



“From Regional Practice to Global Action – Implementing Confidence-Building Measures for the Protection of Critical Infrastructure”

22 July, 1:15 – 2:30 pm, German House (871-873 1st Avenue, 10017 New York)

We are pleased to invite you to a **Global Mechanism side-event** hosted by the Permanent Missions of **the Dominican Republic, Germany and Ghana**. A sandwich and salad lunch will be provided.

Background: Cyber confidence building measures (CBMs) can be practical cyber diplomacy tools to reduce the risks of misunderstanding, misperception and unintended escalation in cyberspace by promoting transparency, predictability and dialogue among states.

Implementation is particularly urgent in the area of the protection of critical infrastructure (CI). Cyber incidents affecting essential services, including energy, healthcare, finance, telecommunications and transportation can have significant security, economic and humanitarian consequences. Increasing digitalization, interconnected infrastructure and the growing role of private operators further amplify the risks across borders.

Effectively implementing CBMs can help strengthen trust between states, improve communication during incidents, and contribute to the resilience of CI. **Valuable experience can be drawn from the experience of regional organizations** that developed and implemented CBMs tailored to their regional contexts, such as OSCE, OAS or ECOWAS.

This side event will **examine lessons learned and best practices from regional implementation of cyber CBMs**, with a particular focus on measures supporting the protection of CI. By bringing together representatives from regional organizations and Member States, the discussion will explore how these regional experiences can inform implementation and operationalization of Global cyber CBMs and contribute to the work of the Global Mechanism.

Speakers

- **H.E. Samuel Yao Kumah**, Ambassador & Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations
- **Ambassador Claudio Miguel Peguero Castillo**, Advisor on Cyber Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic
- **Adelaide Otoo**, Lead for International Cooperation & Manager for Policy and Research (Strategic Partnerships), Cyber Security Authority Ghana
- **Szilvia Toth**, Cyber Security Officer, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- **Christina Rupp**, Lead researcher on International Cybersecurity Policy, interface
- **Moderator: Felix Kroll**, Cyber Coordinator of the German Federal Foreign Office

Please register until **22 July 2026, 10am E.T.**, to sr13-ext-giz@diplo.de.

Guiding Questions

- What lessons from regional CBM implementation are most relevant for the UN Global Mechanism?
- Which CBMs have proven most effective in strengthening the protection and resilience of CI?
- How can regional experiences be translated into practical implementation at the global level?
- How can cyber capacity-building support an effective, sustainable CBM implementation?
- How can the Dedicated Thematic Working Groups advance concrete, action-oriented implementation of CBMs, particularly in relation to CI?