

## *LAC4 Inauguration Conference*

*26 May 2022 | 14:30 - 21:00*

*Centro INDOTEL | Santo Domingo | Dominican Republic*

**14:30 – 15:00 Welcome coffee**

**15:00 – 15:05 Opening Remarks**

**15:05 – 15:40 Keynote Speeches**

- Mr **Lisandro Macarrulla**, Minister of the Presidency of the Dominican Republic
- Ms **Katja Afheldt**, Ambassador of the European Union to the Dominican Republic
- Mr **Josep Borrell Fontelles**, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission (video)
- Mr **Alar Karis**, President of the Republic of Estonia (video)
- Mr **Luis Abinader**, President of the Dominican Republic

**15:40 – 15:45 LAC4 Ribbon Cutting ceremony**

**15:45 – 16:45 Panel 1: Cybersecurity as an enabler of sustainable digital transformation**

*Moderator:* Mr **James Pichardo**, Director of Information Security, Superintendence of Banks, Dominican Republic

- Mr **Jose David Montilla**, Vice-Minister for Digitalisation, Ministry of the Presidency, Dominican Republic
- Mr **Fabián Íñiguez**, Undersecretary of Electronic Government, Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Society, Ecuador
- Mr **Margus Noormaa**, Director General of the Estonian Information System Authority
- Mr **Miguel Exposito Verdejo**, Deputy Head of the Science, Technology, Innovation and Digitalisation Unit, DG International Partnerships, European Commission

**16:45 – 17:00 Coffee Break**

**17:00 – 18:00 Panel 2: Top regional priorities for capacity building**

*Moderator:* Mr **Claudio Peguero**, Inspector General of the National Police, Dominican Republic

- Mr **Nelson Arroyo**, President of the Dominican Institute of Telecommunications, Dominican Republic
- Brigadier **Roderick Williams**, Office of the National Security Advisor, Jamaica

- Mr **Mauricio D. Papaleo Mayada**, Director of Information Security at the Agency for the Development of Electronic Government Management and Information and Knowledge Society, Uruguay
- Mr **Victor Hugo da Silva Rosa**, General Coordinator of Information Security Management, Institutional Security Cabinet of the Presidency of the Republic of Brazil

**18:00 – 19:00 Panel 3: Regional initiatives in service of resilience building**

Moderator: Mr **Carlos Leonardo**, Head of CISRT-RD, Dominican Republic

- Ms **Alison Treppel**, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, Organisation of American States
- Mr **Chris Gibson**, Executive Director of Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams - FIRST
- Mr **Anselm Charles**, Information and Communications Technology Manager, CARICOM/IMPACS

**19:00 – 19:05 Key conclusions and way forward for LAC4**

**19:00 – 21:00 Reception (Naca'n restaurant)**

### ***Conference Format and Participants***

The LAC4 Inauguration Conference is an invite-only meeting for around 140 senior government officials, policymakers, diplomats and technical community from the LAC region to discuss cybersecurity challenges, capability gaps and capacity building needs, as well as opportunities for cross-border collaboration to support fair, secure and sustainable digital transformation. The Conference is an in-person event that will be recorded and posted at the [EU CyberNet](#) and [LAC4](#) websites. The working languages of the Conference will be English and Spanish, with interpretation available.

The Inauguration Conference is held back-to-back with the ***Information Security Workshop for CISOs*** on 23-25 May and ***National Cybersecurity Strategy Implementation Seminar*** for the Dominican Republic on 23 – 26 May. All activities will take place in CENTRO INDOTEL (at Calle Isabel La Católica). The Conference Reception on 26 May will be hosted in a nearby restaurant.

### *LAC4 - Regional knowledge hub and training centre*

The mission of the LAC4 is to enhance cyber capacities in the LAC region through specialized trainings and consultations.

The Centre will strengthen practical collaboration in the region and with the European Union (EU).

The LAC4 started its operations in October 2021, with the physical training facility in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic.



### *LAC4 is...*

- State-of-the-art training facility
- Capacity to develop and provide technical, policy and strategic level courses and simulation.
- Platform for doctrine development and research coordination.
- Channel to cyber capacity building projects, training modules and materials developed in the EU.



**CENTRO INDOTEL**, that provides space for LAC4 an institution attached to the Dominican Institute of Telecommunications. CENTRO INDOTEL was established in 2011 with the purpose of connecting knowledge, projects, experiences, people and organisations of the digital transformation ecosystem.

CENTRO INDOTEL is located in the heart of historic Santo Domingo, founded in 1498 and inscribed in 1990 as a UNESCO World Heritage site.



### *About EU CYBERNET*

The European Union launched EU CyberNet project in September 2019 with the purpose to strengthen the global delivery, coordination and coherence of the EU's external cyber capacity building projects, and to reinforce EU's own capacity to provide technical assistance to third countries in the field of cybersecurity and cybercrime. The EU CyberNet is implemented by the Estonian Information System Authority (RIA), upon guidance from the European Commission Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), and supported by an international consortium representing the authorities of Germany and Luxembourg.

The EU CyberNet is providing enduring lead support to the establishment and operationalisation of the Latin America and the Caribbean Cyber Competence Centre (LAC4), that serves as a focal point for sharing EU's collective expertise in the region, building up local capacity, facilitating collaboration on joint projects and actions, and promoting the benefits of an open, free and inclusive cyberspace.

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