CYBERWELLNESS PROFILE
MALDIVES

BACKGROUND

Total Population: 324 000
(data source: United Nations Statistics Division, December 2012)

Internet users, percentage of population: 44.10%
(data source: ITU Statistics, 2013)

1. CYBERSECURITY

1.1 LEGAL MEASURES

1.1.1 CRIMINAL LEGISLATION
Maldives does not have any officially recognized national legislation pertaining to cybercrime.

1.1.2 REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE
Maldives does not have any officially recognised regulation pertaining to cybersecurity.

1.2 TECHNICAL MEASURES

1.2.1 CIRT
ITU conducted a CIRT readiness assessment for Maldives, at Maldives, in August 2010. Maldives does not have an officially recognized national CIRT currently.

1.2.2 STANDARDS
Maldives does not have any officially recognized national (and sector specific) cybersecurity frameworks for implementing internationally recognized cybersecurity standards.

1.2.3 CERTIFICATION
Maldives does not have any officially approved national (and sector specific) cybersecurity frameworks for the certification and accreditation of national agencies and public sector professionals.

1.3 ORGANIZATION MEASURES

1.3.1 POLICY
Maldives does not have any officially recognized national cybersecurity strategy.

1.3.2 ROADMAP FOR GOVERNANCE
Maldives does not have any national governance roadmap for cybersecurity.

1.3.3 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
The Communication Authority of Maldives is the officially recognized agency responsible for implementing a national cybersecurity strategy, policy and roadmap.

1.3.4 NATIONAL BENCHMARKING
Maldives does not have any officially recognized national or sector-specific benchmarking exercises or referential used to measure cybersecurity development.

1.4 CAPACITY BUILDING

1.4.1 STANDARDISATION DEVELOPMENT
Maldives does not have any officially recognized national or sector-specific research and development (R&D) programs/projects for cybersecurity standards, best practices and guidelines to be applied in either the private or the public sector.

1.4.2 MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT
Maldives does not have any officially recognized national or sector-specific educational and professional training programs for raising awareness with the general public, promoting cybersecurity courses in higher education and promoting certification of professionals in either the public or the private sectors.

1.4.3 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION
Maldives does not have any public sector professionals certified under internationally recognized certification programs in cybersecurity.

1.4.4 AGENCY CERTIFICATION
Maldives 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
Maldives has signed a Memorandum of Collaboration against Malicious Activities in Cyberspace with Japan Ministry of Information and Communication.

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

1.5.3 PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP
Maldives does not have any officially recognized national or sector-specific programs for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public and private sector.

1.5.4 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Maldives is a member of the ITU-IMPACT initiative and has access to relevant cybersecurity services. Maldives participates in regular forums held by APT and ITU.

2. CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

2.1 NATIONAL LEGISLATION
Maldives does not have any officially recognized legislation pertaining to child online protection.

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

Maldives has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 2 and 3, the 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
Maldives does not have any officially recognized agency that offers institutional support on child online protection.

2.4 REPORTING MECHANISM

Maldives does not have any officially recognized agency that offers an avenue for the reporting of incidents related to child online protection.