

Dearest Readers from around the world,

This is the moment when our project takes an unexpected turn before defining its future strategy!

In a few pages of a DRAFT crafted by the talented and brilliant anchor of *Top Cyber News MAGAZINE*, Emilio Iasiello, along with pivotal text and undisclosed names of those who have already signed on, we invite you to test the moment with us. We hope to test this concept and gain insights into whether - and when - to pursue a more focused, forward-looking direction.

Presented here is the raw material, an initial document that could become a powerful Call to Action, or perhaps it will find its place among our long list of ideas. This decision rests with you!

In the comments section of this post, please share your thoughts or constructive critique - anything that might shape or even stop this idea.

With kindest regards,

Your Editor,

Ludmila MB, for *Top Cyber News MAGAZINE*

CISOs Call for Collective Action. A Cybersecurity Manifesto

As **Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs)**, we stand at the forefront of safeguarding our digital world. We are entrusted with the critical responsibility of safeguarding our organizations from an increasingly sophisticated and rapidly evolving threat landscape. Every day, malicious actors become more adept, using cutting-edge techniques to exploit vulnerabilities in ways we have not yet imagined. It is a known fact that threat actors are collaborating, sharing intelligence, tools, and techniques - making it unwise for defenders to face these challenges alone. The pace of innovation in the cyber threat arena far outstrips our traditional methods of defense. It is clear that we can no longer afford to operate in isolation if we are to stay ahead of these threats.

In today's rapidly changing digital world, the need to constantly re-skill, rethink, and leader-shift our actions, decisions have never been more critical.

The cybersecurity profession is at an inflection point, with advancements in Generative AI poised to redefine the very fabric of our industry. This technology is reshaping everything - from how we detect and respond to threats, to how we defend critical infrastructure. One thing is certain: cybersecurity will never be the same.

As industry leaders, we have the responsibility to lead the wave of upskilling - not just for ourselves, but for our teams, corporate partners, and even entire nations. The question isn't whether we need to adapt, but which wave do you want to ride?

Our message to you is clear: cybersecurity is everyone's responsibility.

We cannot confine our awareness and action to Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October. While this period is an important reminder, it is a daily commitment that secures our systems, data, and livelihoods.

We Pledge:

- **To lead with vigilance and resilience** to keep your digital world secure. We remain steadfast in our mission to protect your data by leveraging cutting-edge tools, industry best practices, and proactive defense strategies.
- **To frequently communicate with and engage** all employees at all levels regardless of title, rank, or position on developing threats and best practices.
- **To act ethically and with transparency** as business partners, committed to the success of the organization.
- **To build a culture of security.** A secure environment is only possible when each individual takes accountability. We will empower you with the knowledge, tools, and awareness needed to navigate potential threats.
- **To stay one step ahead.** The cyber landscape is constantly shifting. From advanced phishing schemes to evolving ransomware, we are committed to staying ahead of the latest threats, innovating and adapting our defenses.

We cannot do this alone. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. Whether you are on the frontlines as a security professional or working in any other role, your vigilance matters.

Your Role:

- **Stay aware and informed.** Regularly educate yourself on current cyber threats. When we share guidance, follow it closely. Foster a commitment to prioritizing cybersecurity and create a climate of accountability.
- **Practice good cyber hygiene.** Simple actions - strong passwords, enabling multi-factor authentication, avoiding suspicious links - make a difference in stopping attacks before they start.
- **Collaborate.** Engage with questions, concerns, conflicts, recommendations, and to report suspicious activity: You are the expert in your domain. If something feels off, report it. Quick responses prevent small issues from becoming major breaches.

Together, We Are Stronger

Cybersecurity is not just a technical challenge but a human one. It's a culture that must be prioritized and practiced by people to be effective. We must unite as a team. When each of us makes cybersecurity a daily priority, we create a safer, more resilient environment for everyone.

Let's face today's threats with confidence and vigilance. Together, we can foster a cyber landscape where security is second nature, not just an afterthought. We are here to lead, guide, and ensure that you are equipped for the challenges ahead.

Let us make cybersecurity an enabler for our success!

Signed, Your CISOs - Your Security Leaders