The rapid development of the Internet and technology has shaped and improved the world around us. But the transition to a digital age also offers new opportunities for criminals, consequently presenting new challenges for police worldwide.

Criminals are increasingly exploiting the speed, convenience and anonymity of the Internet to commit a diverse range of crimes that know no borders, either physical or virtual. It is therefore essential that police adapt their responses to effectively confront this new and evolving type of crime.

INTERPOL is committed to becoming a global coordination body for the detection and prevention of digital crimes through its INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI), which will house a dedicated digital crime centre. INTERPOL will seek to facilitate transnational digital crime investigations and provide operational support to police across its 190 member countries.

As a guiding principle we will focus on making cyberspace more secure, while at the same time preserving its openness. In consultation with our member countries, we have designed a model for international law enforcement cooperation on digital security.

In 2013, cybercrime was operating globally at a rate of 12 victims per second.

Norton Report 2013

INTERPOL Digital Crime Centre
Supporting digital crime investigations

USD 113 billion is the total direct global cost for 2013.

Norton Report 2013

March 2014
Activities to support digital crime investigations

CYBER FUSION CENTRE
The INTERPOL Digital Crime Centre will provide essential assistance to INTERPOL’s member countries during all stages of an investigation via its cyber fusion centre. Functioning in a similar manner to INTERPOL’s Command and Coordination Centre, the fusion centre will provide real-time monitoring and analysis of malicious Internet activity, giving member countries the intelligence and expertise required to more effectively investigate digital crimes.

Trend Analysis
The fusion centre will conduct strategic trend monitoring and analysis of emerging crimes and digital security threats. For example, it will receive information from various strategic partners which law enforcement agencies can turn to during cybercrime investigations. Analytical reports will assist police in conducting intelligence-driven investigations. Activities will be supported by personnel from law enforcement, private industry and academia.

Law Enforcement Action
Drawing on the intelligence compiled, law enforcement personnel will turn case-oriented analysis into concrete operational action, providing digital crime expertise to cybercrime units during investigations. The fusion centre will also assist law enforcement agencies and electronic service providers in expediting screening requests for basic subscriber information.

24/7 CONTACT NETWORK
The INTERPOL Digital Crime Centre will compile and manage a list of specialized National Reference Points for the exchange of police information on cybercrime. These dedicated points of contact are available around-the-clock and will have the training and equipment necessary to facilitate mutual assistance on digital crime investigations.

We will provide these contacts with the tools and services necessary to rapidly exchange data on cybercrime in real time and facilitate transnational cooperation on cases and operations. The use of INTERPOL’s notices will be enhanced to share important information on cybercrime modus operandi and to warn countries of impending threats.

REGIONAL EXPERT GROUPS
Regional cooperation will be facilitated by INTERPOL’s Expert Groups on IT Crime, which bring together key law enforcement stakeholders across regions to share expertise and intelligence on digital crime trends.

▸ Africa
▸ Americas
▸ Eurasia (Europe and Asia/South Pacific)
▸ Middle East and North Africa

Expert groups have proved essential to the identification of digital crime trends and have led to large-scale transnational operations. They also identify training needs within the regions. This regional cooperation is facilitated by critical assistance provided by regional digital crime officers, located in each of INTERPOL’s Regional Bureaus.

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