

CALL FOR PAPERS: Special issue on AI systems and cybercrime
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This is a call for papers by the Commonwealth Secretariat for the second volume of the *Commonwealth Cyber Journal (CCJ)*. The *CCJ*, which is peer reviewed features policy-influencing articles and commentary by academics, policymakers, practitioners and experts on the benefits, challenges, and risks of digital technologies. This includes generative artificial intelligence systems (GAI systems) and their use in all spheres of life, including in legal practice, judicial decision making, policing, intelligence gathering and military purposes. In addition to cybersecurity frameworks, the *CCJ* also analyses the types, trends, scale and impact of cybercrime both in Commonwealth member countries and globally. Further, it seeks to address the need, challenges and opportunities for building effective anti-cybercrime and GAI legal, policy, institutional and multilateral regulatory frameworks.

For this volume, we are calling for articles that focus on GAI systems and cybercrime as follows:

Artificial Intelligence Systems

- Regulation of AI Systems (analysing the need, and the challenges and opportunities, for regulating generative artificial intelligence and other emerging digital technologies)
- GAI systems and Commonwealth Small Countries - Challenges and Opportunities
- GAI Systems and cybercrime (incl. risks of increased cyber-attacks)
- AI systems and human rights
- AI systems and the integrity of electoral and democratic systems
- AI Systems and the future of intellectual property regimes

Cybercrime

- The future of anti-cybercrime multilateral frameworks (analysing the intersection of the Budapest Convention and on-going efforts to establish a UN anti-cybercrime framework)
- Commonwealth Cyber-resilience frameworks - Challenges and Opportunities
- The future of cyber insurance

- Cybercrime and the digital economy (analysing, inter alia, the intersection between cybercrime and digital assets and currencies)
- Digitalisation of justice systems and cybercrime.

Authors interested in publishing in the second volume of the *CCJ* are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 500 words, alongside with the authors' full names, biographies/CVs and contact details, to Dr Nkechi Amobi at n.amobi@commonwealth.int and cyberjournal@commonwealth.int by 17 August 2023. On the basis of these abstracts, selected authors will be invited to submit a full article of between 5,000 and 7,000 words. Please see the full timeline below.

Timeline

- Abstract (500 words) due: by 17 August 2023
- Abstract Acceptance: by 8 September 2023
- Draft papers due: by 30 November 2023
- Decision: 10 January - by 12 February 2024
- Review and revisions process: between 12 February and 15 March 2024
- Publication: 31 March 2024.

Guideline for authors

Articles approved at the abstract stage must be submitted in Word format in 12pt Trebuchet MS, justified and with 1.5 line spacing (footnotes should be in font 10pt Trebuchet).

- Length of draft paper should be between 5,000-7,000 words (footnotes excluded).
- Citations and references should follow the Harvard-style author-date system.
- All draft papers should include a short abstract summarising its main content/argument.
- All draft papers should include a short biography (one or two sentences per author) describing the authors' current position, institutional affiliations and (for the corresponding author) e-mail contact details.

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