

# Inaugural Africa Cyber Security Summit 2016

In response to the growing cybercrime in South Africa, Fleming is organising its inaugural Africa Cyber Security Summit from 9-10 March 2016 at Hilton in Sandton.



Recent research shows that the number of targeted cyber attacks has increased by 42% from the previous year in South Africa and losses from cybercrime alone summed up to US \$500m. The summit aims to develop a cyber security structure to fight cybercrime and govern the cyber landscape.

The recent use of ICT, in support of terrorism attacks throughout Africa, is adding to the growing need for a secure cyber space in Africa. The increasing awareness and the need to address cyber-security threats in Africa have also multiplied old political clichés in Africa. However, new challenges arise alongside growth and increasing technological exposure possesses its own vulnerabilities and risks. One such risk that derives from increased technological exposures and requires urgent policy attention and action is cybercrime.

"The Summit intends to bring solutions to understanding the challenges and finding sustainable solutions. Having said that, successfully combating cyber crime and protecting information infrastructures will also require international cooperation to promote the exchange of experience, identification and application of compatible norms and standards," says Vipin Rajan, conference producer with Fleming.

The summit aims to focus on achieving broad, concerted and comprehensive approaches to cyber security by showcasing commercial problem solving strategies and solutions for the global cyber threat that meet diverse challenges including IT security infrastructure, increase in e-commerce platform-specific malware, cyber security skill development etc. Matters like transnational threats and international crimes, developing a cyber infrastructure in South Africa and combating risks and cyber challenges across the continent will be discussed at the summit.

"The implementation of measures to curb cyber attacks has been selective and driven by narrower agendas across Africa.

The objective is to have all the stake holders to come together and address the lack of Cyber Infrastructure in Africa.

"Moreover, the event promises to offer worthy advice and best practice guidance through peer-led interactive sessions, thought provoking debates. Likewise, we commit to provide all our attendees a unique learning experience by giving them an opportunity to meet industry leaders and work towards a common goal," concludes Rajan.

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