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Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative

What is the Initiative?

Commonwealth and the Caribbean

What prompted this and why the Commonwealth?

Partners involved

What is the current state of play?

Next steps:

Cybercrime and the Caribbean

Establishing a reading on scope of this challenge

Selling the Initiative to Governments

Securing Financing

Underlying political inter-play.



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Commonwealth - Caribbean Context

- Broad Commonwealth Secretariat Capacity Building
- Commonwealth Connects Programme
- Commonwealth Internet Governance Forum



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What is the Initiative?

Capacity Building Initiative in

- Policy
- Legal
- Technical
- Law Enforcement
- Awareness and Education



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What prompted this Initiative? Why the Commonwealth?

- Feedback from CIGF stakeholders
- Exponential growth of the Internet.
- Commonwealth has a shared legal and institutional backdrop.
- 54 countries
- Commonwealth Model Law provides an ‘off the shelf’ toolkit.



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Initiative Partners

- Cyprus Cyber Ethics
- Canberra Center for Internet Safety
- Children's Charities Coalition on Internet Safety
- COMNET Foundation for ICT Development
- Commonwealth Business Council
- Commonwealth Lawyers' Association
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
- Commonwealth Telecommunication Organisation
- Council of Europe
- Diplo Foundation
- European NGO alliance for child safety online.
- ICANN
- International Cyber Security Protection Alliance
- International Telecommunication Union
- United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime.



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Current State of Play

- Initiative endorsed by Commonwealth Heads of Government at their Meeting in OCT 2011.
- Implementation Strategy Process
- Identifying resources, expertise, existing initiatives for collaboration and deployment



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Governance Structure

Two Tier Structure

- Secretariat
- Multi Stakeholder Steering Committee



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Cybercrime in the Caribbean

- HIPCAR
- How can we build on this?
- Regional vs National Cybercrime Strategies?



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Next Steps

- Establishing the Scope of the Initiative
- Moving into an operational phase
- Identifying pilot projects – Caribbean? Pacific Islands? Ghana?
- Selling the Initiative to Governments
- Securing Financing



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Essentials of the Initiative

- Focused on realising substantive and sustainable capacity building – no *drive by* training.
- Its uniqueness - bringing everyone on board and working in a multi stakeholder environment to address Cybercrime.
- Commonwealth as the catalyst, tapping into partner resources



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Questions for Caribbean Ministerial Forum

- Feedback and Suggestions?
- How can you contribute?
- How can we move beyond the talk?



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Thank you!