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As cybersecurity becomes a critical issue on the international agenda, there is a growing need for an informed debate on the relationship between governance, security, and fundamental rights and freedoms online, involving all stakeholders. Mapping the main global spaces where cybersecurity is being discussed is an important step towards facilitating greater stakeholder engagement in ongoing cybersecurity debates.

The Freedom Online Coalition (FOC) is a group of governments who have committed to work together to support Internet freedom and protect fundamental human rights – free expression, association, assembly, and privacy online – worldwide. The FOC working group “An Internet Free and Secure” (WG1) seeks to bring a human rights framing to ongoing debates on cybersecurity and aims to develop, through multi-stakeholder dialogue, meaningful outputs that feed into existing processes.

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The mapping was inspired and based upon a visualisation of internet governance processes **“Visualising the playing field”** developed by Deborah Brown, Lea Kaspar and Joana Varon.

The list is not exhaustive, nor do the included processes necessarily work exclusively in the area of cybersecurity. We welcome relevant input related to cybersecurity events, spaces or processes. To propose an addition to the mapping for consideration, please contact: [info@freedomonlinecoalition.com](mailto:info@freedomonlinecoalition.com).



# Mapping Cybersecurity

## A visual overview of relevant global spaces in 2015

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This mapping of cybersecurity processes and events was developed by members of FOC WG1, and does not reflect the views of the entirety of the FOC membership. It is available online at: <https://www.freedomonlinecoalition.com/>

## Governmental and intergovernmental processes

Governments increasingly view cybersecurity as an important aspect of national security. Besides forming part of bilateral dialogues between states, cybersecurity issues are discussed multilaterally and in inter-governmental organisations including: The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (**OSCE**); the Council of Europe (**CoE**); the African Union; the Organization of American States (**OAS**), the European Union; NATO; the G7; the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (**SCO**); ASEAN Regional Forum (**ARF**); the BRICS, and the Freedom Online Coalition (**FOC**). Cybersecurity-related discussions have also been part of governmentally-driven processes such as the Wassenaar Arrangement and conferences organised within the framework of the London Process, including the recent Global Conference on Cyberspace (**GCCS**).

## IGF and related processes

The Internet Governance Forum (**IGF**) is an international multistakeholder forum under the auspices of the UN, established by the Tunis Agenda as one of the outcomes of the 2003/2005 WSIS process. It covers a wide range of Internet public policy issues, cybersecurity being an important one. The agenda of the annual IGF meeting is agreed upon by the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (**MAG**) during the quarterly Open Consultation and MAG meetings, based on the inputs received from the stakeholders; cybersecurity will (again) be one of the main thematic areas of the IGF 2015 meeting in Brazil. Participation is open to everyone and remote or e-participation is strongly encouraged. Regional IGF offspring - the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (**EuroDIG**), the African (**AfIGF**), American, Latin America and the Caribbean (**LACIGF**), Arab (**ArabIGF**) and Asian-Pacific IGF meetings (**APrIGF**) - as well as sub-regional and national, often follow a similar pattern and level of transparency.

## UN and subsidiary bodies

Within the United Nations General Assembly (**UN**), cyber security-related issues have arisen in the First Committee ("Disarmament and International Security"), the Second Committee ("The Economic and Financial Committee"), and the Third Committee ("Social, Humanitarian & Cultural") of the General Assembly (**UNGA**). Within the First Committee, the Group of Governmental Experts (**GGE**) works on existing and potential cyber threats and possible cooperative measures to address them. The UN World Summit on Information Society (**WSIS**) includes an Action Line on "building confidence and security in the use of ICTs", facilitated by The International Telecommunication Union (**ITU**), a specialized UN agency for information and communication technologies. Other UN agencies and subsidiary bodies are also gradually introducing cyber issues into their field of work: the UN Human Rights Council (**HRC**) addresses digital rights, while the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (**CCPCJ**) discusses cybercrime and directs the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (**UNODC**) on the implementation of its work in this area. Most of the UN-related processes are open to delegations of member states or member organisations only, though there is a trend of opening up for participation of other stakeholders.

## Technical and standard-setting bodies

Internet technical and standard-setting organizations such as the Internet Society (**ISOC**), Internet Engineering Task Force (**IETF**), Internet Architecture Board (**IAB**) and World Wide Web Consortium (**W3C**) - are intensifying their work on improving the security standards for Internet infrastructure and protocols, hardware and software. The work of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (**ICANN**), a non-profit corporation responsible for the global coordination of critical Internet resources (such as the IP numbers and domain names), is of particular interest to the global community. The work of the technical and standard-setting organisations is traditionally open for participation to everyone, including through online tools; the decisions on standards are commonly shaped by "rough consensus" and gradually further refined.

