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ICTs and Violence Against Children: Minimising Risks And Releasing Potential

**Implementation and enforcement:
obstacles, challenges and advances**



Who are we?

The International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC) is the leading global service agency working to protect the world's children from sexual abuse, exploitation, and abduction.



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Status of Legislation Globally

Child Pornography: Model Legislation & Global Review

- ❖ A review of national legislation in 196 countries of existing legislation against child pornography. Results:
 - Only 11 countries have legislation which fulfill all 5 criteria;
 - 53 countries have no legislation at all;
 - Only 69 countries have sufficient legislation.

- ❖ Movement in right direction: 100 countries have passed new law or improved existing law since 2006.

Child Pornography:
MODEL LEGISLATION & GLOBAL REVIEW

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Obstacles: Low Prosecutions & Convictions Rates

- ❖ Despite advances, implementation of the existing child pornography laws are still low:
 - Lack of supporting legislation (data retention policies, etc.)
 - Small number of specialized police departments;
 - High turnover in specialized police departments and prosecutors' offices;
 - Little coordination between police officers investigation and prosecutor's offices;



Obstacles: Low Prosecutions & Convictions Rates

❖ Continued:

- Still misperception of CP as a minor offence or as a victimless crime;
- Low awareness of ICT-related issues and existing legislation by some institutions;
- Weak data collection and weak data analysis due to poor data breakdown or gathering;
- Low budget allocation for child protection institutions, and for acquiring software, capacity building, etc.



ICMEC Response: Law Enforcement Training

Computer-Facilitated Crimes Against Children

- ❖ Trainings for law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and technical analysts
 - 69 trainings since 2003;
 - 5,598 participants trained;
 - 121 countries represented;

Microsoft





Challenge: High Volumes of Materials to investigate

- ❖ Advances on investigative coalitions (*VGT, IIITE, INTERPOL Task forces, Police Attachés Coordination...*), but the high volumes of new images being produced daily are higher than investigative capacity:
 - Little attention to prevention efforts (most work on prevention done by NGOs)
 - Victim identification is a time consuming task;



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❖ Continued:

- Lack of inter-institutional agreements (or of awareness for support to criminal investigations;
- Investigations often times require international coordination (different definitions, legislation, etc.) and access to evidence;
- Police officers are not equipped with de-confliction tools and databases that allow for quick coordination.



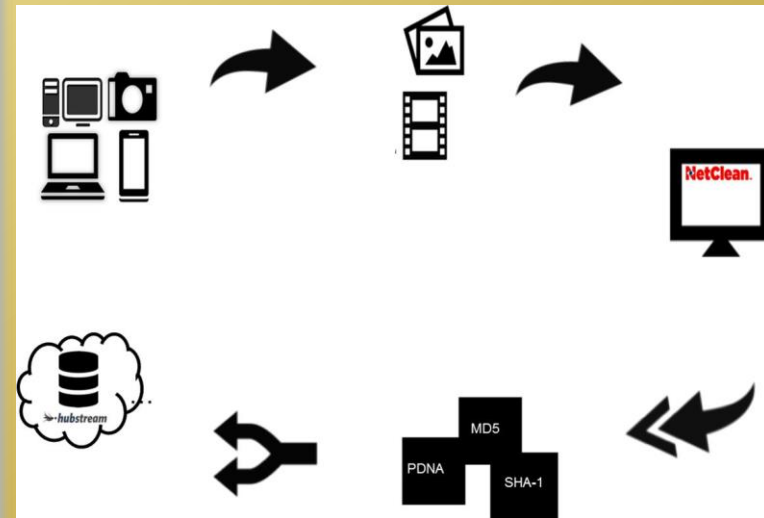
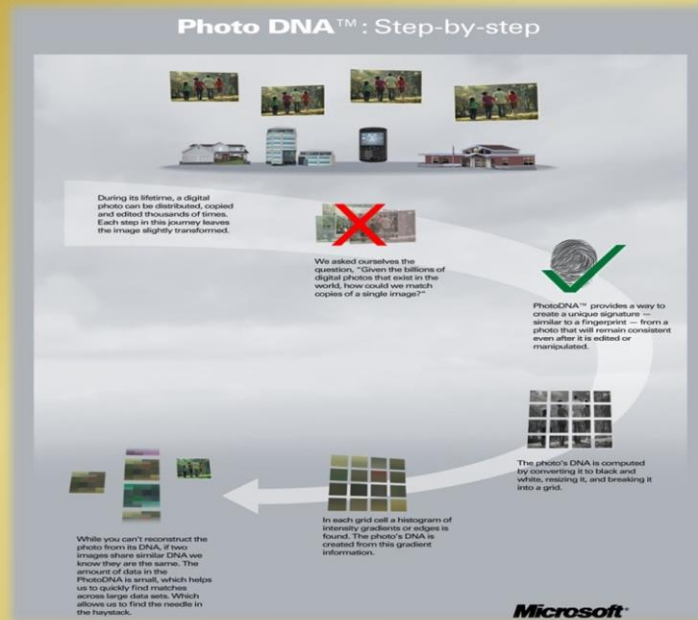
ICMEC's Response: Law Enforcement Tools

Video
Fingerprinting

PhotoDNA™



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Media Technology Systems





Challenge: Permanent Evolving Technologies

- ❖ Despite advances, the expertise of offenders is enhanced by the rapid advances in Internet technology, sometimes faster than legislation or LEA:

Commercial websites (\$9,90)

Initiative: FCACP



Peer to Peer Networks

Initiative: FCACP, VGT, Technology Coalition, etc



Online Classified ads for CSEC & TIP

Initiative: ICMC Campaign on online TIP



DarkNet, TOR & Shadow economy (Bitcoins)

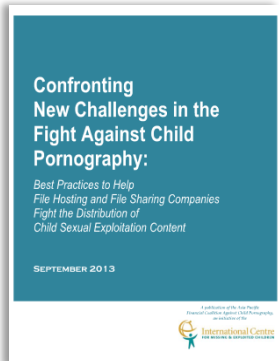
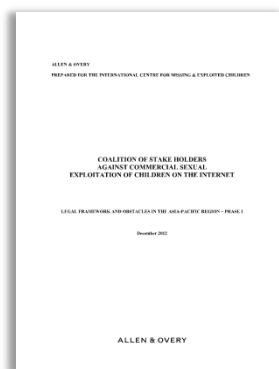
Initiative: ICMC's Digital Economy Task Force



Financial Coalition Against Child Pornography

- Established in U.S. in 2006 by NCMEC and ICMEC
- Advisory role in European Financial Coalition
- Developing an Asia-Pacific FCACP since 2009
- A powerful alliance of financial and Internet companies working voluntarily to address commercial child pornography

**One Goal:
Disrupt the Economics of the
Child Pornography Business**





Digital Economy

- ❖ Spearheading a comprehensive effort to address the abuse of payment systems and digital currencies
- ❖ Addressing the emergence of “cyber-lockers” by developing best practices
- ❖ Co-hosted Event with Thomson Reuters in June 2013 - *The Virtual Economy: Potential, Perplexities and Promises*
- ❖ Ernie Allen testified before Senate Hearing in November 2013 regarding digital currency





Questions?

Thanks!

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