Invitation

“Getting Ready for the Global PoC Directory & CBM Implementation“

Wednesday, 6 March 2024 at 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Venue: German House, 871 UN Plaza

Side-Event hosted by the open, informal, cross-regional group of the OEWG Confidence Builders in the name of the following OEWG participating states: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Fiji, Germany, Israel, Jordan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, Singapore, Uruguay.

2024 will see the first time establishment of a Global Directory of Points of Contacts to facilitate exchange between all UN member states on issues related to cyber security and as a concrete step towards further advancing the cumulative and evolving framework for responsible state behaviour. The Directory will be designed to promote international peace and security as well as increase transparency and predictability. The Directory will serve as a basis for engaging in cyber confidence building measures at a global level. This follows the agreement by consensus in the Open Ended Working Group on Security of and in the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (OEWG) in 2023.

In view of preparing all UN member states for participation in the Global Directory from its inception in 2024, the Informal Cross-Regional Group of Confidence-Builders invites you to a side-event to share best practices on the establishment, management and use of Cyber Points of Contacts in various regional contexts. The Event will also inform about already existing support mechanisms for all UN member states wishing to join the Global Directory.

Here are some of the questions that this side event will seek to address:

- What capacities are needed at the national level to participate in the PoC-Directory?
- Which onboarding activities can facilitate accession to and use of the PoC-Directory?
- How can PoCs best be used to encourage relevant information exchange?
- How can the UN System assist first time user states of a PoC-Directory?
- What initiatives are needed to set incentives for active use of the PoC-Directory?

Confidence building practitioners from regional organisations and from UN member states will be contributing their experiences. UNODA has been invited to inform about available support mechanisms. Take-away lessons from this event will be summarized as input for further advancing OEWG discussions under the CBM agenda item.