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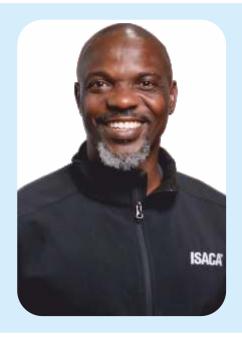






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Editorial

Reigniting Purpose, Rebuilding Impact

Dear Esteemed Members and Partners,

After a three-year hiatus, I am thrilled to welcome you to the rejuvenated ISACA Abuja Chapter Insight Newsletter – Volume 4, Issue 1. This isn't just a comeback. It's a renewed mission to inspire, educate, and empower professionals across our ecosystem.

The world has changed significantly – digital trust is no longer optional; it is foundational. Cybersecurity, data protection, and governance are critical pillars in our digital economy. In this light, our chapter is proud to have organized impactful initiatives, from global summits to youth-focused awareness campaigns, certification drives, and strategic collaborations with global thought leaders.

As we forge ahead, this newsletter will serve as our collective journal — celebrating achievements, spotlighting heroes, and amplifying opportunities for growth and innovation.

Welcome back to your newsletter. Let's build forward—together.

Warm regards, **Emmanuel Omoke**President, ISACA Abuja Chapter









Privacy Week >>> 2025:

Global Summit on "TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR DATA"

Celebrating Global Data Privacy Day | January 30, 2025











The ISACA Abuja Chapter in collaboration with chapters in Nigeria and across Africa proudly hosted the Privacy Week 2025 Global Summit with the theme: "Take Control of Your Data"—a powerful rallying call to advance the digital trust agenda across Africa and beyond.

Held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, this high-impact online summit brought together top data protection leaders from Nigeria, Zambia, Kenya, the USA, and Europe to illuminate the future of data privacy, compliance, and digital resilience.

The summit featured keynote presentations and fireside chats on Regional Perspectives, Global Trends, Cross-border Data Protection, and Privacy by Design principles.

Keynote Highlights

Debbie Reynolds (Founder & CEO, Debbie Reynolds Consulting, USA)

Topic: Empowering Privacy in a Borderless Digital Economy **Pierre Ischan** (Regional Account Sales Manager, Utimaco)

Topic: Global Data Privacy Trends and Best Practices **Mark Thomas** (President, Escoute Consulting, USA)

Topic: Data Privacy as a Cornerstone for Digital Trust in Africa

Dr. Vincent Olatunji (National Commissioner, Nigeria Data Protection

Commission - NDPC)

Topic: Shaping the Future of Data Privacy in Africa

Fireside Chats and Discussions

Moderated by leading experts including **Chidera Claire Ike-Okonkwo** (Chief Legal Adviser, Barksforte Tech) and **Sir Stephen Alaekwe** (Membership Director, ISACA Abuja), the panel sessions tackled:

Challenges in Cross-border Data Transfers Strategies for Embedding Privacy by Design The Role of Regional Collaboration in Data Protection

Special discussants included:

- Likando Luywa (Data Protection Commissioner, Zambia)
- Oscar Otieno (Deputy Data Commissioner, Kenya)
- Brencil Kaimba (SVP, Product & Strategy, Scratch and Script)

The ISACA Abuja Chapter once again demonstrated its commitment to thought leadership, regional cooperation, and community-driven innovation in digital governance.

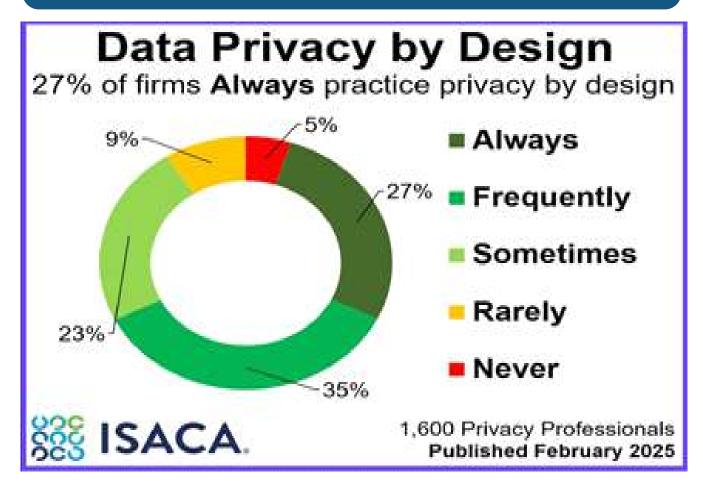
We thank all partners, speakers, and participants who made the event an incredible success!

