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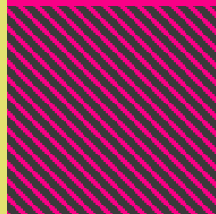
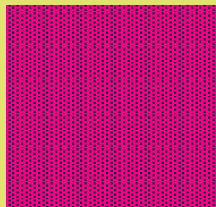
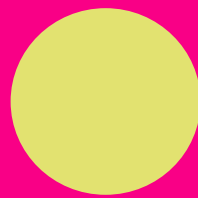
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CYBERSECURITY IN HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NETHERLANDS

SYMPOSIUM >

28 MAY 2025

SCHOUWBURGSTRAAT
THE HAGUE



WELCOME TO THE CYBERSECURITY IN HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS

WHY IT MATTERS — AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

Cyber threats are no longer abstract risks for humanitarian organizations—they are real, growing, and have the potential to **affect the people, systems, and missions** that deliver aid. From compromised communication channels to disrupted operations in the field, cyber incidents can jeopardize both lives and humanitarian principles.

This one-day symposium is designed to help humanitarian professionals in the Netherlands better understand and prepare for these digital threats—entirely from a **non-technical perspective**. Whether your work focuses on programs, logistics, advocacy, or policy, this event is for you.

Through **keynotes, interactive sessions**, and a **live simulation**, you'll gain insight into real-world cyber threats, learn from leading experts, and explore concrete steps you can take to strengthen your organization's preparedness and response. This event also offers a unique opportunity to **connect with peers, academics, and policymakers** committed to safeguarding humanitarian action in the digital age.

The event is part of the four-year research project Securing Humanitarian Operations: Preparedness and Response to Cyber Crises in Aid Delivery, which explores how the humanitarian can navigate the risks and threats in a digitalized world.

TIME AND PLACE

Date: Wednesday 28 May 2025

Time: 08:30 - 17:00

HOW TO GET THERE

The Leiden Learning & Innovation Centre is 8 minutes walking from the central station (Den Haag central).

Location: Leiden Learning & Innovation Centre, Schouwburgstraat 2
2511 VA The Hague

Room: Living Lab, B3.01, B3.02, and B3.03

ORGANIZERS



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The Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) is a scientific institute that specialises in security issues and focuses on multidisciplinary research and education within the international scientific field of security studies. Researchers at this institute are engaged in interdisciplinary research and teaching within the international scientific field of security studies.



KUNO is a network of humanitarian professionals in the Netherlands: practitioners, academics, and policy makers. KUNO brings together humanitarian practitioners, academics, policymakers, and many more, to contribute to improved knowledge that leads to improved humanitarian action.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Francesca Bosco
Chief Strategy Officer
CyberPeace Institute



Andrej Verity
Digital Services technical team lead &
AI Transformation United Nations Office for the
Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)



Prof. Kristin Bergtora Sandvik
Professor of Criminology and Sociology of Law
University of Oslo

PROGRAM

TIME	SESSION	DESCRIPTION/SPEAKER
8:00 – 9:00	Welcome & registration	
9:00 – 9:30	Opening remarks	Dr Andrea Bartolucci Assistant professor in Humanitarian and disaster response at ISGA Dr. Cristina del Real Assistant professor in cyber crisis at ISGA Corinne Lamaine Coordinator of KUNO
9:30 – 10:10	Opening keynote	Francesca Bosco Chief Strategy Officer at CyberPeace Institute
10:10 – 10:50	Opening keynote	Andrej Verity Digital Services technical team lead & AI Transformation United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
10:50 – 11:15	Presentation of the project and talk: “Real-world cyber threats in humanitarian contexts”	Chiara Anfuso PhD Candidate in cybersecurity in the humanitarian sector at the Institute of Security and Global Affairs
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:30	Breakout sessions	Interactive reflection on key challenges in the humanitarian sector and solutions (no technical knowledge required)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break	
13:30 – 15:00	Cyber Simulation	Step into a realistic humanitarian cyber crisis to explore response strategies, roles, and the impact of choices.
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break	
15:15 – 15:45	Open discussion: collaborating across sectors	Dialogue between humanitarian actors, academia, and government
15:45 – 16:45	Closing keynote	Prof. Dr. Kristin B. Sandvik Professor of Criminology and Sociology of Law at University of Oslo
16:45 – 17:15	Closing session	Organizers from ISGA & KUNO
17:15 – 18:30	Drinks & networking reception	

