First Industry Roundtable with the Canadian Cyber Security Centre

On Friday, November 23ʳ, ITAC hosted an Industry Roundtable with senior leaders from the Canadian Cyber Security Centre (CCSC). The meeting was held in Ottawa at the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) with executives from a wide range of ITAC's membership. Participants included:

- Scott Jones, Head of the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security;
- Francis Castonguay, Director General, Partnerships and Risk Mitigation, Canadian Centre for Cyber Security; and
- Colin Belcourt, Director, Standards Architecture and Risk Mitigation, Canadian Centre for Cyber Security.

ITAC will act as a co-secretariat with the Canadian Security Establishment (CSE) to establish an ongoing forum that will allow for the CCSC to engage directly with industry. We agree that these meetings will be outcome-focused, will include specific topics that CCSC will seek input on, and will be held in a non-classified location.. In early 2019 ITAC and CCSC will meet to discuss topics to be addressed.

The Roundtable addressed a number of topics, including:

Information Sharing: An exploration of ways industry and government can partner and collaborate to develop a rapid and responsive national cyber security information sharing network that will enable immediate threat information.

Government Adoption of Cyber Innovations: Looking at the ways ITAC and the ICT industry can work with the Government of Canada to help improve the adoption and procurement of leading Canadian cyber technology, including SMEs. This will help research, development and commercialization of new cyber security technologies, and develop programming to support the growth of Canada's dynamic cyber security industry to take advantage of a $100B global cyber economy.

Cyber Security Standards: These standards were discussed in the release of the Canadian Cyber Security Strategy in June 2018, but are still being developed by government, with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) as the lead department.

Education: Participants looked at the ways the CCSC can help work with industry to create cyber skills training programs to assist businesses with their cyber security needs and develop federal public education programs to encourage a national culture of cyber hygiene. Future meetings will discuss the need to invest in the development of cyber security talent and encourage students to pursue cyber careers.

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