Learn more about ISACA Abuja at www.isacaabuja.org



New Report Alert:

THE STATE OF PRIVACY BY DESIGN-2025 INSGHTS



ISACA's newly released report reveals a critical insight: only 27% of organizations globally consistently implement Privacy by Design principles.

Despite growing regulatory pressures and digital transformation trends, the report shows:

- 35% of organizations sometimes embed privacy at the design stage.
- 23% do so frequently, while 9% rarely and 5% never apply it.

This gap underscores an urgent call for organizations to move beyond basic compliance and intentionally embed privacy into the DNA of their products, services, and systems.

Why It Matters

Bridging Knowledge Gaps: Organizations need deeper integration of privacy-centric strategies at all innovation stages. **Strengthening Collaboration:** Crossborder and regional cooperation is essential to building resilient data protection frameworks.

Future-proofing Trust: Sustained digital trust starts with proactive, design-level privacy measures.

As digital ecosystems grow more complex, **privacy cannot be an afterthought**—it must be designed from the start.

Stay updated and download the full report from https://lnkd.in/dVS6keZ9







At the press conference marking the opening of National Privacy Week, which aligns with the Global Privacy Day 2025, the National Commissioner/CEO of the NDPC, Dr Vincent Olatunji, delivered a welcome address and ecosystem briefing. The event also featured the unveiling of the NDPC's Annual Report and the maiden edition of its Journal.

In his address, Dr Olatunji highlighted several key achievements of the Commission since the previous Data Privacy Day. He noted that the NDPC, guided by its strategic roadmap, has made significant progress in advancing data protection and privacy in Nigeria. He also emphasised that the Commission's activities have gained global recognition, establishing the NDPC as a leader in Africa's data protection ecosystem. Additionally, he underscored the importance of cooperation, collaboration, human capacity development, and public awareness in fostering a strong privacy culture.

Dr Olatunji reiterated the Commission's commitment to job creation, particularly for

Nigerian youth, aligning with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda. He highlighted the recent launch of the National Certification Program for Data Protection Officers, aimed at certifying Data Protection Officers domestically. This initiative, he explained, has the potential to generate over 500,000 jobs within Nigeria's data protection and privacy ecosystem. He further stressed the importance of raising awareness about privacy, urging all stakeholders to work together to safeguard personal data and protect privacy rights.

The event also featured the official launch of the NDPC Annual Report and the Journal on Data Protection and Privacy. The Annual Report provides a detailed account of the Commission's activities and accomplishments over the past year, while the Journal serves as a platform for researchers, academics, and industry experts to publish and share innovative studies, findings, and advancements in data protection and privacy

Empowering Young Minds:

A Thrilling Debate on Social Media and Personal Privacy Stephen Alaekwe & Co and The Data Factory Global





Privack week 2025

CATCH THE YOUNG PRIVACY AWARENESS

In collaboration with



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Debate Topic:

"Does Social Medial Have a More Positive Impact on Personal Privacy"

Facilitator



Philip Ozigi

Session Speaker



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Date:

January 29, 2025

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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

■ Location:

Rayino International School, Dei-Dei, Abuja

Trust Begins With Privacy





The atmosphere at Rayino International School, Dei-Dei, Abuja, was charged with intellectual energy as the Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC), in collaboration with ISACA Abuja Chapter, Data Factory (DPCO), and Stephen Alaekwe & Co (DPCO), successfully hosted the Catch Them Young Privacy Awareness Debate—a groundbreaking initiative designed to instill data protection consciousness among students.

With the thought-provoking topic, "Does Social Media Have a More Positive Impact on Personal Privacy?", students passionately explored the intricate balance between digital connectivity and privacy protection. The debate showcased a remarkable display of critical thinking, compelling arguments, and insightful perspectives, proving that the next generation is ready to take on the challenge of responsible digital citizenship.

From the affirmative side, debaters championed social media as a force for empowerment—enabling greater control over personal information, providing platforms for advocacy, and fostering digital literacy. Meanwhile, the opposing side delivered powerful

arguments on the risks of data breaches, cyber threats, and the illusion of control in an era of mass surveillance. The clash of ideas was both stimulating and enlightening, leaving the audience captivated and more informed about their online footprint.

A Collaborative Triumph

This debate was not just a competition it was a movement, a testament to the power of strategic collaboration in shaping a privacy-conscious society. NDPC, ISACA Abuja, Data Factory, and Stephen Alaekwe & Co brought their collective expertise, offering students real-world insights, best practices, and practical guidance on data protection and digital trust.

As the event concluded, one thing was clear—the voices of these young debaters resonated far beyond the school walls, sparking a renewed commitment to fostering privacy awareness, ethical digital engagement, and responsible online behavior.

