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“Cybercrime and cybersecurity in SA: recent incidents and how you could be at risk”

Abstract: October is cybersecurity awareness month, which presents an opportunity to remind ourselves to stay safe online. The pandemic and introduction of lockdowns globally saw a surge of cybercrime leveraging off the panic. Since then there have been noticeable incidents in South Africa that illustrate how personal information is at risk, and some have potential wide-reaching impacts. This webinar will provide a review of recent incidents, illustrate how these put the average citizen at risk, and how to protect yourself.

Bio: Dr Brett van Niekerk is a computer science academic at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is NRF-rated and serves as chair for the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP) Working Group 9.10 on ICT Uses in Peace and War, the co-Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Cyber Warfare and Terrorism*, associate editor for the *International Journal of Information Security and Privacy*, and on the international advisory board for the *Journal of Information Warfare*. He participated in the international research advisory group for the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace, is a reviewer for policy proposals for the Carnegie Endowment’s Partnership for Countering Influence Operations, and has contributed to the ISO/IEC information security standards. In 2012 he graduated with his PhD focusing on information operations, information security and critical infrastructure protection. He is a Certified Information Security Manager, and an early adopter of the new South African Information Security Management Professional designation

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