

DCCP is a multi-year, global initiative that supports the development of an open, interoperable, reliable, and secure Internet through information and communications technology (ICT) development efforts in emerging markets. DCCP encourages fair competition, private sector-led investment, multi-stakeholder Internet governance, and strong cybersecurity practices. DCCP also provides tools needed to assist countries in the deployment of secure next-generation ICT infrastructure, including for 5th generation (5G) wireless networks.

DCCP activities have mostly been implemented through global and regional mechanisms, summarized below. For more information on DCCP, contact Ashton Davis (DavisAB3@state.gov) and USAID/LAB's Digital Inclusion Team (digitalinclusion@usaid.gov).

Global and Regional Mechanisms – Economic Growth

State: U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI): U.S.-based or in-country training for country officials who design, regulate and oversee communications infrastructures. Courses are tuition-free with scholarships available for participant's travel/lodging/per diem. POC: Ashton Davis (DavisAB3@state.gov).

State: ASEAN Capacity Building and Technical Assistance: Support the U.S.-ASEAN Connect Digital Economy Series, bringing together key ASEAN government decision makers with leading U.S. tech companies to encourage regulatory best practices for an open, interoperable, reliable, and secure digital economy. POC: Jeffrey Warner (WarnerJM@state.gov).

Commerce: Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP): Technical assistance and training to countries on developing responsible ICT laws and regulations. Focus areas to include technical and legal support on data flows, emerging technologies, including cloud computing and 5G, and data privacy. POCs: Megan McMillan (MMcMillan@doc.gov).

USAID: Promoting American Approaches to ICT Policy and Regulation (ProICT): Dedicated technical assistance, including through embedded experts, for receptive host country ministries and regulatory bodies to assist in the design, development, and implementation of ICT policies. POC: Thomas Koutsky (tkoutsky@usaid.gov).

USAID: Digital Asia Accelerator: Facilitate convenings, dialogues, and trainings for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), civil society, and government to foster policy and business environments that value open and secure internet in Asia. POC: Sylvie Doutriaux (sdoutriaux@usaid.gov).

USAID: South Asia Regional Development Initiative (SARDI): Facilitate convenings, dialogues, and trainings for SMEs, civil society, and government to foster policy and business environments that value open and secure internet in South Asia. POC: Harry Kriz (hkriz@usaid.gov).

Commerce/USAID: Cross-Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) Socialization: To socialize, increase knowledge of, and build capacity for the Cross-Border Privacy Rules System (CBPRs), including software deployment. POCs: USAID - Kofi Owusu-Boakye (kboakye@usaid.gov); Commerce – Shannon Coe (Shannon.Coe@trade.gov).

Trade Transaction Support

Development Finance Corporation (DFC, formerly OPIC): Debt finance (loans and guarantees); Political risk insurance; Investment fund support. Kristie Pellecchia (Kristie.Pellecchia@dfc.gov).

US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA): Feasibility studies; Technical assistance; Pilot projects; Reverse trade missions; Conferences and workshops; India Partnership on 5G Testing. POC: Nathan Younge (nyounge@ustda.gov).

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Export-Import Bank (EXIM): EXIM provides trade and project financing solutions, including export credit insurance and working capital guarantees for U.S. exporters, and also direct loans and loan guarantees for foreign buyers of U.S. goods and services. EXIM fills in the financing gap and levels the playing field for U.S. exporters going up against foreign competition in overseas markets. POC: Reza Nikfarjam (Reza.Nikfarjam@exim.gov).

Global and Regional Mechanisms – Cybersecurity Capacity Building

To support partner nations' adoption of cybersecurity best practices, State partners with relevant agencies, including the Department of Commerce and the Department of Homeland Security, to provide capacity building training on a range of topics. POC: S/CCI: Lisa Ji (JiLS@state.gov) and Joanna LaHaie (LaHaieJMC@state.gov). Programs include:

National Cyber Strategy and Policy Development: Technical and advisory support to assist countries to develop whole-of-government national cyber strategies and to effectively implement these strategies to strengthen cybersecurity policies and practices across the government.

Incident Response Capacity Building: Assistance to evaluate and strengthen first response institutions that watch, warn, respond, and recover from cyber incidents, via technical training implementors and in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security.

Joint Cybersecurity Working Groups/Public Private Engagement: Support bilateral U.S.-partner nation forum that enables Posts to work with a wide variety of stakeholders – public and private – to identify and engage on key cyber-related issues of concern. Regional funds under Indo-Pacific mechanisms can help posts organize events and meetings and cover logistics/prep costs.

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): Assist partner nations to understand and apply the NIST Cybersecurity framework – a voluntary Framework, developed in collaboration with industry, that outlines standards, guidelines, and practices to promote the protection of critical infrastructure.

National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE): Training on cybersecurity workforce development issues, including how the NICE cybersecurity workforce framework can contribute to developing a skilled cyber workforce.