Looking Ahead

The Catch Them Young Privacy Awareness Debate has set a new standard for youth engagement in data privacy education. With such an electrifying start, this initiative is poised to become a transformative platform for grooming the next generation of digital leaders, ensuring that privacy consciousness remains at the forefront of Nigeria's digital ecosystem.

Special thanks to

Emmanuel Omoke, Chinonye Ndeokwelu, Adamma Isamade, Chibby Dangana, Michael Faustina, Jatto Philip,



CATCH THEM YOUNG PRIVACY AWARENESS:

Sexting - More Trouble Than It's Worth! By Faustina Michael









Think Before You Send

The rise of smartphones has given teens easy access to the digital world, but at what cost? Sexting sharing explicit images and messages can have serious and lasting consequences.

One click can ruin a reputation.

What's shared in private can go public.

Legal consequences? Yes, they exist. Once an image is out there, you lose control over who sees it. Screenshots, leaks, and blackmail are real threats.

So, at what age should kids get a smartphone?

Maybe the real question is: Are they ready to handle the responsibility?

SEXTING

"Sexting can have serious consequences. Pictures and messages can be easily shard and used against you. It's not worth the risk."





HARNESSING AI AND AUTOMATION FOR SMARTER AUDITING IN THE OIL & GAS SECTOR:

By Sir Stephen Alaekwe, Membership Director, ISACA Abuja Chapter



At the 2024 Annual Retreat of the Internal Audit Division of NNPC Ltd, it was an honor to represent ISACA Abuja Chapter as the Guest Speaker under the transformative theme: "Harnessing Al and Automation for Smarter Auditing."

Our session delved into the urgent and game-changing need for the oil and gas sector to embrace Al and automation not merely as tools—but as strategic enablers of compliance, data protection, risk management, and digital trust.

The enthusiasm, intellectual engagement, and critical thinking displayed by the NNPC Internal Audit Team reaffirmed a key truth: Al-driven auditing is no longer optional. The future belongs to organizations that proactively leverage technology to elevate assurance, mitigate

emerging risks, and build resilient, trust-driven ecosystems.

Special commendation goes to the Chief Audit Officer for his visionary leadership in steering this transformation within one of Africa's largest energy companies.

At ISACA Abuja, we are committed to advocating for Al adoption across critical industries, and particularly within the oil and gas sector where the stakes for governance, compliance, and innovation are

highest.





Why the Upcoming ISACA Abuja 17th Annual Conference is a Must-Attend

Our experience at NNPC underscores a vital truth: Al is redefining the future of governance, risk, and compliance.

That's why this year's ISACA Abuja 17th Annual Conference themed: "Al and Digital Trust: A Global Perspective on Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Strategies" is more timely than ever.

This conference will feature:

- Cutting-edge insights on operationalizing AI in high-risk industries.
- Practical strategies for Algovernance and audit

transformation.

 Global thought leadership on building digital trust in an Al-driven economy.

This conference is designed for leaders, auditors, risk professionals, technologists, and regulators in oil and gas, energy, or financial services.

Together, we can shape a resilient, trusted, and Al-empowered future for Nigeria, Africa, and the world.

Stay tuned for registration details at www.isacaabuja.org.



At ISACA Abuja, love isn't just reserved for Valentine's Day

it's woven into the very fabric of our Chapter culture.

e believe that a thriving workplace is built on trust, camaraderie, and mutual respect, not just tasks and deadlines.

This belief came alive during a special





bonding moment recently when Board Members, including Sir Stephen Ifeanyi Alaekwe FCA, CISA, M.Sc. and Gloria McArthur-Okoh, shared laughter, conversation, and of course, a sumptuous meal together. (Evidence? Just look at those empty plates—no crumbs were spared!)

In a world where workplace stress can easily steal joy, we proudly choose:

- Collaboration over competition
- Kindness over criticism
- Laughter over long, draining emails

Beyond technical excellence and professional certifications, ISACA Abuja is a community where hearts connect, and every member feels valued.

As part of ISACA's 185,000+ strong global family, we are building not just digital trust—but also human trust.

New members can join today with 50% off and discover a community where skills grow, leaders rise, and connections flourish.

Learn more at <u>www.isacaabuja.org</u> |





hortly after featuring on KAFTAN TV Abuja to discuss the importance of cybersecurity awareness. I received a suspicious SMS claiming I had been credited N99,400 for "child support" from "Ahmed Tinubu."

The message urged me to call a "Mr. Hamza" to claim the payment — a textbook case of social engineering.



- Random Deposits? If you didn't expect money, it's bait. Ignore it.
- Urgent Call-to-Action? Scammers want to lure you into sharing personal information fast.
- Masked Account Numbers? Vague banking details are classic signs of deception.
- Famous Name Drops? Using well-known names is a trick to gain false credibility.

