Re: The next guest speaker for SEC...

dparzik@usaid.gov Diana Parzik Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 3:45:08 PM Eastern Standard Time
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Hi-

I'm not tracking a similar event recently, but it sounds quite interesting. The GEC has a digital disinformation index (DDI) for USG only, and we've had some discussions about that tool, but it's a little different than the GDI. I'll be in and out during the holidays, but I would be happy to participate, please let me know how I can be of assistance.

Thank you!
Diana

On Wed, Dec 1, 2021 at 1:46 PM Lorri Anne Meils <lmeils@usaid.gov> wrote:

> Hi Maurice,
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> Sorry i haven't had a chance to follow up. I am copying Diana Parzik in on this thread as she has the perfect background for this discussion and may be a great fit!
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> Thanks!
> Lorri
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> On Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 1:23 PM Maurice Kent <mkent@usaid.gov> wrote:
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> > Lorri Anne, Lisa,
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> > I would like to introduce you to Daniel in SEC, whose team covers a number of different aspects of security issues facing USAID staff. They're looking to invite a speaker (details below) for their regular series on the basics of disinformation, how it affects our programs, etc. I figured that the DRG Center would likely be a great potential co-host, as well as a source of confirmation re: whether we've had this sort of presentation before, recently.
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> > Any insight you can provide for SEC would be welcome.
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> > Thanks!
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> > ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> > From: **Daniel Stolkowski** <dstolkowski@usaid.gov>
> > Date: Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 1:24 PM
> > Subject: The next guest speaker for SEC...
> > To: Maurice Kent <mkent@usaid.gov>
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> > Hi Maurice,
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> > Running this by you as an FYI.

As you may know, the SEC Guest Speaker Series aims to help USAID better understand security-related issues impacting our work. Our speakers so far this year have been Peter Lord, VP of Strategic Initiatives @ Oracle; Jonathan Hillman from the Reconnecting Asia Project at CSIS; and we also hosted the authors of this paper from RAND.

For our next talk, I would like to invite Dr. Danny Rogers. I have known him since the days I worked for the U.S. Army (INSCOM) and he worked at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. Danny is a physicist, an author, and an expert in **cryptography, cybercrime, disinformation, and security**. He currently teaches in the Cybercrime and Global Security Masters Program at New York University's Center for Global Affairs and is a Security Fellow at the Truman Project on National Security. He currently works at the Global Disinformation Index. I've seen some of his webinars, and I think he's a good web-speaker. (That's him speaking in the video.) He recently also testified on the subject at the U.S. Capital.

I've reached out to him, and he is available to do a custom webinar for USAID some time in mid December. (I'm thinking Dec 22, actually.)

Still not 100% confirmed, but I wanted to let you know. Feel free to pass along any thoughts.

Thanks,

Daniel

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