

# **ACADEMIC RELATIONS**

REPORT



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2022-2024

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# **About ISACA®**

For more than 50 years, ISACA® (www.isaca.org) has equipped individuals and enterprises with the knowledge, credentials, education, training and community to progress their careers, transform their organizations, and build a more trusted and ethical digital world. ISACA leverages the expertise of its more than 169,000 members who work in digital trust fields such as information security, governance, assurance, risk, privacy and quality, with a presence in 188 countries, including 225 chapters worldwide. Through its foundation One In Tech, ISACA supports IT education and career pathways for underresourced and underrepresented populations.

169,000+

ISACA MEMBERS AT END
OF 2022

225

**GLOBAL ISACA CHAPTERS** 

330,000+

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### **About ISACA®**

#### **Abuja Chapter**

Founded in 2006, The vision of ISACA Abuja is to be a leading organization that drives the IT industry in Nigeria, impacting and influencing policy and decisions, particularly as regards Information Systems Assurance, Audit, Security, Governance, Risk Management, Cybersecurity, and Privacy.

The mission of the ISACA Abuja Chapter is to promote the education of individuals for the improvement and development of their capabilities and competencies relating to the fields of Information Systems (IS) Audit, Assurance, Security, Governance, Risk Management, and Cybersecurity.

ISACA Abuja is one of the over 200 ISACA chapters worldwide, providing members with education, resource sharing, advocacy, professional networking and a host of other benefits on a local level. For more information visit our website <a href="https://www.isacaabuja.com">www.isacaabuja.com</a>

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#### **ACADEMIC RELATIONS**

Dear Professional Colleagues,

t has been a pleasure to steward the academic relations program of ISACA Abuja Chapter on your behalf over the last two years. The academic relations program serves as a liaison with K-12 Schools, Universities and education regulatory agencies in and around the Federal Capital Territory of Abuja. The key objectives of the unit are to:

- Enhance the image of ISACA as a leader in business and governance of technology.
- Increase awareness and interaction between academia and practitioners.
- Introduce educators/students to all that ISACA has to offer including certification programs, frameworks, and career tools and resources.
- Engage education regulatory agencies and bodies to support the inclusion of technology education in curriculums and support academic workforce training.
- Increase awareness/interest and attract students to the professions ISACA serves including cybersecurity, information security audit, privacy, and governance.
- Acts as liaison to create relationships with local educational institutions.

- Arranges meetings with appropriate professors, including those in accounting, computer science, business, information systems, management, etc.
- Meets with cybersecurity, accounting and/or information systems/technology student groups.
- Shares with administrators and academic decision-makers curriculum resources that ISACA offers, including available training and course material.
- Uses materials provided by ISACA Global for presentations to students and professors on ISACA, including all ISACA certifications, membership benefits and career resources, etc.

Based on these functions we have engaged in several activities which you will read about in this report. Some milestones we have achieved include:

- Growing the chapter's student membership population from 4 members only in January 2022 to 369 to date and counting.
- Facilitating the signing of the first academic and workforce development partnership in Africa introducing undergraduates in Nigeria to ISACA's emerging technology certifications.

- Engaging the FCT Education Resource Centre, an education regulatory agency and delivering cybersecurity awareness training to over 1,000 students, teachers and public sector workers in Nigeria's Federal Capital.
- Interfacing with industry leaders and donors to provide insights into community initiatives and secure \$5,000 in successful capital funding campaign towards the establishment of the One In Tech Foundation Coding Club at Government Science Secondary School Pyankasa.
- Co-hosting the first Global Student Summit curated for ISACA's over 3,000 Student Members with tracks focused on financial literacy, career development and mentorship.

Our efforts to secure the digital environment, grow our chapter, enable partnerships, improve technology education in Nigeria and build trust would not be possible without the support and contributions of Abuja chapter members'. On behalf of the board and management team I again say thank you for being the driving force in our collective success. Thank you for being a part of the ISACA family, and we hope you enjoy this report as much as we've enjoyed putting it together for you and reflecting on our work.

For more information about ISACA's student membership and academic partnerships please visit the links below or contact the chapter secretariat:

Become a Member and Grow Your Skills | ISACA

Become An Academic Partner | ISACA

Warm Regards,
Dooshima Dapo-Oyewole
Academic Relations Liaison
ISACA Abuja Chapter
2022-2024