Moral of the Story:

- Verify independently before acting on any financial communication.
- **Never share** personal or banking information with unknown sources.
- **Report scams** to help others stay protected. Knowledge is power — let's outsmart the fraudsters together.



Credit: 00****72 Amt: N99,400.00 For child support from AHMED TINUBU

Desc: Call Mr Hamza.07075959665, to

Access ur Payment, Ref:

099MJKL24



IWD Celebration

Breaking Barriers, Building Resilience:

Advancing Women's Economic & Financial Inclusion



Advancing Inclusion: ISACA Abuja at the 1st Gender Inclusion Conference 2025

It was an honor to represent the ISACA Abuja Chapter at the 1st Gender Inclusion Conference 2025, held at the prestigious State Banquet Hall, Presidential Villa, Abuja. Alongside our Chapter's Vice President, AbdulFatai Jimoh FCA, CISA, we proudly joined policymakers, industry leaders, and advocates committed to transforming the landscape of women's economic empowerment.

The highlight of the conference was the official launch of **Project #ShesIncluded**— a groundbreaking initiative under the **Aso Accord on Economic and Financial Inclusion**, championed by **Vice President Sen. Kashim Shettima**.

About #ShesIncluded Project #ShesIncluded aims to:

- Increase women's participation in finance, technology, and governance.
- Promote digital literacy programs

- that empower women with future-ready skills.
- Strengthen leadership development for sustainable economic inclusion.

Aligned with **ISACA's SheLeadsTech** initiative, #ShesIncluded is more than a campaign — it is a **movement toward lasting change**, fostering a future where women thrive, lead, and innovate in the digital economy.

ISACA Abuja: A Recognized Partner

A heartfelt appreciation to **Nurudeen Abubakar Zauro, PhD, FCCA, ACA** for recognizing the ISACA Abuja Chapter as a valued and strategic partner in this transformational project.

At ISACA Abuja, we remain committed to advocating for digital equity, advancing inclusion, and championing initiatives that empower the next generation of women leaders.

Together, we are not just having conversations—we are driving impact.





Celebrating our Mothers



Who is a woman who has inspired your career?

In the quiet echoes of midnight prayers, Your voice carved pathways in unseen places, Each whispered hope, A seed sown in silent spaces.

Your sleepless nights shaped my dawn, Your discomfort, my strength reborn. From humble sacrifice, you taught resilience, faith, courage; your heart, my brilliance.

Today, as my journey unfolds, Each success traced back to you, I honour the woman whose quiet storms Gave wings to dreams and brought them through. With endless gratitude, Your evergrateful child.

ISACA student membership provides several benefits to students majoring in Information Systems, Business Administration, Accounting, Information Technology, Engineering, and/or Computer Science. These benefits include:

- Access to the ISACA career center to search for entry-level job opportunities.
- Opportunities to attend educational events (CPE events) and access to a database of whitepapers to gain industry knowledge.



I didn't arrive here by myself, I was led. I didn't become fruitful by myself, I was nurtured.

I didn't figure out life by myself, I was inspired.

Happy Mother's Day

ISACA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP



- · Discounts to CPE events, certification exams, and certification study materials.
- · Building a professional network through networking events.
- Discounts on ISACA's conferences, free CPE, and more exclusive offers.



OUR RISING PROFESSIONALS ARE MAKING GLOBAL IMPACTS

Esther Omolara Hamzat physical book launch with BrickHall School



he internet is here to stay; for most teenagers, life without it is unimaginable. But with this digital reality come risks like sextortion, online grooming, cybercrime, cyberbullying, and more. How can we empower teens to navigate these challenges independently and effectively?

That question inspired me to write "Getting Started in Cybersecurity for Teens" a book designed to equip teenagers with the knowledge and skills to stay safe online while confidently managing internet-related risks.

On February 11, 2025, in celebration of Safer Internet Day (SID 2025), the book was officially launched! Even more exciting, in collaboration with the <u>ISACA Abuja</u>, we had the first physical copies gifted to students at BrickHall School and donated to their library.

- The event was themed "Accelerating Action for a Safer Internet" to celebrate hashtag#IWD 2025 & hashtag#SID2025, We:
- Enlightened students on internet safety and responsible digital interactions
- Hosted a vibrant Q&A session where students asked insightful questions to

strengthen their knowledge

 Organized fun games from the book, allowing students to play, learn, and win prizes!

Special thanks to Mr Emmanuel Omoke, President of ISACA Abuja Chapter, for supporting the launch of the first physical copies and to the administrators of Brickhall School for welcoming this initiative.

The books are now available in physical copies! I'm also open to collaborations on cybersecurity awareness programs for teens. Internet safety for the next generation is all our responsibility and it starts with You and I!!



