

Is there a Path Forward for International Cyberspace Governance?

Today, Cyberspace is increasingly recognised as 'the newest and most critical global common.'

Challenges in Global Cyberspace Governance



Diverse stakeholders having different cultural, political & economic interests



Governments with sovereignty concerns are reluctant to relinquish control over cyberspace to international agreements



Fundamental differences among stakeholders on subjects of privacy, security & freedom of expression



Rapid technological change outpacing development of legal frameworks



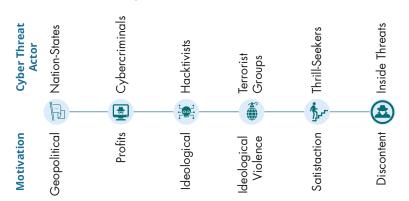
Digital divide between developed and developing countries complicating efforts to establish a common international framework



Difficulty of attribution of cyber attacks and increasing militarisation of cyberspace by various cyber threat actors

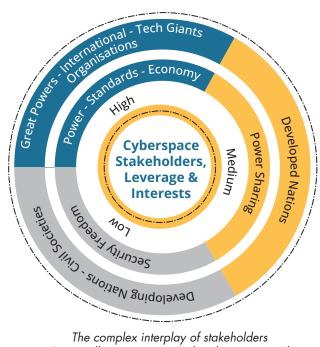
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Cyber Threat Actors



What Can be Done for Global Cyberspace Security?

"Global commons cannot be governed by a single nation due to lack of capacity but the promised benefits of global commons can be reaped by all if all parties agree on and adhere to established rules."



The complex interplay of stakeholders (especially great powers), their leverages and interests complicates the issue of global cyberspace governance.

Policies and CBMs CBMs CBMs



Nation-states should rely on **domestically developed solutions** to safeguard their cyberspace boundaries

An international

necessitate the

formulation of

policies and

agreement would

Confidence Building

Role of Nation-States





Role of United Nations

norms complemented by **strong** national security strategies are required

International

Two-pronged Approach

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