

## **The OIC-CERT 5G Security Roll Out Activities at Northern Africa Region**

The OIC-CERT 5G Security Framework roll out plan provides awareness on the importance of 5G security, development of a common 5G security framework for risk assessment and management, and development of a common standard for the OIC-CERT member countries in implementing 5G.

Promotion and rolling-out of the OIC-CERT 5G Security Framework Adoption amongst the African Telcos in the Telecom Cybersecurity Program at the Cybersecurity Innovation Series (**CSIS**) Egypt Edition was held on 28 March 2022.

Two (2) major entities were introduced to the framework which are Tunisia through the Tunisian National Computer Emergency Response Team (TunCERT), the Tunisian National Agency for Computer Security (ANSI) and Egypt through Egyptian Computer Emergency Response Team (EG|CERT), National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA). Both organizations have shown positive response towards the framework and will study in the possibility of adopting the OIC-CERT framework in managing 5G security in their countries accordingly. In fact, Egypt and Tunisia are among countries under the OIC-CERT 5G Security Framework roll out programme.

Mr. Mohd Shamir Hashim the lead of OIC-CERT Permanent Secretariat and Co-Chair of the OIC-CERT 5G Security Working Group who also a Senior Vice President of CyberSecurity Malaysia, had delivered his keynote presentation on “Integrating a Vigorous Framework in Place to Support the Shift Towards Digital Economy” at the CSIS 2022.

The roll out activities will continue throughout the year covering Africa and Asia region before going back to the Middle East.

Malaysia, through CyberSecurity Malaysia, is the OIC-CERT Permanent Secretariat and Huawei UAE, an OIC-CERT commercial member, are the co-chair of the OIC-CERT 5G Security Working Group (WG).

The expected outcomes of the roll out is the acceptance of the security framework, gathering valuable feedback concerning the framework, and improving the framework. The outcome will also include formation of task forces to localise the framework.

The events are highly interactive session that will reinforce and maintain existing trust for cross border relation with other CERTs within the OIC-CERT member countries and provide opportunities for cybersecurity agencies and professionals to share knowledge and expertise in related areas.

The collaboration will strive to provide best practices, guidance and promote standardisation on an open and transparent platform to accelerate the seamless, cost-effective roll out of 5G among the OIC-CERT member states.

CSIS is a platform to host in-depth discussions on cybersecurity issues and solutions. CSIS Egypt Edition discussed on the various initiatives being taken by the different government entities; and how industries and individual organizations can align themselves with these initiatives by implementing the required solutions.

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The OIC-CERT is a cooperation platform among the OIC member countries in the field of cybersecurity having 58 members from 27 countries.



*Figure 1: Mr. Shamir delivered his keynote at CSIS*



*Figure 2: Group photo with TunCERT/ANSI, Tunisia*



*Figure 3: Meeting with TunCERT/ANSI*





Figure 4: Group photo with EG/CERT/ NTRA, Egypt



*Figure 5: Meeting with EG/CERT/ANSI*