

Connecting the World Responsibly

Children are among the most active and most vulnerable participants online. ITU's motto is "committed to connecting the world", but we are also committed to connecting the world responsibly. That means working together to ensure cybersecurity, enable cyberpeace and, perhaps most importantly, protect children online. That is why ITU established the Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA).

GCA & COP

Confidence and security in using ICTs are fundamental in building an inclusive, secure and global information society. Confidence

and security are also prerequisites for using ICTs effectively, as acknowledged by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

The Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA) is an ITU framework for international cooperation aimed at proposing strategies for solutions to enhance confidence and security in the information society. It builds on existing national and regional initiatives to avoid duplication of work and encourage collaboration amongst all relevant partners.

Child Online Protection (COP)

is a special initiative within the GCA framework. COP aims to bring together partners from all sectors of the global community to ensure a safe and secure online experience for children everywhere.

WSIS Mandate

At the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), ITU was assigned Action Line C5: "building confidence and security in the use of ICTs". As a response, ITU Secretary-General Dr Hamadoun Touré formally announced the launch of the Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA) on 17 May 2007.

The Tunis Commitment

"We recognize the role of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the protection of children and in enhancing the development of children. We will strengthen action to protect children from abuse and defend their rights in the context of ICT."