

## **ICT Best Practices Forum**

### **TRAILER**

*As the World Cup continues, Africa shifts focus to IT solutions and the world galvanises into helping Africa's leap towards full connectivity! With the EASSy (East Africa Submarine System) set to be launched in July this year, the WACS (West African Cable System) due to launch in early 2011 and the MainOne Cable launched in May this year. Africa is not only hosting the world's top football stars this month, but also getting ready for massive international bandwidth growth.*

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### **COMMENTARY**

Africa has football fever. No matter which African team plays... the support is unanimous... like here in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

But among all the World Cup excitement... for a few days... this West African country shifted its focus to the critical issue of cyber-security.

Burkina Faso pulled out all the stops for the 3<sup>rd</sup> ICT Best Practices Forum... which was attended by over 300 government and corporate leaders from 55 countries... discussing solutions to online threats to national security, infrastructure or citizen services.

**ITV, Cheick Mobido Diarra, Africa Chairman, Microsoft**

*“Microsoft’s latest Security Intelligence Report detected 126 million samples of malware in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2009 alone, an increase of 8.9% over the first half of the year. P/U There is no doubt that cybercrime is a growing problem with the capacity to evolve into a global crisis if the correct approach is not taken to combat it.”*

**COMMENTARY**

The arsenal delegates discussed included increased collaboration, legislation and education.

**ITV, Eckart Sager, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso**

*“As technology and broadband penetration continue to grow in Africa, so does the risk of cybercrime. Few countries on the continent have an effective legal system in place to prosecute a crime that has no code of conduct, no protocol, no borders.”*

**COMMENTARY**

The consequences could be catastrophic... with cyber-terrorists infiltrating and targeting the computer systems that affect our daily lives: government offices, air traffic control systems, nuclear power plants or dams.

Two years ago, a global response centre was established in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Called IMPACT it brings together the 190 member countries of the International Telecommunication Union – the world’s oldest UN body – as well as law enforcement agencies like Interpol, the private sector and academia.

Attending the Forum in Ouagadougou, its Chairman said that cyber-security generally does not rank high on the list among development priorities across Africa... an issue which needs to be addressed.

**ITV, Mohd Noor Amin, Chairman, IMPACT**

*“We are saying to the rest of the world that you have to help Africa. Because if you don’t, the rest of the world is at risk from whatever is going to come up from Africa, because the organized crime, the undesirable groups are going to make use of these safe havens to use as a launching base to threaten the rest of the world. And the people who have extensive reliance on e-commerce, the developed countries, should pay particular attention to help Africa, otherwise it would be a threat to themselves.”*

**COMMENTARY**

Research from the U.S. Cyber Consequence Unit shows that the destruction from a single wave of cyber-attacks on America’s critical infrastructures could exceed \$700 billion – the equivalent of 50 major hurricanes hitting U.S. soil at once.

Already costs of cyber-fraud exceed \$1 trillion a year.

**ITV, Cheick Mobido Diarra, Africa Chairman, Microsoft**

*“As a company we have our intelligence data that tells us the kind of attacks that are happening. And as a major software company we make sure that we stay on top of the things that are*

*happening in the cyber-criminal world so that we can actually find a patch, or a defense against all of that.”*

## **COMMENTARY**

But not all companies and governments share the gravity of the issue.

Hamadoun Toure, Secretary General of the ITU said it is high time for the world to get engaged to develop effective cyber-security programs and policies.

### **ITV, Hamadoun Toure, Secretary General, ITU**

*“In cyber-security we are always as strong as the weakest link. We are in a connected world and criminals can be everywhere. P/U We need to be organized. P/U We need to make sure that every country puts in place a national legal and regulatory framework so that we can criminalize crime.”*

## **COMMENTARY**

The President of host nation Burkina Faso, Blaise Compaore, compared the importance of tackling cyber-crime with the issue of nuclear disarmament.

### **ITV, Blaise Compaore, President, Burkina Faso**

*“We need partnerships to provide a framework to have a more effective way to control cyber-crime. The next step should be an international summit where concrete measures are decided to*

*address cyber-crime, as has been done for other critical issues like disarmament of weapons of mass destruction and nuclear arms.”*

## **COMMENTARY**

Once the World Cup is over... it'll be back to business as usual.

But the message from Ouagadougou was clear: cyber-security cannot be ignored any longer.

A global concern... it requires a global response.