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PRESS RELEASE

As part of the 2nd African Internet Summit, the African Forum of Incident Response Teams, AfricaCERT, organized a series of activities on cyber security in Djibouti from May 26 to 31, 2014, with the support of the Organization International of La Francophonie (Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, OIF).

Thirty-five people from 22 countries participated in a training workshop with two components. Two instructors of FIRST facilitated the first one on the organizational, legal and operational aspects of managing a CSIRT. They provided a course based on the TRANSITS I curricula. The second part focused on techniques of Network forensics. It was animated by JPCERT, Japan Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center.

Advocacy for the implementation of a strategy for cyber security in Djibouti was developed on May 29 part of AfricaCERT Cybersecurity Talks initiatives with community stakeholders of the information society.

The AfricaCERT Cybersecurity Day on May 31 was mainly devoted to the exchange of experiences and cyber security best practices in Africa. Thus, experts Asia Pacific computer Emergency Response Team as well as those of Egypt, Tunisia, Cameroon, Tanzania, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast shared their experience and best practices. The ongoing establishment process of CERRT.ng a sectorial CSIRT from NITDA (National Information Technology Development Agency) in Nigeria was also presented. The civil society raised the need for openness, privacy and transparency in Africa in the digital age.

Exchanges between the participants showed that the effectiveness of cyber hygiene begins with the establishment in each country of a national cyber security strategy that takes into account the set up of legislative and regulatory framework, the organization of awareness campaigns, training of law enforcement officers and the creation of a CSIRT.

It also became clear to the participants at the Conference that the success of the tasks assigned to CSIRTS is conditioned by the development of sub-regional, regional and international cooperation. This shows the relevance of the AfricaCERT forum tasked to propose solutions to challenges for a better cyber hygiene in the Af* Internet Ecosystem. Cooperation should also be reinforced with sister organizations such as FIRST, OICCERT (Organization of Islamic Conference), APCERT, OECD and other organizations.

The Conference also addressed the Open source tools in Information Security proof of concept and outlined the areas of collaboration between CSIRTS and law enforcement agencies.

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For AfricaCERT,

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