizing and promoting the cyber security agenda.

10:00 - 10:30   **Building an Open, Safe and Stable Cyberspace**
- Dr. Daniel Stauffacher, President, ICT4Peace

Moderator: Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre (GCSCC)

This session will examine what is meant by an open, safe and stable cyberspace; achievements at the international and regional level and the main considerations for parliamentarians in the international debate on cyberspace stability; The session will also explore the importance for the development of a consolidated national strategy/policy or framework on cyber security; the type of consultation necessary to ensure national buy-in to the process; as well as considerations to ensure successful implementation given the need for international co-operation.

10:30 - 10:45   Coffee break

10:45 - 11:15   **OAS and the Commonwealth Experience in Electoral Cooperation -Digital Considerations**

Moderator: OAS General Secretariat

This session will give an overview of the OAS experience in electoral cooperation – observations and recommendations.

11:15 - 12:30   **Threats to election technology: An Estonian Case Study**
- Lauri Tankler, Analyst, Cyber Security Service, Estonian Information System Authority

This session will give an overview of some of the threats to election technology as outlined in the Compendium on Cyber Security of Election Technology and Estonia is approaching the protection of the Estonian parliamentary elections.

12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:45	**Digital threats to the democratic processes** • Mark Harboard, Head of Cybersecurity at the UK Parliament • Pablo Viollier, Public Policy Analyst, Derechos Digitales • Alex Bravo, Specialist in Electoral Technologies, at Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation (SSD/DECO), OAS General Secretariat **Moderator:** Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre (GCSCC) *This session will examine the experience from both Latin America and the Caribbean in addressing digital threats including human rights considerations.*
14:45 - 15:15	**Political Parties and Society – Challenges in addressing cybersecurity threats** **Exchange of experiences and challenges from the Region** **Moderator:** OAS General Secretariat *During this session participants will be asked to make brief interventions on their country experiences in dealing with the democratic process (including elections) and digital threats.*
15:15 - 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 - 16:00	**Case Study: Role of social media manipulation during the Brazilian election** • Caio Machado, Oxford Internet Institute
16:00	End of Day 1

DAY 2 Thursday, February 28th

09:00 - 09:45

Conflicts in Cyberspace
- Mariarosaria Taddeo, University of Oxford
- Eneken Tikk, Senior Advisor ICT4Peace Foundation

Moderator: OAS General Secretariat

This session will explore ethical considerations in political conflict in cyberspace by examining threats both real and perceived (espionage, terrorism, state actors, non-state conflict behaviour) on an international, regional and national scale. How effective are these attacks in achieving military or political gain? What is the role of parliamentarians, civil, military or private stakeholders?

09:45 - 10:30

Breakout Sessions
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10:30 - 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 - 12:00

Breakout Sessions (Cont'd)
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12:00 - 13:00

Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

Roundtable - Considerations for drafting a cybersecurity laws and frameworks
Moderator: OAS General Secretariat

14:00 - 15:00

Next steps: Cybersecurity Guideline for Democratic Processes in LAC
OAS General Secretariat
This session will explain to the participants the project and the next steps including a Survey that will be distributed throughout the region to relevant stakeholders.

15:00 - 16:00

Issues for consideration in the protection of the democratic process against digital threats
Moderator: OAS General Secretariat

This discussion will explore whether the participants from the region understand the current threats (based on the international landscape), to explore the role parliamentarians play in addressing these digital threats to the electoral and democratic process and challenges that they are facing in this regard. This will be the basis for the development of the Guide.

16:00 - 16:30

Summary and conclusions

16:30

End of Day 2