

# The Concept of Partnership in National Cyber Security Strategies (NCSS)

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### **NOTE!**

### The content of this presentation:

- 1. Does not favor a specific type of strategy over others. Instead, it is an input that sheds light on the importance of the interactive partnership between organizers and recipients.
- 2. Had joined NCS and NCSS as one type of strategy.

#### **Overview**

#### We live in a technologically complicated world; It is imperative for decision-makers to PARTNER with technology consumers domestically and/or internationally, to create a stable and transparent environment that can be relied upon to build solid long-lasting future plans (STRATEGIES) and minimizing sophisticated attacks.

# The Dictionary Meaning of Strategy (OXFORD)

#### **Definition 1**

"A plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall aim"

#### **Definition 2**

"The art of planning and directing overall military operations and movements in a war or battle"

### Partnership Vs. Participation

#### **Generally:**

According to American Express; partnership depends on mutual benefit and harm. Therefore, the partnership is not momentary action, temporary request, imposition, or one-sided relationship.

#### **Exceptionally:**

Partners could be under the character of silence, by which they do not participate in daily decision-making and have limited obligations.

#### The United Kingdom

The British version dealt with the **concept** of partnership as an **integral** part of a **cyber ecosystem** based on the foundation of the **citizens** (whole-of-society approach), **education** centers, and the **industry** sector (HM Government, 2022).



#### National Cyber Strategy 2022

Pioneering a cyber future with the whole of the UK



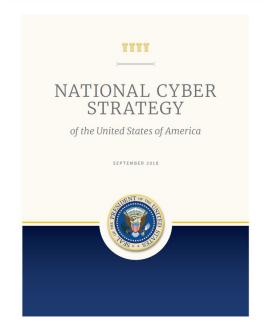
#### **Australia**

"That same whole-of-nation partnership between government, businesses and the community must also be applied to ensuring Australia is cyber secure." (Australian Home Affairs, 2020)



#### The United States of America

"Building partner cyber capacity will empower international partners to implement policies and practices which allow them to be effective partners in the **United States-led** Cyber Deterrence Initiative." (The White House, 2018)



#### **Sultanate of OMAN**

- National CSS still in progress.
- Leading partners in the first edition of the NCSS would be Governmental eServices, Cloud Service Providers, and Higher Education Institutes.
- Partnering with regulators rather than clients.



### Challenges

- 1. It is challenging to assess partnership dimensions.
- 2. The partnership concept may be lost if the same partners had to be forced to obey specific laws or policies.
- Difficulty in setting up a certain level of quality.

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