BACKGROUND
Total Population: 9 352 000

Internet users, percentage of population: 4.90%
(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:
- Decree No. 200/MISP/DC/SGM/DGPN/SERCT/DER/SA related to the creation of a division in charge of the fight against internet crime. This decree stipulates that victims of internet crime can approach Interpol or the BEF with their complaints.

1.1.2 REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE
Specific legislation and regulation related to cybersecurity has been enacted through the following instrument:
- Loi 9 of 27 Apr 2009 (protection of personal information in databases).

1.2 TECHNICAL MEASURES

1.2.1 CIRT
Benin does not have an officially recognized national CIRT.

1.2.2 STANDARDS
Benin does not have an officially approved national or sector specific cybersecurity framework for implementing internationally recognized cybersecurity standards.

1.2.3 CERTIFICATION
Benin does not have a cybersecurity framework for the certification and accreditation of national agencies and public sector professionals.

1.3 ORGANIZATION MEASURES

1.3.1 POLICY
Benin does not have a national or sector-specific cybersecurity strategy. However the Telecoms Regulatory Authority has presented a plan to combat cybercrime to the president in November 2012.

1.3.2 ROADMAP FOR GOVERNANCE
There is no governance roadmap for cybersecurity in Benin.

1.3.3 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) is responsible for cybersecurity in Benin.

1.3.4 NATIONAL BENCHMARKING
Benin does not have any benchmarking or referential to measure 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 Benin.

1.4.2 MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT
The CNF of the AUF at Cotonou, in association with the Abomey-Calavi University, The Lawyer Order of Benin and the Union of Media Professionals of Benin organize a training seminar on the topic Cyber-criminality: New threats to privacy, companies, banks and administrations.

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

1.4.4 AGENCY CERTIFICATION
Benin 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
Benin does not have an 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 Benin.

1.5.4 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Benin is a member of the ITU-IMPACT initiative and has access to relevant cybersecurity services.

2. CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

2.1 NATIONAL LEGISLATION
Specific legislation on child online protection has been enacted through the following instruments:
- None.

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

Benin has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 2 and 3, to 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
There is no agency responsible for child online protection in Benin.
2.4 REPORTING MECHANISM
There is no website or hotline to report incidence in Benin.

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