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NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PLAN TO BE RELEASED IN 2025 AND SHOULD INDICATE PATHS FOR LEGISLATORS - BRAZIL

Telesintese - The National Cybersecurity Council (CNCiber) is preparing to formalize specific objectives for national policy, which may indicate the paths for new recommendations to the technology market and digital service providers. The topic was discussed in a Futurecom panel this Wednesday, the 9th. The guidelines will be part of a National Strategy to be launched between December of this year and January 2025, and about three months later a more detailed National Plan will be published, according to the executive secretary of the Institutional Security Office (GSI) of the Presidency of the Republic, Ivan de Sousa Corrêa Filho, who chairs CNCiber.

BRAZIL GAINS PROGRAM TO CREATE 1ST NATIONAL SPYWARE DETECTION TOOL

Opalciano - Data Privacy Brasil, a Brazilian organization that promotes the culture of data protection and digital rights, has opened applications for its new "Malhas Digitais" call for proposals, aimed at funding initiatives that detect spyware. The initiative will mark the launch of the first Brazilian spyware detection project.

With support from the international Spyware Accountability Initiative project, the program will offer not only financial investment but also professional support from computer science experts. Prototypes with a budget of up to R\$50,000 will be eligible to compete for the call for proposals.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CYBERSECURITY LAW IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION? - MEXICO

Expansion - Just a couple of days after Claudia Sheinbaum took office as President of Mexico, the 100 commitments she presented have begun to be questioned, because some of them could be more complicated to carry out successfully. Sheinbaum pointed out that the relevance of cybersecurity is such that she even plans to have a specialized center on this subject, in addition to another one on Artificial Intelligence. However, before this can materialize, the Cybersecurity Law is still in the pipeline, which has not been able to be approved in the last three administrations.

MICITT INAUGURATES CYBERSECURITY MONTH WITH PANEL ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION - COSTA RICA

El País - The Ministry of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications (MICITT) today inaugurated Cybersecurity Month with a high-level panel that brought together international experts to discuss the importance of cooperation in the fight against cybercrime. The event, entitled "The relevance of International Cooperation for the success of Costa Rica's National Cybersecurity Strategy 2023-2027," was attended by representatives of the Organization of American States (OAS), the European Union, the United States Embassy in Costa Rica, the Korean Internet and Security Agency (KISA), and the Cybersec Cluster.

NEW IPANDETEC REPORT SHOWS PANAMA'S ISPS STILL LAG IN PROTECTING USER DATA

EFF - Telecom and internet service providers in Panama are entrusted with the personal data of millions of users, bearing a responsibility to not only protect users' privacy but also be transparent about their data handling policies. Digital rights organization IPANDETEC has evaluated how well companies have lived up to their responsibilities in ¿Quién Defiende Tus Datos? ("Who Defends Your Data?") reports released in 2019, 2020, and 2022, which showed persistent deficiencies.

EL SALVADOR SIGNS NEW AGREEMENT WITH GOOGLE CLOUD

La Huella - The Vice President of the Republic of El Salvador, Félix Ulloa, together with the Director of the Higher School of Innovation in Public Administration (ESIAP), Claudia de Larin, received in his office the Director of the Public Sector of Google Cloud for Latin America, Guy Nae and the Representative of Google El Salvador, Adrien Thomas Messiah, with whom an agreement was signed to continue modernizing the State through the training of officials and public servants of the different Government institutions.

CYBERCRIME OBSERVATORY TO ARRIVE IN DECEMBER - ARGENTINA

First Edition - In February 2024, there was an international operation called Digital Guardians for Children. It was aimed at dismantling an international gang of child sexual abuse material trafficking and consumption (MASI) and reached Apóstoles, Misiones, which ended with the arrest of former provincial deputy Germán Kiczka and his brother. The prosecutor in charge of that operation is Daniela Dupuy, in charge of the Specialized Prosecution Unit for Computer Crimes and Contraventions (UFEDyCI). But also, the Buenos Aires judicial official is in charge of the Observatory of Cybercrime and Digital Evidence in Criminal Investigations (OCEDIC) of the Universidad Austral, under the direction of the dean of the Faculty of Law, Manuel García Mansilla, proposed as a member of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation by President Javier Milei.

NEARLY 2,000 CYBERATTACKS REPORTED WEEKLY AGAINST ARGENTINE COMPANIES - ARGENTINA

La Gaceta - Cyberattacks are on the rise in Argentina. According to a recently released report by Check Point Software, companies in the country suffer an average of 1,913 intrusion attempts each week. This study prepared by the international company specializing in hacking prevention was discussed at CPX Argentina 2024, a forum dedicated to cybersecurity that took place on Thursday, October 3, in the City of Buenos Aires.

