CYBERWELLNESS PROFILE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

BACKGROUND

Total Population: 351 000
(data source: United Nations Statistics Division, December 2012)

Internet users, percentage of population: 72.00%
(data source: ITU Statistics, December 2013)

1. CYBERSECURITY

1.1 LEGAL MEASURES

1.1.1 CRIMINAL LEGISLATION

Specific legislation on cybercrime has been enacted through the following instrument:

- Computer Misuse Act.

1.1.2 REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Specific legislation and regulation related to cybersecurity has been enacted through the following instruments:

- Data Protection Act
- Electronic Communications and Transactions Act.

1.2 TECHNICAL MEASURES

1.2.1 CIRT

The Bahamas does not have officially recognized national CIRT.

1.2.2 STANDARDS

The Bahamas does not have officially approved national or sector specific cybersecurity framework for implementing internationally recognized cybersecurity standards.

1.2.3 CERTIFICATION

There is no cybersecurity framework for the certification and accreditation of national agencies and public sector professionals in The Bahamas.

1.3 ORGANIZATION MEASURES

1.3.1 POLICY

The Bahamas does not have an officially recognized national or sector-specific cybersecurity strategy.

1.3.2 ROADMAP FOR GOVERNANCE

There is no national governance roadmap for cybersecurity in The Bahamas.

1.3.3 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY

There is no officially recognized agency responsible for cybersecurity in The Bahamas.

1.3.4 NATIONAL BENCHMARKING

The Bahamas does not have any officially recognized national benchmarking or referential for measuring cybersecurity development.

1.4 CAPACITY BUILDING

1.4.1 STANDARDISATION DEVELOPMENT
There is no officially recognized national or sector-specific research and development program or project for cybersecurity standards, best practices and guidelines in The Bahamas.

1.4.2 MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT
The Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of OAS conducted a two-day cybersecurity workshop in The Bahamas, as part of the technical assistance to be provided to the Government of The Bahamas for the development of its National Cyber Security Strategy, through an initiative that will be coordinated by the OAS Cyber Security Program together with the Ministry of National Security of The Bahamas. There is the ICA Advanced Certificate in Cyber Security at the Bahamas Institute of Financial Services.

1.4.3 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION
The Bahamas does not have the exact number of public sector professionals certified under internationally recognized certification programs in cybersecurity.

1.4.4 AGENCY CERTIFICATION
The Bahamas does not have any certified government and public sector agencies certified under internationally recognized standards in cybersecurity.

1.5 COOPERATION

1.5.1 INTRA-STATE COOPERATION
There is no framework to facilitate sharing of cybersecurity assets across borders or with other nation states.

1.5.2 INTRA-AGENCY COOPERATION
The Bahamas does not have any officially recognized national or sector-specific program for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public sector.

1.5.3 PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP
There is no officially recognized national or sector-specific program for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public and private sector in The Bahamas.

1.5.4 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
The Bahamas participates in the inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the OAS.

2. CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

2.1 NATIONAL LEGISLATION
Specific legislation on child online protection has been enacted through the following instruments:
- Sections 5A and 16A of the "The Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act, January 2006, amended by the Act n. 29, December 2008.

2.2 UN CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL
The Bahamas has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 16, 17(e) and 34(c), to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Bahamas has not acceded to Optional Protocol to The Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

2.3 INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

There is no agency responsible for the child online protection in the Bahamas.

2.4 REPORTING MECHANISM

There is no website or hotline dedicated to receiving reports of incidents.

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