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Togo launches its first national Computer Emergency Response Team - CERT.tg

- Togo's first national Computer Emergency Response Team, CERT.tg, formally commences operations.
- CERT.tg forms part of Togo's cybersecurity arsenal led by Cyber Defense Africa S.A.S under the auspices of the National Cybersecurity Agency (ANCy).
- The unit is also launching its website <https://cert.tg> where individuals and businesses can directly report cybersecurity incidents, access regular security updates, download cybersecurity resources, and learn about professional training opportunities.

Lomé (Togo), 3 February 2021 – Togo's national cybersecurity unit, Cyber Defense Africa S.A.S. (CDA) has formally launched CERT.tg, the country's first Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) to identify, analyse and mitigate cyber threats affecting the Togolese State, citizens, companies, and organisations. CERT.tg will also offer a range of bespoke services to respond to the information security needs of businesses of all sizes including security audits and cybersecurity forensics.

With the launch of CERT.tg, Togo now fully joins a global network of national CERTs dedicated to the collective effort of cyber defence through round-the-clock monitoring and management of cybersecurity incidents in local cyberspace. CERT.tg is the central Togolese point of collaboration on cybersecurity with counterparts in the field around the world.

The launch of CERT.tg occurs at an opportune time as the Government accelerates its digital transformation agenda to modernise the Togolese economy. It fits within a broader strategy that saw the development of a robust legal and institutional framework in Togo over the past few years.

The CERT.tg website <https://cert.tg> is available to the public and offers a wide range of services. Users can report cybersecurity incidents directly to CERT.tg through the website for swift support. Through its website, CERT.tg will also publish frequent updates on trends in the cybersecurity sector, detailed advisories on cyberthreats, educational resources, and other useful information.

Finally, CERT.tg will lead Togo's ambitions to become the West African leader in cybersecurity expertise. Thanks to the government's strategic partnership with leading European IT company Asseco, CERT.tg will offer world-class cybersecurity training in Togo such as in forensics, operational security, or

cryptocurrencies. These sessions are targeted at IT professionals and Information systems managers for businesses of all sizes. CERT.tg also provides introductory courses and other relevant training for civil servants and individuals. Interested persons and organisations are encouraged to visit <https://cert.tg> for more information about available trainings.

"The launch of CERT.tg is a significant milestone in Togo's cybersecurity development journey," said General Damehame YARK, Minister of Security and Civil Protection. "CERT.tg complements the existing Security Operations Centre (SOC) to play an active role in building Togolese cybersecurity expertise and resilience by raising civic awareness of cybersecurity threats and coordinating with government agencies and businesses to secure their activities. It introduces Togo into the community of global cybersecurity partners to identify and respond proactively to emerging threats."

"The Togolese people must have complete confidence in the security of their cyberspace to reap the full benefits of the digitalisation of services and public administration. CERT-TG strengthens this confidence by protecting all stakeholders of the digital economy and by helping to train local cybersecurity experts. The launch of our national CERT to the highest international standards is further proof of our capacity to achieve our ambitions." said Cina Lawson, Minister of Digital Economy and Digital Transformation.

Commenting on the start of CERT.tg operations and launch of its website, **Simon Melchior, Director General of Cyber Defense Africa S.A.S (CDA)** said, *"we are extremely happy to launch CERT.tg after the hard work that has been accomplished so far, particularly in the difficult context related to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, this is just the beginning of our journey and we know that we will be judged on our operational performance and the quality of our service. We welcome this challenge and look forward to being a positive contributor to the global cybersecurity community. "*

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About Cyber Defense Africa

CDA is a joint venture established by the Republic of Togo and Asseco Group to protect Togolese citizens, businesses, organizations, and public administrations against cyber-attacks, advise the National Cybersecurity Agency (ANCy) on the definition and implementation of the national cybersecurity strategy and standards and foster development of cybersecurity knowledge and best practices in Africa. CDA is the operational entity in charge of ensuring Togo's cybersecurity, by organizing proactive and reactive measures to counter cyber threats, in accordance with global best practices.

About the Ministry of Digital Economy and Digital Transformation

The Ministry of Digital Economy and Digital Transformation defines and coordinates the implementation of state policy in the areas of postal affairs and the digital economy. In this capacity, it leads the digital transformation of the economy including digitising public services, promoting, and disseminating the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) to improve the lives of Togolese.

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