RISING DEFENDER OF DIGITAL TRUST:

KAYODE ADEWOLE LEADS CONVERSATION ON CYBERSECURITY FOR NIGERIAN BUSINESSES

CYBER THREATS ARE EVOLVING RAPIDLY—IS YOUR BUSINESS PREPARED?



In a powerful display of leadership and passion for digital security, Kayode Adewole, CEO of Koekoa IT Service and a rising professional from ISACA Abuja Chapter, hosted the official launch webinar for his cybersecurity-focused startup, under the compelling theme: "Why Businesses in Nigeria Need Better Cybersecurity & Data Protection."

Held on March 3rd, 2025, the session brought together cybersecurity thought leaders, including:

- Emmanuel Omoke (President, ISACA Abuja Chapter)
- Rasheedat AbduLazeez (SOC Analyst & Co-founder, TheySafe Initiative)
- · Isioma Egwu (Co-host & CEO,

Designbyilo)

 Nike Nsikak-Nelson (Moderator, Executive Director, Slex Secure)

Together, they tackled issues ranging from business vulnerability, regulatory compliance, to local capacity building for cyber resilience.

This moment not only marks Kayode's contribution to building Nigeria's digital defense but also highlights how ISACA Abuja continues to empower young professionals to drive meaningful change in the cybersecurity space.

Congratulations, Kayode — you're proof that leadership is not about age but vision and impact.



From the Classroom to Cyberspace:

How Faustina Michael is Empowering Teens to Think Before They Click!

In this spirit of this important occasion, I had the opportunity to educate teenagers in secondary school on the topic "Safety in Cyberspace"

It was a very interactive session and I got to hear their own opinions about their safety.

I didn't only educate them on online safety but also on physical safety. One of which is 'not to meet strangers you literally met online in a closed environment.

Practice the act of letting someone know where you're going to and meet that stranger in an open space if really it's important to meet.'

Some of the students had a debate session on the topic "Does social media have a more positive impact on personal privacy?"

It was so amazing hearing those teenagers speak with confidence and knowledge.

Thank you to the Sponsors of this very event <u>ISACA Abuja</u>, <u>Nigeria Data Protection Commission-NDPC</u>, <u>The Data Factory Global</u> and <u>Stephen Alaekwe And Co</u>



From the Learner to Leader:

Noble Iroh Inspires the Next Generation of CISA Professionals

s part of ISACA Abuja Chapter's commitment to mentoring future tech leaders, **Noble Iroh** took center stage during the **CISA in 90 Days Group Discussion Meet-Up** held on **March 8, 2025**, where he shared his remarkable journey to CISA certification and beyond.

Noble, a passionate advocate for IT governance, cybersecurity, and Al-driven risk management, is currently pursuing an M.Sc. in Artificial Intelligence (Advanced Practice) at Teesside University, UK. With a background in computer science and web development, he embodies the multidimensional skillset that defines today'stop-tier GRC professionals.

During the session, Noble walked participants through his preparation journey for the **CISA certification**, offered practical

CISA IN 90 DAYS GROUP DISCUSSION MEET-UP

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study strategies, and unpacked how the certification opened doors to new opportunities in cybersecurity and compliance.

His interests span:

- Cybersecurity frameworks
- · Al risk assessment
- Cloud security
- Leadership in GRC

As a proud member of the #CISAin90Days forum, Noble now gives back by mentoring aspirants and sharing valuable insights drawn from lived experience—proof that ISACA Abuja's Rising Professionals Program is building not just credentials, but careers.

Noble, your growth inspires us all. Keep leading, learning, and lighting the way!

Join the Movement

CISA Prep/Review Class – March 17-27, 2025, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM daily CISAin90Days WhatsApp Group – Exclusive access to resources, mentorship, and real-time discussions!

Join the CISAin90Days WhatsApp group: https://lnkd.in/d7jU7yJJ

Register for the CISA Prep Class: isacaabuja.org/cisa

WhyJoin?

- Elevate your IT Audit skills
- Get certified and recognized globally
- Connect with top cybersecurity professionals

Digital trust starts with you! Secure your spot today and take charge of your cybersecurity journey.

TECHNINNOVATE AND ISACA ABUJA CHAPTER WEBINAR

STRENGTHENING DIGITAL TRUST: EXPERTS LEAD THE CONVERSATION ON CYBERSECURITY RESILIENCE



Webinar on Digital Trust & Cybersecurity Resilience





























n an era where digital transformation is the heartbeat of economic progress, building digital trust is no longer optional—it's essential. On February 28, 2025, ISACA Abuja Chapter. in collaboration with TechInnovate Group, hosted a high-impact webinar titled:

"Digital Trust & Cybersecurity Resilience: Securing Systems, Mitigating Risks, and Strengthening Resilience"

This exclusive session brought together a diverse lineup of cybersecurity, governance, and risk experts who shared actionable insights on safeguarding digital infrastructures in a rapidly evolving threat landscape.

