

ARAB REGION

ITU-IMPACT CIRT Assessment in Beirut, Lebanon, October 2012

Anuj Singh, Director of Global Response Centre and Jairam Ramesh, Manager, Security Assurance conducted a CIRT readiness assessment and capacity building program for Lebanon at Beirut, in October 2012.

The mission was aimed at assisting the country in assessing its readiness to implement a national CIRT – a national CIRT will provide the capability to identify, respond and manage cyber threats as well as to enhance the Cybersecurity posture of the country.

The primary objectives of this project are to assist the identified countries in the assessment of its readiness to implement a National CIRT (Computer Incident Response Team) and fulfil all the descriptions of duties as stipulated in the Project Scope below.

The scope of the assessment consists of:

- a) Study and analyze the countries' current Cybersecurity status and needs.
- b) Provide high-level recommendations to improve the Cybersecurity posture of the countries.
- c) Study and suggest institutional and organizational requirements, and arrangements for setting-up National CIRTs.
- d) Capacity building program for the CIRTs.
- e) Conduct trainings for human capacity building to impart knowledge and skills for operation, maintenance and coordination of CIRTs with relevant agencies, both local and international.
- f) Design specifications for hardware and software for the CIRTs.
- g) Include all the above mentioned details with a Mission Report and any other information deemed necessary in a report to be submitted in electronic copy to ITU.

Based on the assessment carried out, it is recommended that the government of Lebanon should focus on setting up a national CIRT positioned within the government institutional and organizational structure as soon as possible.