CENTRAL BANK OF URUGUAY PRESENTED THE OPEN FINANCE ROADMAP

Tekios Mag - On October 1, the Central Bank of Uruguay (BCU) presented the long-awaited Roadmap for the Open Finance System in the country. Martín Inthamoussu, vice president of the BCU, and Nicolás Serrano, head of the Innovation Workshop, closed the event by explaining the main guidelines and objectives of this initiative that promises to transform access to and use of financial data in Uruguay. Inthamoussu began his presentation by explaining that Open Finance is based on citizen empowerment, facilitating a system in which users have greater control over their financial data.

THE COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE STRENGTHENS ITS RESPONSE CAPABILITIES TO CYBER INCIDENTS

FAC - The Colombian Air Force (FAC) has taken an important step in cybersecurity, with the aim of strengthening its capabilities against cyber threats. For several days, the FAC's Cyber Incident Response Team, the CSIRT-Aeronautical, was evaluated using a new model called SIM3, Security Incident Management Maturity Model, developed in collaboration with the CSIRT Americas Network and the Open CSIRT Foundation. This model allows measuring and improving the level of preparedness against cyber attacks, not only in Colombia, but also throughout Latin America.

INCIBE WILL KEEP ISRAEL AT THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON INFORMATION SECURITY - SPAIN

Infobae - The National Institute of Cybersecurity of Spain (Incibe) will not veto Israeli companies in the next edition of the International Meeting on Information Security (18ENISE) despite the request made in this regard by the University Assembly of León for Palestine. Officials of Incibe held a meeting this Wednesday with the aforementioned entity supporting Palestine to learn first-hand about its concerns regarding the participation of Israeli companies in the next edition of 18ENISE, which will take place from October 21 to 23 at the Palace of Exhibitions and Congresses of León.

EXPERTS SEEK TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACTIONS FOR CYBERSECURITY - BOLIVIA

La Epoca - The Telecommunications and Transport Regulation and Oversight Authority (ATT) continues to work on improving internet services, with a special focus on network security by holding the seminar "Deployment of Public Resource Key Infrastructure (RPKI) and Route Origin Authorization (ROA)", which concluded successfully on Wednesday, bringing together more than 200 participants in person and virtually. According to an institutional report, the executive director of the ATT, Néstor Ríos, highlighted the importance of this type of initiatives to strengthen the country's telecommunications infrastructure.

VENEZUELAN BANKING ASSOCIATION URGES TO IMPROVE CYBERSECURITY IN THE FACE OF AN INCREASE IN PHISHING VICTIMS

Chronicle - Pedro Pacheco Rodríguez, president of the Venezuelan Banking Association, warned that phishing scams in banking have become a phenomenon due to the increase in cases in recent years, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic. The expert explained that, although there are no official figures on phishing, banking entities keep records and internal monitoring. Although some banks experienced an increase of 100% and 200% of cases, these are not figures that represent what happens in all banks and regions of the country.

JACIRT MONITORING 7 MILLION IP ADDRESSES DAILY IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CYBER SECURITY

IRIEFM - The Jamaica Cyber Incident Response Team (Ja-CIRT) says it is monitoring some 7 million IP addresses each day, in efforts to improve safety in Jamaica's cyber space. The agency's Director Colonel Godphey Sterling gave an update on strategies being implemented by the unit while speaking during this morning's Post Cabinet Press Briefing. He said JaCIRT has created campaigns targetting vulnerable groups, such as children and the elderly.

FOLLOW-UP ON BARBADOS REVENUE AUTHORITY DATA BREACH: A WAKE-UP CALL FOR NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY

WriteUps - Barbados is awash with the implications of a major breach of data at the Barbados Revenue Authority (BRA), an incident that underscores growing vulnerabilities in systems critical to any nation's well-being to cyber threats. In an increasingly digital world, a wake-up call such as this breach reminds one that cybersecurity has to be at the forefront of national concerns. Earlier this week, the BRA had reported a breach in security at the portal of its online reporting mechanism, immediately reaching out to the public and moving further.

REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS JOIN FORCES TO FIGHT CYBER CRIME

Jamaica Observer - Commissioner of Police Dr Kevin Blake is urging regional law enforcement leaders to band together in the fight against cyber crime. According to Blake, the solution to this complex, ever-evolving, and increasingly dangerous threat will not come from outside the region but from a strong internal collaborative force. "Cyber security is not someone else's problem; it is ours. The solutions will not come from outside the region, but from here, from the relationships, the strategies and the commitments we build today. Together we will emerge stronger, together we will build the resilience that our nations so desperately need, and together we will show the world that the Caribbean is not only a beautiful place to live, but a strong and secure region capable of meeting the future head on," said Blake.