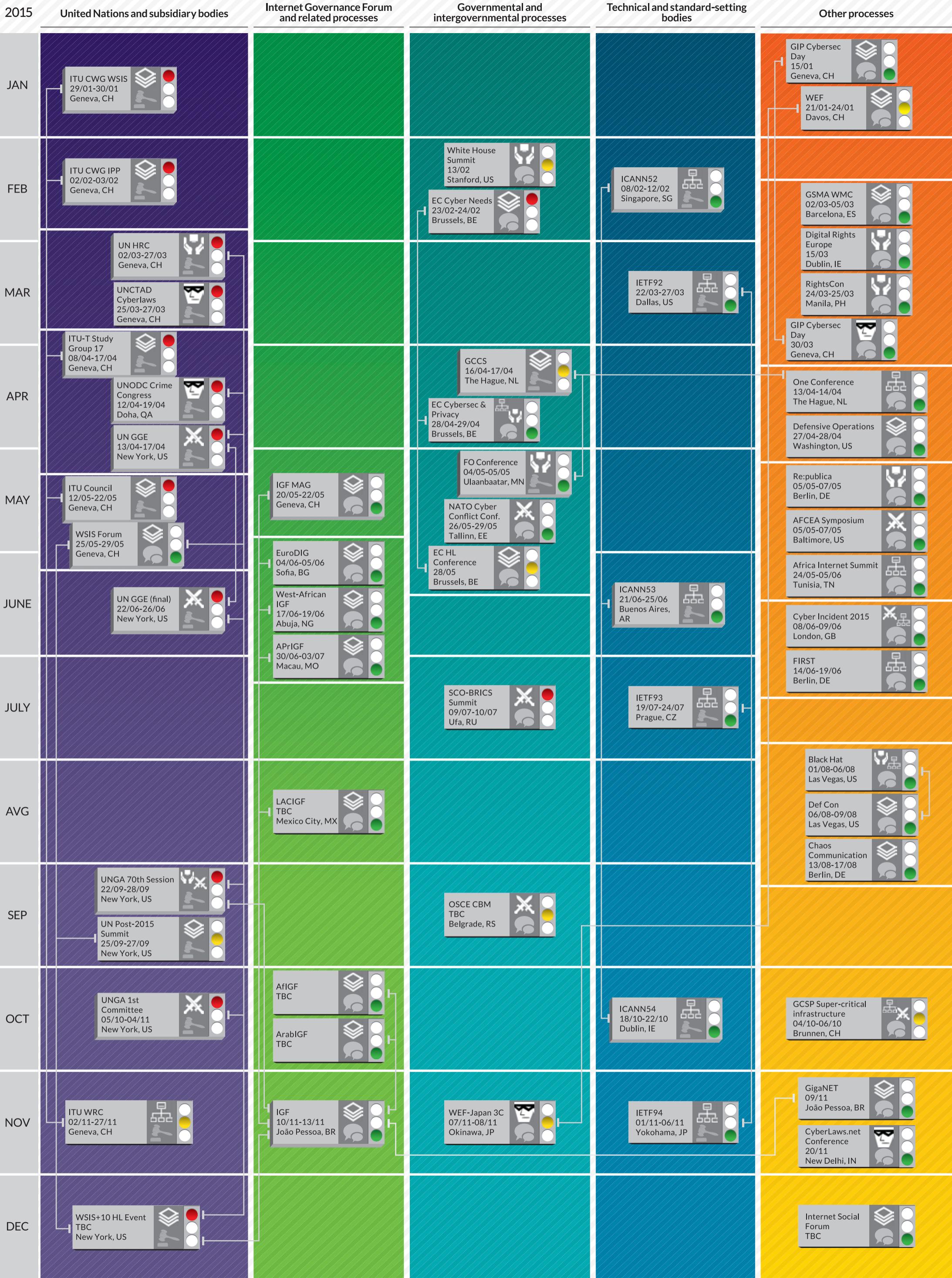
## Other processes

Civil society organisations, activists, hacking and technical communities, and academic institutions have long been very active in field of cybersecurity, especially in the discussion of technical gaps, encryption techniques and the protection of digital rights. In addition, they provide invaluable capacity building opportunities and present a source of expertise. The Internet industry and corporations - that is the financial sector and, more recently, the providers of the critical infrastructure (especially the energy sector) - increasingly exchange concerns and experiences both among themselves and with governments and the academic and technical communities. National and corporate incident-response teams (**CERT** or **CSIRT**), which are assembled in associations such as the global Forum for Incident Response and Security Teams (**FIRST**) or the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (**ENISA**), provide awareness-raising of the risks, offer best practices and assist countries and institutions to build and skill their own teams. Furthermore, law enforcement authorities gathered within Interpol and similar regional forums meet regularly to exchange experiences and improve cooperation and capacities.

## List of abbreviations (if not mentioned above)

- EC - European Commission
- GCSP - Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- GIP - Geneva Internet Platform
- GSMA WMC - GSM Association World Mobile Congress
- ITU CWG IPP- ITU Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues
- ITU CWG WSIS - ITU Council Working Group on WSIS
- ITU WRC - ITU World Radiocommunication Conference
- OSCE CBM - OSCE Confidence Building Measures
- UNCTAD - UN Conference on Trade and Development
- WEF - World Economic Forum

# 2015 CALENDAR: MAPPING CYBERSECURITY EVENTS AND TRACKS



## 1. RELATED THEMATIC AREA

Cybercrime (crime, safety, child protection)

International peace and security (arms control, warfare and defence, CBM)

Multiple (broad cybersecurity, Internet governance, other)

Network and information security (technology, incident handling, critical resources)

Digital rights (privacy and freedoms)

## 2. LEVEL OF INCLUSIVENESS

Closed (members/invitees only)

Limited (specific conditions)

Open (everyone)

## 3. FUNCTIONAL MECHANISM

Decide (directly or within the process)

Discuss

## CONTENT OF EVENT BOX

1. Title, Date, Place

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