



2018 IGF Best Practice Forum (BPF): Cybersecurity – Virtual Meeting I

Summary Report

5 June 2018

1. The IGF Best Practice Forum (BPF) on Cybersecurity held its first virtual meeting of 2018 on 5 June. The meeting was facilitated by Markus Kummer and Ben Wallis. The primary purpose of the call was to review the proposal for the 2018 cycle, which had been approved by the MAG, and to outline initial steps for carrying out the BPF's work.
2. The meeting began with the positive announcement that the [proposal](#) to continue the Cybersecurity BPF's work for a third year had been approved by the MAG. Markus, who is continuing as a facilitator, introduced Ben Wallis, the new co-facilitator replacing retired MAG member Segun Olugbile. To ensure all BPF participants receive the group's communications, the Secretariat reminded that a new mailing list had been created for the BPF, to which all should re-subscribe: http://intgovforum.org/mailman/listinfo/bpf-cybersecurity_intgovforum.org Members were informed that the new and old lists would run in parallel until the end of June, after which the old list would be closed.
3. Maarten van Horenbeeck, the BPF's lead expert in 2017 and primary author of the 2018 proposal, then gave an overview of the [document](#) and explained the suggestion to focus on 'culture, norms and values' in cybersecurity. It was made clear by Maarten and both co-facilitators that the emphasis of the proposed work would not be to develop new norms, but rather to examine existing ones as well as stakeholder buy-in and adherence relative to those norms, specifically taking into account developing country perspectives. The norms analyzed would be from all stakeholder settings. The approach also suggests looking at whether recommendations from last year's Cybersecurity BPF may now be considered as widely adopted or accepted 'best practices', and whether they have the potential to mature into norms. The members of the BPF were invited to give their inputs on the contents of the proposal and how best to move forward this work before the BPF's next meeting.
4. Several participants on the call reacted to the proposal and made initial comments. It was mentioned that gaps in compliance to cybersecurity norms can often be attributed to a lack of outreach and awareness that the norms exist, as well as the

exclusion of some countries when norm-setting is done. It was also said that criteria and methodologies for identifying norms might be considered. One participant cited comparisons to norms and norms development in the banking sector; although this references more of a 'hard law' perspective, it was agreed space in the BPF's future outcome document could be dedicated to this cross-sectoral analogy. Referring to the BPF's outcome and work in general, a few participants underscored the importance of making the final document as visible and as accessible as possible, and the need to maximize outreach with National and Regional IGF Initiatives (NRIs) and other IGF intersessional activities. NRIs, in particular, would be a key resource for incorporating developing country inputs into the BPF's activities.

5. Several actions for getting the work started were suggested by Maarten, and agreed on by the group, as follows:
 - a. A core group of volunteers will conduct the preliminary research on norms.
 - b. A call for inputs on the initial analysis will go out; one will be general and one will be aimed at NRIs. The call will make specific use of the group's contact lists, including lists compiled last year.
 - c. A summary of the responses will be drafted.
6. Responding to the above, a number of participants on the call volunteered to take part in the initial research, including Joanna Kulesza, Matthew Shears, and Sudha Bhuvaneshwari. There was also agreement that a second call for volunteers would be made on the BPF's mailing list. To guide the first round of research by volunteers, a few questions were recommended: *How do norms develop? What are the relevant norms? How are they implemented?*
7. Finally, it was agreed that a next call of the BPF should take place in approximately three weeks' time. Discussions would continue as needed on the BPF mailing list.

Annex I – Participants List

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