

Capacity Building Webinar on Information Security and Privacy for Pacific Countries 28 September – 1 October 2021; via Zoom

Background

Countries in the Pacific are still in the early stages of developing and improving their national ICT infrastructure and cybersecurity capabilities. They need assistance in creating the necessary cybersecurity capacity as well as the local capabilities within their workforce, particularly on how to formulate guiding frameworks for long-term national cybersecurity as well as how to address information security and privacy gaps. These also include establishing national Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT), developing information security and privacy strategies, and formulating cybercrime legislation.

The Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development, a regional institute of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), in partnership with Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific (CROP) ICT Working Group and Amazon Web Services, is organizing a **Capacity Building Webinar on Information Security and Privacy for Pacific Countries** on 28 September – 1 October 2021. The event is targeted to government officials from ICT ministries, telecommunication sector, regulatory authorities and related agencies from the Pacific.

The webinar aims to deepen understanding among Pacific stakeholders about the need for information security; issues and trends; and the process of formulating an information security strategy. It will also facilitate sharing of good practices, including standards of information security and privacy protection that are used by some countries and international information security organizations.

Learning Outcomes

The webinar aims to enhance understanding among government officials and key stakeholders about information security and privacy concepts; the threats and challenges related to information security; importance of information security policies; requirements for establishment and implementation of policy on information security, including the life cycle of information security policy; and standards of information security and privacy protection in other countries and set by international information security organizations.

At the end of the webinar, participants should be able to:

- 1. Define information security, privacy and related concepts;
- 2. Identify threats to information security;
- 3. Assess existing information security policy in terms of international standards of information security and privacy protection; and
- 4. Formulate or make recommendations regarding information security policy that would be appropriate to their countries.

Structure

The webinar will be held on 28 September 2021 to 1 October 2021 via Zoom (10am – 12noon and 2pm-4pm, Fiji time; 1:30pm – 4:30pm on 29 September). It will consist of a series of lectures, group discussions, and presentations. The event will be conducted in English.

Webinar Programme (Fiji time)

28 September (Tuesday)	
AM (10am – 12pm)	 Opening Remarks Mr. Kiyoung Ko, Director, APCICT/ESCAP Mr. Elvin Prasad, Regional ICT Coordinator, CROP ICT WG Ms. Monique Viengkhou, AWS Institute, Amazon Web Services Session 1: Need for Information Security
PM (2pm – 4pm)	 Session 2: Information Security Trends and Direction Presentation: Security and the Cloud
29 September (Wednesday)	
AM (10am – 12pm)	Session 3: Information Security Activities
PM (1:30pm – 4:30pm)	Group Exercise: Security simulation
30 September (Thursday)	
AM (10am – 12pm)	Session 4: Information Security Methodology
PM (2pm – 4pm)	Session 5: Protection of Privacy
1 October (Friday)	
AM (10am – 12pm)	Session 6: CSIRT Establishment and Operation
PM (2pm – 4pm)	 Session 7: Life Cycle of Information Security and Privacy Closing