Featured Speakers Included:

- ✓ Musa Bello, Technical Assistant, National Commissioner. NDPC
- ✓ Samuel Drammeh, Director of Cybersecurity, MoCTE Gambia

- ✓ Dr. Ayodele Bakare, Dep. Director, NITDA
- ✓ Nsuhoridem Ndeokwelu, Certification Coordinator, ISACA Abuja
- ✓ Ime Udoka, Head, Technology Risk, UBA
- ✓ Uchenna Stella Emerole, Assistant Director, FIRS
- ✓ Rasheedat Abdullazeez, SOC Analyst, TheCvSafe Initiative
- ✓ Zachariah Akinpelu, Chief Information Security Officer, Unity Bank
- ✓ Alagbe Olalekan, Group CISO, Leadway Holdings
- ✓ Moderated by Emmanuel Omoke (President, ISACA Abuja) and Samuel Ubido (Chairman, TechInnovate Group)

Key Takeaways:

- ✓ Digital trust must be designed, implemented, and measured to ensure business resilience.
- ✓ Cybersecurity is not just about



- tools—it's about people, policies, and certification.
- ✓ Certified professionals are essential to business continuity. As Nsuhoridem Ndeokwelu rightly stated, "No one will hire an auditor who is not properly certified."

Next Steps: Build Your Career with #CISAin90Days

This webinar also reinforced ISACA Abuja's commitment to professional growth through its CISAin90Days were invaluable. initiative—a comprehensive review and mentorship program empowering Let's continue the conversation and cybersecurity and digital trust.

Whether you're a **seasoned expert** or **new to the field**, the path to leadership

starts with certification, mentorship, and community. And ISACA Abuja is here to lead that charge.

A Heartfelt Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made our Digital Trust & Cybersecurity Resilience Webinar a success!

To our speakers, panelists, participants, organizers, and partners: your contributions, insights, and dedication

aspiring auditors with the skills and strengthen our cybersecurity credentials needed to lead in frameworks. Stay connected with ISACA Abuja and Techinnovate Group for more learning opportunities.

Join our community: www.isaca.org

VALIDATE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND MOVE YOUR CAREER FORWARD

Get Certified and Get Ahead

Choose the certification and exam prep that best suit your needs and get started today!



CISAin90Days:

ISACA Abuja Powers the Next Generation of Digital Auditors!

By Certification Coordinator Mr. Matins Chigozie Mbagwu

he ISACA Abuja Chapter kicked off 2025 with an ambitious goal: certify 60 new CISA professionals through its signature #CISAin90Days initiative.Stream 1 launched with a bang, enrolling 16 candidates and pairing them with seasoned mentors for a structured 90-day learning and certification journey — all powered by upgraded library resources, strategic partnerships, and a renewed commitment to digital trust.

Key Achievements So Far:

- ✓ 16 participants enrolled | 15 targeted for CISA exams
- ✓ Subsidized training for 5 staff members
- ✓ Partnerships providing exam funding and mentorship support
- ✓ New library resources aligned with the 28th CISA Review Manual

The Chapter also invested in staff development, enrolling its Secretariat team in the mentorship program and introducing a knowledge contribution requirement — every staff member must author an article on "The Impact of Generative AI on Youth Productivity."

What's Next?

Stream 2, 3, and 4 are on the horizon as ISACA Abuja continues its bold mission to build Nigeria's next wave of certified digital trust professionals.

Kudos to all mentors, partners, and participants driving this success!







Hall of Fame for Opeyemi Onifade

Congratulations Opeyemi Onifade CGEIT, CISA, CRISC, CISM, CDPSE, Nigeria



2025 ISACA Hall of Fame Inductee

The ISACA community congratulates <u>Opeyemi O.</u> for his 2025 Hall of Fame induction and his work helping organizations thrive in innovative, dynamic, high-risk environments.

See all five of our Class of 2025 ISACA Hall of Fame



FROM STRATEGY TO ACTION: EXECUTIVES EXPLORE REAL-WORLD AI AT GROUNDBREAKING MASTERCLASS



A Heartfelt Thank You to the Organizers & Speakers of the AI Masterclass!

The "Beyond the Hype: How Managers & Executives Operationalize Artificial Intelligence" webinar was a gamechanger! We're grateful to Scratch and Script Limited, ISACA Abuja, EISAA ORG Ethiopian Information Systems Audit Association, and MoCAT for organizing this impactful session.

