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Jointly organised by:

**United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS) Commission
African Union Commission
African Centre for Cyberlaw and Cybercrime Prevention (ACCP)
United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of
Offenders (UNAFRI)
Council of Europe (COE)
UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law)
ISS (Institute for Security Studies)**

Workshop hosted by:

KAIPTC - Cyber Security Institute (CSI)



About the workshop

Workshop purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to support countries of the ECOWAS region in the harmonization and strengthening of legal frameworks on e-commerce, including electronic transactions, cybercrime and data protection.

Following a joint plenary session on the first day of the workshop, the event will be divided into two tracks:

- Cyberlaw harmonization track: this track is supported by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) as a part of a project to strengthen regional harmonization of laws on electronic commerce and by the ECOWAS Commission and the African Union Commission in their efforts to ensure the implementation at national level of regional legal frameworks on electronic transactions, cybercrime and data protection. This track is to result in a deeper knowledge of participants of e-commerce laws and a review of progress made.
- Cybercrime track: this part is supported by the Council of Europe under its Project Cybercrime@Octopus – which is aimed at strengthening cybercrime legislation and criminal justice capacities on the basis of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime – in cooperation with ACCP, UNAFRI and ISS. This track is to result in a checklist to be prepared by participants of issues already addressed in their respective country and of issues that still need to be addressed in view of a comprehensive legal and criminal justice response to cybercrime.

Workshop participants

The workshop is addressed to officials responsible for e-commerce law reform and for legislation and the criminal justice response to cybercrime from Cape Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone as well as other countries of the ECOWAS region. The workshop will be held in English only.¹

Workshop location and contacts

The workshop will be hosted by the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC). <http://www.kaiptc.org/>

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¹ UNCTAD held a workshop for French-speaking ECOWAS countries in Dakar, Senegal, 11-14 February 2014.

Tuesday, 18 March 2014	
	Plenary session
8:30 - 9:00	Registration of participants
9:00 - 9:10	Opening of Workshop and Introduction of Key Note Speaker : Commandant of KAIPTC
9:10 - 9:30	Key Note Speaker : The Hon Minister of Communications (Ghana)
9:30 - 9:45	Introduction of organizing agencies and organizations: UNCTAD, AUC, UNCITRAL, ITU, ACCP, UNAFRI, COE, ISS
9:45 - 10:00	Dr Maicibi Alhas – Gen Sec ACCP Presentation of workshop objectives and overview
10:00 - 12:30	UNCTAD, UNCITRAL (MR JAE SUNG LEE AND MS CECILE BAREAYE) "Electronic commerce legislation (Electronic transactions / electronic signature and authentication)"
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	RusselTyner (Crown Prosecution Services – United Kingdom) "Computer Crime and the Budapest Convention "
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 - 17:15	Data protection and privacy (UNCTAD)

Wednesday, 19th March 2014

	E-regulations track :		Cybercrime track
9:00 - 10:30	Prof Ian Walden- Consumer Protection	9:00 - 10:30	Dr Akalemwa Ngenda - 'Cybercrime legislation in African states '
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break	10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:30	Prof Ian Walden - Intellectual property rights	10:45 - 12:30	Albert Antwi-Bosiakako - 'Challenges of Cybercrime -Investigations in the Ecowas sub-region & the way Forward'
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Prof Ian Walden - Domain Names	14:00 - 15:30	Orji Uchennajerome ' African Regional - Perspectives '
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break	15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 - 17:15	Prof Ian Walden - Freedom of information	15:45 - 17:15	Substantive Cybercrime Law (Budapest Convention)- Sizwe Snail kaMtuze

Thursday, 20 March 2014

8:30 - 12:30	Launch of CCI – Government of Ghana Collaboration	8:30 - 12:30	Launch of CCI – Government of Ghana Collaboration
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Prof Ian Walden - E-Commerce in ECOWAS, including mobile money	14:00 - 15:30	Dr Maureen Owor and Sizwe SNaikkaMtuze - Procedural Cybercrime law (Budapest Convention)
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break	15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 - 17:15	Prof Jan Walden - Presentation of national regulation ICT and e-commerce by countries in the region	15:45 - 17:15	Orji Uchennajerome - ECOWAS Approach to Cyber Crime

Friday, 21 March 2014

9:00 - 10:30	Prof Ian Walden -Harmonisation of e-commerce laws in the region	9:00 - 10:30	International Cooperation (Dr Seger Alexander)
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break	10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 - 12:30	Prof Ian Walden -Harmonisation of e-commerce laws in the region(continued)	10:45 - 12:30	Cybercrime training tools for law enforcement, prosecutors and judges (Owor, Ngenda, Seger, SnailkaMtuze)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	12:30 - 14:00	Cont'd
14:00 - 16:00	Workshop Conclusions and Closing Ceremony (Patrick Mwaita)		