



CYBERWELLNESS PROFILE

VENEZUELA



BACKGROUND

Total Population: 29 891 000

(data source: [United Nations Statistics Division](#), December 2012)

Internet users, percentage of population: 54.90%

(data source: [ITU Statistics](#), 2013)

1. CYBERSECURITY

1.1 LEGAL MEASURES

1.1.1 CRIMINAL LEGISLATION

Specific legislation on cybercrime has been enacted through the following instruments:

-[Penal Code](#)

-[Law on Electronic Signature](#)

1.1.2 REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Venezuela has specific regulations and compliance requirements pertaining to cybersecurity.

1.2 TECHNICAL MEASURES

1.2.1 CIRT

Venezuela has an officially recognized national CERT ([VenCERT](#)).

1.2.2 STANDARDS

Venezuela has an officially recognized national (and sector specific) cybersecurity framework for implementing internationally recognized cybersecurity standards.

1.2.3 CERTIFICATION

Venezuela has an officially approved national (and sector specific) cybersecurity framework for the certification and accreditation of national agencies and public sector professionals.

1.3 ORGANIZATION MEASURES

1.3.1 POLICY

Venezuela has an officially recognized national cybersecurity strategy.

1.3.2 ROADMAP FOR GOVERNANCE

Venezuela has a national governance roadmap for cybersecurity.

1.3.3 RESPONSIBLE AGENCY

Venezuela has an officially recognized agency responsible for implementing a national cybersecurity strategy, policy and roadmap.

1.3.4 NATIONAL BENCHMARKING

Venezuela officially recognized national or sector-specific benchmarking exercises or referential used to measure cybersecurity development.

1.4 CAPACITY BUILDING

1.4.1 STANDARDISATION DEVELOPMENT

Venezuela has officially recognized national or sector-specific research and development (R&D) programs/projects for cybersecurity standards, best practices and guidelines to be applied in either the private or the public sector.

1.4.2 MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

The Superintendence of Electronic Certification Services SUSCERTE, the upper body of [VenCERT](#), led a campaign to raise awareness about information security, the use of social media for children and adolescents and to publish the benefits of electronic certificates and electronic signatures.

This campaign led to visits of public institutions and communities in more than 10 states.

1.4.3 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Venezuela does not know the exact number of public sector professionals certified under internationally recognized certification programs in cybersecurity.

1.4.4 AGENCY CERTIFICATION

VenCERT is officially the government and public sector agency certified under internationally recognized standards in cybersecurity, such as ISO 270001.

1.5 COOPERATION

1.5.1 INTRA-STATE COOPERATION

Venezuela has officially recognized partnerships to facilitate sharing of cybersecurity assets across borders or with other nation states.

1.5.2 INTRA-AGENCY COOPERATION

Venezuela has officially recognized national or sector-specific programs for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public sector.

1.5.3 PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERSHIP

Venezuela has officially recognized national or sector-specific programs for sharing cybersecurity assets within the public and private sector.

1.5.4 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Venezuela is a member of the ITU-IMPACT initiative and has access to relevant cybersecurity services.

2. CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

2.1 NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Specific legislation on child online protection has been enacted through the following instruments:

-[Article 78*](#) of the Federal Constitution.

-[Articles 388 and 389*](#) of the Criminal Code.

-[Articles 23* and 24*](#) of the Special Law against Computer Crimes, September 2001.

-[Articles 73* and 74*](#) of the Law of Information Technology, August 2005.

-[Law for the Protection of Children and Adolescents Using Internet Facilities, Video and other Multimedia*](#), September 2006.

-[Articles 33, 74, 75, 79\(b\), \(c\), \(d\), \(e\), 92\(f\), 235* and 265*](#) of the Organic Law for the Protection of Children and Adolescents, December 2007.

-[Articles 29.1, 41 and 46-49*](#) of the Law against Organized Crime, January 2012.

2.2 UN CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL

Venezuela has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 16, 17(e) and 34(c), to the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#).

Venezuela has acceded, with no declarations or reservations to articles 2 and 3, to the [Optional Protocol to The Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography](#).

2.3 INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

The Venezuelan Computer Emergency Response Team ([VenCERT*](#)) provides [information*](#) on child online protection. The Governmental organ responsible for implementing projects and writing general guidelines over children and youth issues is the "[Consejo Nacional de Derechos del Niño, Niñas y Adolescentes](#)" (IDENA).

2.4 REPORTING MECHANISM

Venezuela does not have any officially recognized agency that offers an avenue for the reporting of incidents related to child online protection.

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