Special thanks to our incredible speakers: Prof. <u>Abejide Ade-Ibijola</u>, Mr. <u>Olabode Agboola</u>, Mr. Billy Gareth, and Ms. <u>Brencil Kaimba</u>.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ISACA'S NEW BETA AI AUDIT CERTIFICATION

n an era where **artificial intelligence** is transforming industries, systems, and decision-making processes, **auditing AI systems** is no longer a futuristic concept—it's a present-day imperative. To address this critical need, **ISACA** has launched the **Beta AI Audit Certification**, a groundbreaking credential designed to equip professionals with the knowledge and tools to **evaluate**, **assess**, **and ensure the trustworthiness of AI systems**.

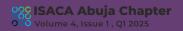
As we continue on this journey, it's essential to ensure that AI is used ethically and



responsibly. That's where the Beta Al Audit certification by <u>ISACA</u> comes in – empowering auditors to assess and mitigate Al-related risks, ensuring that Al systems are transparent, explainable, and fair.

This certification is a must-have for professionals seeking to ensure Al governance and risk management in their organizations. Let's continue to shape Africa's Al landscape with excellence, risk governance, and digital innovation!

For more info on Beta Al Audit Certification by ISACA check the website https://lnkd.in/d2S-m5SV



CPE Oppotunities Available!

2025

Upcoming Review





classes/training Program



Mark you calendar 🗸

COBIT 2019 FOUNDATION CLASS

5:00 pm - 8:00 PM Daily Virtual - up to 6 CPEs



MAY 26-JUN 6

CISA CERTIFICATION REVIEW CLASS & 90-DAY MENTORING PROGRAM

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Virtual - up to 32 CPEs



JUN 10 - 13

IT AUDIT FUNDAMENTALS

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Virtual - up to 6 CPEs





CRISC CERTIFICATION REVIEW CLASS

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Daily Virtual - up to 16 CPEs



Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control.

AUG 26 - 28

#ANNCON 2025

up to 24 CPEs



OCT 13 - 16

CISM CERTIFICATION REVIEW CLASS

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Did you know?

- While researching for "Getting Started in Cybersecurity for Teens", I came across the <u>African Union</u> Child Online Safety and Empowerment Policy adopted by the 44th Ordinary Session of the African Union Executive Council (February 2024 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia). This important document highlights the four key risks children face online:
- Content Risk Harmful or inappropriate material
- Contact Risk Dangerous interactions with strangers
- Conduct Risk Risky behavior and oversharing
- Contract Risk Scams, fraud, and data privacy concerns

For children with special needs and hashtag#disabilities, these risks can be even more severe. That's why "Getting Started in Cybersecurity for Teens" breaks down these dangers in a simple, practical way helping young internet users stay safe and cyber-smart!

© Q	Content Child engages with or is exposed to potentially harneful content	Contact Child experiences or is targeted by potentially harmful colluit contact	Conduct Child witnesses, participates in or is a victim of potentially harmful peer conduct	Contract Child is party to or exploited by potentially harmful contract
Aggressive	Violent, gory, graphic, racist, hateful or extremed information and communication	Harassment, stalking, hateful behaviour, unwanted or excessive surseillance	Bullying, fusteful or hostile communication or preer activity e.g. trolling, exclusion, chaming	Mentity theft, fraud, phishing, scams, hacking, blackmail, security risks
Sexual	Pornography (harmful or illegal), sexualization of culture, oppressive lody image corms	Berual harasyment, sexual grooming, sextortion, the generation and sharing of child sexual abuse material	Serval harasyment, num- consensual sexual messaging, selvente sexual pressures	Trafficking for purposes of sexual explicitation, streaming (poid-for) child sexual abuse
Values	Mis/fillindormation, age-inappropriate marketing or user- generated content	ideological persuasion or manipolation, radicalisation and autiential recruitment	Potentially harveful user communities e.g. self- harm, anti-vaccine, advense peer pressures.	Gambling, filter bubbles, micro-targeting, dark patterns shaping persuasion or purchase
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Figure 1: The 4Cs, from Children Online: Research and Evidence 202111



NIGERIA TO HOST AFRICA'S TOP DATA PROTECTION LEADERS: JOIN ISACA ABUJA AT THE NADPA-RAPDP CONFERENCE 2025!

































































rom May 6th–8th, 2025, global and continental data protection stakeholders will gather at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja for the 8th Edition of the NADPA-RAPDP Conference & Annual General Meeting, hosted by the Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC).

Conference Theme:

"Balancing Innovation in Africa: Data Protection and Privacy in Emerging Technologies"

This year's event promises to be the most robust yet — with 5 Keynote Speakers, 5 Plenary Sessions, 2 Breakout Sessions, and 2 Masterclasses. It's a powerful convergence of thought leaders, policymakers, innovators, and data protection professionals from across Africa and the globe.

