



Why does the Accra Call matter to your organization and your community?



The **Accra Call enables CREST to add sustainable development to CREST's mission** to build global cybersecurity capability and consistency. By endorsing it, CREST has reaffirmed our commitment to strengthening cybersecurity service providers in emerging markets.

As a result of our Accra Call Commitment, **CREST now actively promotes capacity-building as a development priority**, ensuring cybersecurity is not just a technical issue but a core enabler of economic growth, digital trust, and secure online environments.

The Accra Call inspired CREST to reinforce its commitment to building sustainable cyber ecosystems by **bridging the gap between local cybersecurity providers and internationally recognised standards**.

Since endorsing the Accra Call, CREST has brought these capabilities together into **CREST CAMP**. We have translated beneficiaries' self-assessment findings into concrete, evidence-based action plans that pinpoint specific gaps in their capacity and capability. We also paired them with existing CREST members to refine services and build business maturity. This has now been launched in 14 countries.

How has the Accra Call inspired you to take action?



Within FCDO CREST CAMP we paired 32 local cybersecurity companies with CREST accredited members to accelerate their readiness for accreditation. We are also facilitating skills development by establishing 5 new CREST training partners in Kenya, Malaysia, Bahrain, Thailand and Georgia, enabling professional development aligned with international standards.

We also used the CREST CAMP process to **address gender disparity in cybersecurity by prioritising inclusive mentorship and capacity-building**, ensuring that underrepresented groups have access to career-enhancing opportunities. We are now actively collaborating with national authorities to draw on the CREST CAMP experience to embed CREST-aligned accreditation frameworks into national cyber strategies.

Concrete achievements



- We introduced a **50% discount** on all exam and membership fees for cybersecurity service providers in low- and lower-middle-income countries.
- We **published CREST standards as a free capacity building resource** for service providers globally and developed the CREST Accreditation Pathway with specific toolsets as a route through which aspiring service providers can improve their maturity.
- We created, piloted and rolled out CREST CAMP as a capacity building approach, including in low-middle income countries. We **supported 68 companies** in self-assessment against CREST's standards. We **mentored 32 companies** in identifying their development priorities. Our new partners provided **training** in penetration testing, threat intelligence or incident response **to 159 cybersecurity professionals**.