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| **Subject:** | **Questionnaire on Assessment of Cyber Defence Centres in Africa** **Using Recommendation ITU-T X.1060: Framework for Creation and Operation of a Cyber Defence Centre** | | | |
| Dear Sir/Madam,  ITU-T Study Group 17, at its last meeting (virtual, 24 August – 3 September 2021), agreed to the proposal of its Regional Group for Africa ([SG17RG-AFR](mailto:https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/17/sg17rgafr/Pages/default.aspx)) to disseminate *a questionnaire on Assessment of Cyber Defence Centres (CDC) in Africa Using* [*Recommendation ITU-T X.1060: Framework for Creation and Operation of a Cyber Defence Centre*](https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-X.1060-202106-I).  This survey aims to understand the status for cybersecurity measures related to CDC, including government and private sector Security Operations Centre (SOC), Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT), Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) etc., **in African countries** who may wish to adopt the [ITU-T X.1060](https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-X.1060-202106-I) framework.  Participants in this survey will become aware of the framework for creation and operation of a CDC specified in [ITU-T X.1060](https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-X.1060-202106-I) and use it to assess and plan CDC services to enhance cybersecurity of their organizations.  This survey may extend to other regions in the future.  This questionnaire can be found at: <https://www.research.net/r/ITUTSG17CDCX1060>.  ITU membership, i.e., Member States, ITU-T Sector Members, ITU-T associates and ITU Academia, **from Africa** are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire by **31 March 2022** (2359 hours Geneva time).  I thank you in anticipation for your support in bringing this Circular to the attention of the experts responsible for cybersecurity in your organization.  You are also invited to encourage participation among all interested stakeholders, including non-ITU members, from your country, and thereby ensuring a high response rate.  The survey results will be reviewed at the next SG17 meeting after WTSA-20 in mid-2022.  Yours faithfully,  Chaesub Lee Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau | | | | |