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## **Cyber & Security: New Challenges in a Global Context**

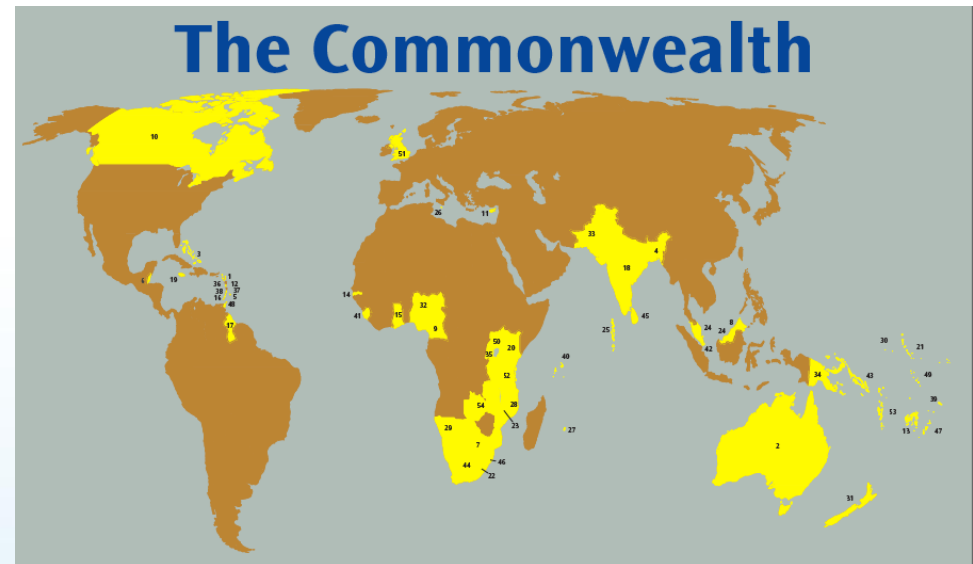
# The Commonwealth



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- 53 member countries
- 7 low income countries
- 16 lower middle income countries
- Home to 2.2 billion people
- 60% under the age of 30 – early adapters of technology



# Conflicting priorities

## – Causes of friction



**Governments – development**



**Cyberspace - channel for  
development**



**Safety and security**

**People – Enjoyment**



**Unfettered access and total  
privacy**

*Individuals consent to give up a part of their freedom for an assurance of the protection of their rights.*

*Need the priorities of the two parties to be perfectly aligned*

*In this instance the right people want protected is the same freedom that is sought to be given up*



- Privacy and Cybersecurity are usually considered separately
- More Commonwealth countries are working on Cybersecurity than on data protection and privacy
- In national Cyber-policy making, the engagement of civil society is limited
- Even at Global level the engagement of civil society in Cyber-policy making is limited to committed few

# Future?



- Increasing demand for greater degree of privacy and control of own data
- Continuous friction between security and liberty; which takes precedence will be determined by the scale of economic development
- Practice of democracy will change due to Cyberspace; vastly increased civil society engagement in the democratic process
- Global Cyber-policy making may not be as broadbased as is required; due to resource, knowledge and commitment constraints



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