

against such an organisation. With regard to this, the cyber policy is expected to monitor and control all related activities to protect information and physical assets (International Standards Organisation, 2018). This section establishes the position of the literature on issues such as the cyber security policy framework, the formalisation of the cyber policy, and the procedure for formulating the cyber policy. These elements are important in ensuring the development of the cyber policy suitable to the organisation.

3.1 The cyber policy framework

The literature provides numerous definitions on policy framework. For example, the business dictionary¹ considers the policy framework as a set of principles and long term goals which form basis for making rules and guidelines. The law dictionary² defines it as a set of guidelines and long term goals which are taken to account when policies are made. In this study, we concentrate on elements guiding key contents of the policy. Hence, it is the interest of this sub-section to address key components of the cyber policy. Table 1 presents key components of the cyber policy based on three (3) authors. We choose the three (3) frameworks as our cases for study because they are research based, and indorsed by organisations specialised in cyber policy formulation.

Table 1: Elements of an effective security policy

No	Travellers Indemnity Company, 2018	The Security Magazine, 2018	Taylor, 2001, indorsed by Zdnet Tech. Co.
1	Data privacy	Ensuring data security accountability	Security accountability
2	Password management policy	Monitoring and compliance	Network services policies
3	Governing internet usage	Governing of network services	System policies
4	Manage email usage	Scanning for Vulnerabilities	Physical security
5	Uses of company owned devices	Managing patches	Incident handling and response
6	Uses of private devices	System data security	Acceptable use policy
7	Social media	Acceptable use	Security training
8	Software copyright and licencing	Response to incidents	-
9	Reporting security incidents	Accounts monitoring and control	-

Based on table 1, while some elements are common to all authors, the difference is evident too. For example, all frameworks talk about incident handling, while physical security is not given the same importance. The framework which do not adequately address all security issues is not fit for business continuity (Asgary, 2016). While businesses have the responsibility of evaluating their environment, and identify security needs (Bruijn & Janssen, 2017; Asgary, 2016); it is the plan of this study to formulate a comprehensive framework suitable for cyber security policies across Tanzania, and other African context. The study used three frameworks provided in table 1 and the focus group discussion to establish the new framework.

3.2 The relevance of the Procedure for Formulating and Updating the Cyber Security Policy

The Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) field receives frequent changes. Innovative activities by ICT specialists (across the world) sophisticate such systems for better, through bringing updates to existing technological platforms (Dawson, 2018). In the same manner, new cyber threats emerge due to similar activities among cyber criminals. The emergence of new technologies require relevant methods of addressing security concerns (Thakur, Qiu, Gai, & Ali, 2015). This is the reason why cyber policies need to be comprehensive and updated regularly to carter for new criminal developments. Some organisations conduct the review of the policy once external changes are noticed. The changes may be brought through local and international regulatory bodies, or even the change in technology (Heeks & Stanforth, 2015). Other organisations agree on the time allowed for the policy to operate before it receives a comprehensive review. In the case where the organisation follows a certain timeframe, it is necessary to match the pace of technological changes for ensured business continuity. The study by (Lubua & Maharaj, 2012) suggests the maximum of three (3) years, of which the cyber policy must have received an extensive review. Challenges such as the lack of relevant policy knowledge, management support, and fund, are acknowledged to impede the review process.

Generally, there is no one principle guiding the cyber policy development or review process. Studies by Atoum, Otoom and Ali (2014), and Aiafi (2017) put emphasis on the following activities: Arriving to consensus on issues which require policy intervention, agreeing on the policy team, developing the policy through consulting stakeholders, validating the policy through due processes, adopting, and reviewing (refer figure 1). Arguably,

¹ <http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/policy-framework.html>

² <https://thelawdictionary.org/policy-framework/>

policies do not adequately address security issues. Therefore, a total reliance to them would jeopardise the organisation. This study, in support of other studies such as Gagliardi, Hankin, Gal-Ezer, McGettrick and Meitern (2016), strongly support the formalisation of all cyber guidelines, through a process that solicit opinions from stakeholders, and finally receive approval from the top authority of the organisation.

6. Conclusion and Recommendation

This study addressed three key aspects of the cyber-security policy. First, the study developed the framework suitable for policy formulation. The study concludes by suggesting a cyber policy framework with seven key themes: Data security, Internet and network services governance, uses of company owned devices, physical security, incident handling and reporting, monitoring and compliance, and policy administrative issues. This study recommends the use of this framework in ensuring that the cyber-security policy is comprehensive. Moreover, study observed that the suggested case for study did not meet the framework's expectations. This observation is equally supported by representatives of other organisations. Factors contributing to the lack of comprehensive policy, as per this study, includes the lack of knowledge on policy formulation procedures, failure to involve key stakeholders, the lack of formalised guidelines, and the lack of policy review. It is the recommendation of this study that all of these activities must be guided by the cyber-security policy or other guidelines of the organisation.

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