Visit ISACA Abuja's Exhibition Stand

As champions of digital trust and leaders in the field of information systems auditing, cybersecurity, and privacy governance, ISACA Abuja Chapter will be proudly hosting an exhibition booth throughout the conference.

Learn about our latest CISAin90Days, SheLeadsTech, and Al Governance initiatives

Discover how our certifications empower professionals in GRC, audit, and privacy roles

Connect with ISACA leaders, volunteers, and members from across Nigeria Explore partnership, membership, and training opportunities

Whether you're a policymaker, a tech leader, or a young professional exploring

your next move — our stand is the place to hel

Let's Build the Future of Privacy in Africa

—Together

Join us in advancing conversations around responsible innovation, data ethics, and resilient digital economies. Together with NDPC and our partners, ISACA Abuja is shaping Africa's data future.

Location: Transcorp Hilton, Abuja

Dates: 6th – 8th May 2025

Visit: www.nadpa.ndpc.gov.ng for full details.





BUILDING DIGITAL TRUST, EMPOWERING INNOVATION!



L-R: Abdulfatai Jimoh (Vice President ISACA Abuja Chapter), Chidera Claire Ike Okonkwo (Project Coordinator, Code4Privacy Hackaton Competition), Hyeni Ali (Research & Marketing Director ISACA Abuja Chapter), Stephen Alaekwe (Membership Director ISACA Abuja Chapter), Dr. Vincent Olatunji (National Commissioner NDPC), Emmanuel Omoke (President ISACA, Abuja Chapter), Gloria McArthur-Okoh (Secretary ISACA Abuja Chapter), Glory Idehen (Immediate Past President, ISACA Abuja Chapter)

A new chapter of strategic collaboration was written at the <u>Nigeria Data Protection</u> <u>Commission-NDPC</u> Data Protection Commission (NDPC) headquarters, as we officially signed an MoU with ISACA Abuja Chapter to co-host the 2025 National Code 4 Privacy 2.0 Hackathon—a centerpiece of our 17th Annual Conference, themed "AI & Digital Trust: A Global Perspective on Opportunities, Threats, and Future Strategies."

The National Commissioner of the Nigeria Data Protection Commission, <u>Vincent Olatunji</u> commended <u>ISACA</u> for being a trusted partner since its inception and for mentoring the winners of Code4Privacy 1.0.

Save the Date: 26th – 28th August 2025, ISACA Abuja 17th Annual Conference | Hybrid Featuring: Keynotes, Hackathon Final, Panels, Startup Showcase, and Masterclasses!

We are calling on:

- *Students & Young Professionals (Join the Hackathon Challenge!)
- *Data Protection Advocates
- *Tech Startups & Innovators
- *Regulators, Auditors, & Policy Influencers

Join us in shaping the future of privacy, security, and trust in Africa's digital economy.





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Behind Every Impactful Event Is a Team That Dares to Go the Extra Mile





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While many rested over the holidays, the ISACA Abuja Board, Management Team, and Conference Planning Committee were out in the scorching sun scouting venues, strategizing, and working tirelessly to bring the 17th Annual Conference to life.

This year's theme is timely and transformative: "Al and Digital Trust: A Global Perspective on Opportunities, Challenges and Future Strategies"

From early planning sessions to field

visits, it's been a labor of love, passion, and purpose. We're gearing up for an unforgettable experience that will shape conversations across tech, governance, risk, and innovation.

A big THANK YOU to everyone involved so far. Your sacrifice fuels our collective vision.

Stay tuned! exciting updates and speaker announcements are coming your way soon!



ISACA Abuja 17th Annual Theme:

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND DIGITAL TRUST:

Conference

A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE OPPORTUNITIES. THREATS AND FUTURE STRATEGIES

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26th-28th August, 2025

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UBEC Digital Resource Centre, Kado-Kuchi, Abuja, Nigeria

REGISTRATION

PHYSICAL PARTICIPATION

ISACA Members: N150,000 Non-Members: N170,000

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ISACA Members: N110,000 Non-Members: N130,000

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This week, we celebrate the heart of our community — our amazing volunteers! From championing digital trust to mentoring the next generation of tech leaders, your selfless contributions power everything we do at ISACA Abuja Chapter. You've led initiatives.

Built bridges.

Strengthened governance and cybersecurity.

And you've done it all with passion and purpose.

To our volunteers: YOU are the reason we grow, impact, and inspire.

Thank you for making a difference every day — your time, talent, and energy are truly priceless.

Let's give a standing ovation to the driving force behind ISACA — our VOLUNTEERS!





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