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Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States,
- Regulators,
- ITU-D Sector Members,
- ITU affiliated Academic entities,
- United Nations specialized agencies and
- Regional and International Organizations **in the Americas region.**

**Subject: Invitation to the “16<sup>th</sup> Regional Cyberdrill for the Americas – Regional Cyberdrill from the Heart of the World”, 1-5 June 2026, Quito, Ecuador**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with great pleasure to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the **“16th Regional Cyberdrill for the Americas – Regional Cyberdrill from the Heart of the World,”** to be held from 1 to 5 June 2026, in Quito, Ecuador. The event is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Society of Ecuador (Mintel) and the National Polytechnic School of Ecuador (EPN).

The aim of the event is to contribute to the development of technical capabilities in cybersecurity, improve communication processes, management of and response to cybersecurity incidents, as well as the national and international coordination of the different Computer Incident Response Teams (CIRT/CERT).

Participation is welcome from technical and/or managerial level officials from national CIRT/CERT/SOCs, cybersecurity agencies, national cybersecurity authorities, ministries, regulators, academia, International Organizations, NGOs, and interested sectors.

During the five days, there will be various activities including discussion sessions, technical training, cybersecurity scenarios in controlled environments, keynote presentations, among other activities. The agenda is included as Annex 1.

Considering that there is a limited number of seats for the simulation scenarios and for the specialized technical training sessions, early registration is recommended.

Each participant must meet the entry requirements for Ecuador and cover their own travel and accommodation costs. If a visa is required to enter to Ecuador, please consider the processing time and the possibility of requesting an invitation letter from the Mintel.

For more details and online registration (required), please visit the link: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2026/Cyberdrill-Americas-2026.aspx>.



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I look forward to your active participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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Director

Annex 1: Agenda



## Annex 1 - Agenda

### 16<sup>th</sup> Regional Cyberdrill for the Americas from the Heart of the World

#### Panel Discussions - Day 1 (1 June 2026)

Address: Av. Toledo N23-55 and Madrid. CEC Building

08:00 - 09:00	<b>Login – Site Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:25	<b><u>Opening Ceremony</u></b>
09:25 – 09:40	Group Photo and Coffee Break
09:40 – 10:00	<u>Keynote</u> <i>The Global Cybersecurity Index focused on the Americas Region</i>
10:00 – 10:20	<u>Keynote – Panel 1</u> <i>Ecuador's actions to strengthen its cybersecurity - The Global Cybersecurity Index</i>
10:20 – 11:00	<u>Panel 1</u> <i>Cybersecurity Trends in the Region</i>
11:00 – 11:20	<u>Keynote – Panel 2</u> <i>The impact of the Government Information Security Scheme – GISS on cybersecurity</i>
11:20 – 12:00	<u>Panel 2</u> <i>How has institutional management and cybersecurity improved in Ecuador?</i>
11:20 – 12:20	<u>Keynote</u> <u>Topic: CSIRTAmericas SIM3 baseline</u>
12:20 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:20	<u>Keynote – Panel 3</u> <i>AI: The biggest threat and defense in cybersecurity today</i>
14:20 – 15:00	<u>Panel 3</u> <i>Agentic AI will challenge cybersecurity</i>
15:00 – 15:20	Coffee Break
15:20 – 15:40	<u>Keynote – Panel 4</u> <i>Regional CSIRTs, cybersecurity incident response and regional cooperation</i>
15:40-16:20	<u>Panel 4</u> <i>Collaborative models to strengthen cybersecurity: Private and Academia</i>



**Panel Discussions - Days 2 and 3 (2 - 3 June 2026)**

**Address: 29 August Street, behind the El Bosque shopping center**

Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
09:00 – 09:50	Specialized Technical Training	Specialized Technical Training	Specialized Technical Training
09:50 – 10:40		Specialized Technical Training	Specialized Technical Training
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 – 11:50	Specialized Technical Training	Specialized Technical Training	Specialized Technical Training
11:50 – 12:40		Specialized Technical Training	Specialized Technical Training
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break		
14:00 – 15:00	Specialized Technical Training	Specialized Technical Training	Specialized Technical Training
15:00 – 16:00		Specialized Technical Training	Specialized Technical Training
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break		

**Cyberdrill - Days 4 and 5 (4 -5 June 2026)**

**Address: Av. Toledo N23-55 and Madrid. CEC Building**

Cyberdrill simulations are delivered through specific scenarios where a story is built, interactive simulations, competition objectives, user tasks and challenges, and can focus on a wide range of specific topics of national interest.

These exercises are geared towards experts from national cybersecurity teams, expert representatives from national CIRTs/CERTs, and cybersecurity officers from institutions in the Americas Region.

<b>16th Regional Cyberdrill for the Americas from the Heart of the World - 4 June 2026</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	Cyberdrill – Initial Setup <u>Expert:</u> ITU
09:30 – 11:30	Cyberdrill – Scenario
11:30 – 13:00	Cyberdrill – Scenario
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:00	Cyberdrill – Scenario
15:00 – 16:00	Cyberdrill – Exercise

<b>16th Regional Cyberdrill for the Americas from the Heart of the World -5 June 2026</b>	
09:00 – 11:00	Cyberdrill – Scenario
11:00 – 12:30	Cyberdrill – Scenario
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	Cyberdrill – Scenario
15:00 – 15:30	Closing