

## 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop on Digital Forensics for BRICS countries

03-05 August 2021

(Virtual)



The National Security Council Secretariat, Government of India in association with Data Security Council of India, as a knowledge partner, had organized a three-day workshop from 03-05 August on “Digital Forensics” in virtual mode for delegates from BRICS states. Law Enforcement Agencies across the globe face challenges related to handling Digital Evidence due to the absence of standard practices for collection and analysis of digital evidence. Thus, there is a pressing need for countries to come together and share Best Practices for effective usage of Digital Forensics in civil/criminal or administrative investigations.

India had announced holding a Workshop on Digital Forensics for BRICS members during the last BRICS Summit and during the BRICS NSA’s meeting in Brazil in 2019. At the 10<sup>th</sup> NSA level BRICS meeting on September 17, 2020, India proposed to conduct this workshop in virtual mode due to covid-19 pandemic.

The opening ceremony of the workshop was graced and addressed by Mr. Rajinder Khanna, Deputy National Security Advisor of India; Mr. Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology; Lt Gen Rajesh Pant, National Cyber Security Coordinator of India, Mr. Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Secretary (CPV & OIA), MEA & BRICS Sherpa, Ministry of External Affairs of India; and Mr. Narendra Nath, Joint Secretary, National Security Council Secretariat of India.

Various subject matter experts from Government, Academia and Industry deliberated on the Canvas of Digital Forensics: Evolution and Adoption; Mobile Forensics: Key to every Digital Forensic Investigation; Data Protection and Privacy: Preserving Digital Forensic Investigation; Forensics Analysis of Emerging Technologies (IoT, Cloud, Smart Devices and Block chain); Future Challenges in Digital Forensics and Way forward. The three-day workshop provided a peer-to-peer platform where Government representatives, law enforcement experts, policymakers, academicians and Industry got together to discuss issues related to Digital Forensics.

Experts from BRICS countries shared their research challenges, approaches, and roadmaps in digital forensics on the topics of workshop. The program has been designed with a special focus on examining issues related to the cyber-realm from an interdisciplinary and multi-dimensional perspective, offering a unique look at a range of challenges.

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