



## **Regional Cybercrime-Cybersecurity Assessment Conference**

### **Overview**

The efforts to adopt comprehensive cybercrime and cybersecurity strategies have been described as slow and fragmented in the region. However, given the transnational nature of cyber-related threats and the move towards integration, states within the region are challenged to enhance regional cooperation to complement national initiatives.

The development of information and communications technology varies across the region and each country is faced with a conundrum: how to lessen the regional divide and enhance connectivity, as well as promote the development of a flexible framework on cybercrimes and cybersecurity.

### **Objectives**

The two-day conference shall be an opportunity for the delegates to engage in meaningful discussions on how they view cybersecurity and cybercrime, how they respond to cyber-related issues, and what mechanism they employ in addressing the same. This shall set a clear definition of cybersecurity and cybercrime.

To facilitate the building of partnerships in cybercrime and cybersecurity strategies, existing frameworks and strategic approaches on cybercrime and cybersecurity will be assessed to determine whether present statistics and reporting mechanisms, responses, actions, and initiatives are sufficient to address emerging challenges and threats.

The direction to be taken is the promotion of consistent policies and strategies on cybercrime and cybersecurity. Further, regional cooperation efforts (information exchange, harmonizing policies and legislations, law enforcement capacities, training and capacity building, extra-regional cooperation) are necessary to help achieve collective security.

There will also be discussions on CERTs, 24/7 teams, other specialized law enforcement agencies, government access to private data, and special courts.

Lastly, the conference shall identify next steps following the examples of good practice and operational experience shared by international authorities in the field of cybercrime and cybersecurity.