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DND, DFA conduct workshop on “DarkNet” and terrorism



UNESCO/IFAP Intergovernmental Council Chairperson Chafica Haddad delivers her Opening Remarks at the "Dealing with the DarkNet: Measures to Prevent Violent Extremism" Workshop.

Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City - The Department of National Defense, in coordination with the Department of Foreign Affairs, conducted a workshop "Dealing with the DarkNet: Measures to Prevent Violent Extremism", today, February 27, 2018.

With participants coming from Philippine government agencies, non-governmental organizations, international agencies including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Information for All Programme (IFAP) Intergovernmental Council, and Interpol, the speakers provided information and insights on the DarkNet and its role in terrorism.

Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana, in his welcome remarks, said that, “because of the global nature of cybercrimes, no single nation can fight this alone. As cybercrimes increase, we must show our commitment to come up with more efficient and effective security measures to address this grave threat to our collective security.”

Secretary Lorenzana expressed confidence that the overall quality of cybersecurity in the country can be raised and the Philippines can contribute to regional and international efforts to build a safer and more secure cyberspace “by investing in our people, capabilities and international networks and cooperation.”

For her part, Ms. Chafica Haddad, Chairperson of the UNESCO/IFAP Intergovernmental Council, presented the current efforts by the international community, particularly UNESCO/IFAP in establishing effective measures to prevent online radicalization, and stimulate the use of Internet for peace, understanding and inter-cultural dialogue.

Ms. Haddad explained that “when we talk about DarkNet, Internet and the prevention of violent extremism, one of the fundamental issues is related to youth and appropriate policies. Young people are key to reducing and eliminating radicalization. We need to get them involved, seek out their opinions, listen to them, and, above all, give them the tools they need to become involved and vigilant users of the internet”, she added.

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