

CONCEPT PAPER

ASEAN Regional Forum

2012 Workshop on Cyber Security Incident Response

Proposal

The Australian Government Attorney-General's Department (AGD) proposes a 2012 Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise workshop in [ARF country] to explore and enhance ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) participants' capacity to cooperate in the event of a cyber security incident, with a focus on the benefits of consistent offences and information sharing mechanisms with law enforcement agencies and computer emergency response teams (CERTs). This proposal will demonstrate progress towards fulfilling the ARF Work Plan for Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime, specifically under the priority area of cyber security and cyber terrorism. In particular, it provides a capacity building project in the form of a multilateral discussion exercise that would test the implementation of international agreements, regional arrangements, and modes of communication among ARF and sub-regional participants.

Workshop Objectives/Topics

Previous ARF workshops on this topic have allowed members to gain an understanding and appreciation of individual participant's domestic arrangements in terms of legal frameworks, law enforcement and CERT structures. This workshop proposal would advance to the next logical step – to collaborate utilising these domestic arrangements, in the event of a cyber security incident.

The workshop would be run in the form of a discussion exercise, allowing countries to assess, evaluate and enhance their operational and law enforcement capabilities, legal framework(s) and information sharing mechanisms.

The aim of the workshop would be to develop participants understanding of how ARF and sub-regional participants collaborate in the event of a cyber security incident. The objectives of the workshop would be to:

- Develop an understanding of the domestic arrangements of each participant, including the equivalency of offences and law enforcement powers and procedures
- Understand and explore how to communicate and share information in the event of an incident
- Identify models of best practice within the region, and
- Prioritise capacity building activities for those participants with less matured frameworks and mechanisms.

Language, Venue, Date, Duration

Language: English

Location: TBD

Date: TBD (first half of 2012)

Duration: 2 days

Participants

We encourage all ARF participant states to send representatives at the working level from agencies responsible for cyber security, cyber crime and/or law enforcement, or other relevant authorities as appropriate. It would also be beneficial for representatives to be sent from the national computer emergency response teams.

Administrative Arrangements

Australia is currently seeking an ASEAN member state to co-chair and potentially host the workshop. Other ARF participant states are invited to co-chair or co-sponsor the event. If a participant state is interested in co-chairing or co-sponsoring the event, please contact Jane Quodling at the Attorney-General's Department (jane.quodling@ag.gov.au or +61 2 6141 3398).

Australia and [ARF Participant(s)] will meet the administrative costs of the workshop. The governments of Australia and [ARF Participant(s)] may also provide funding for some participants where appropriate. Otherwise international travel, accommodations, and other related costs will be the responsibility of participating countries. To minimise costs for participants, Australia would look to align this event with another related meeting in the region.