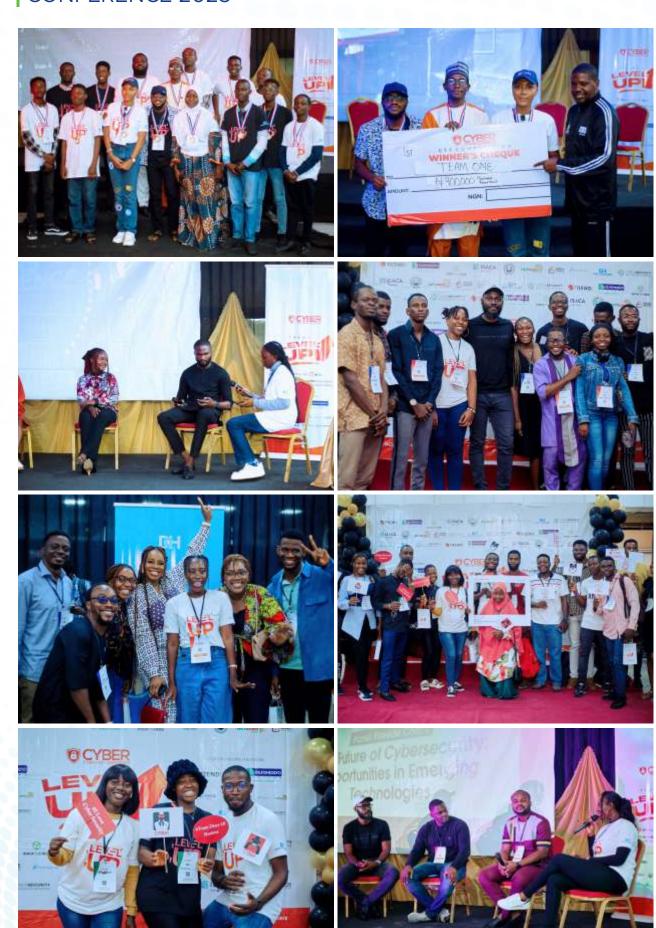




# Community Engagement DIARY OF HACKERS CYBER STARTERS CONFERENCE 2022 AND 2023

Diary of Hacker (DoH) is an award winning Cybersecurity Platform that focuses on Cybersecurity! This initiative responds to the urgent demand for trained Cybersecurity talent in Africa while recognizing the importance of providing students and enthusiasts with knowledge, skills and insights needed to thrive in this important field.

DoH hosts an annual conference that brings together cybersecurity students and enthusiasts to enhance their professional development through the Expert Interview Sessions, Mentorship, CyberUp, Networking with Peers and other engaging activities. Diary of Hackers provides opportunities that will help enthusiasts to know more about industry experts and learn from their experience. ISACA Abuja Chapter was a proud sponsor for the 2022 and 2023 editions.











#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### Nigerian Association of Computer Science Students Conference 2022

The chapter sponsored the Nigerian Association of Computer Science Students Conference 2022 annual conference themed: Disruptive Innovation for Technology Advancement. The event was held from the 16th-18th of August 2022 at Chrisland University Abeokuta Ogun State

The Nigerian Association of Computing Students (NACOS) was founded in July 1993. It provides avenues for students (in any IT-related field) to highlight and champion issues of interest in a coordinated and organized manner. NACOS members (NACOSites) are students studying in tertiary institutions in computer-related disciplines including: Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Technology, etc. NACOS is the largest and most organized student body in Africa, with about Three Hundred and Fifty thousand (350,000) members in well over two hundred and fifty (250) local chapters in different Institutions (Universities, Polytechnics, and Colleges of Education) across the six (6) Geo-political zones of Nigeria.



#### Public Sector Workforce Development

# CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP AT FCT EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE



ducational institutions are among the top targets for hackers and cybercriminals. The education sector experienced a 44% increase in cyber-attacks when compared to 2021, with an average of 2297 attacks against organizations every week, according to Check Point's 2022 Mid-Year Report.

To this end the chapter via academic relations hosted a cybersecurity workshop at the FCT Education Resource Centre to equip public sector teachers and policy makers with the skills required to support digital transformation efforts in the education sector.

The Federal Capital Territory Education Resource Centre led by Hajiya Neemat D. Abdulrahim is an academic service provider to 695 K-12 schools in Nigeria's capital City.

FCT ERC provides these services in the area of curriculum development. examinations. admission and placement, library services. instructional materials. teachers' professional development research in its mandate areas. Its functions include the enhancement of the study of languages, sciences, technology and mathematics. The workshop held in October 2022



Academic Workforce Development
Workshop at FCT Education Resource
Centre #CSAM2022

# Cybersecurity Workshop at FCT Education Resource Centre



# Cybersecurity Workshop at FCT Education Resource Centre

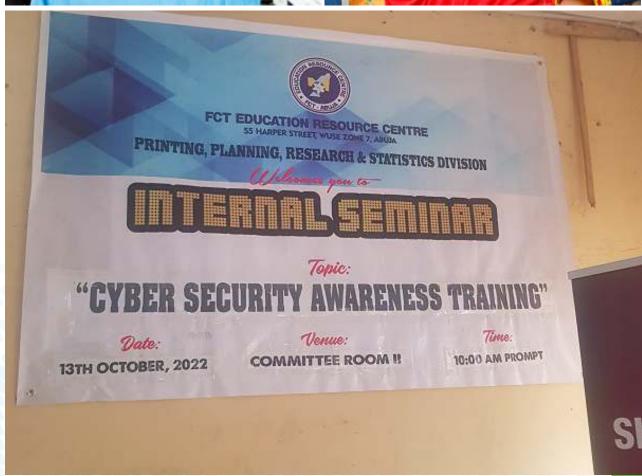


# Cybersecurity Workshop at FCT Education Resource Centre



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# Academic Partnerships CYBERSAFE FOUNDATION



o address the underrepresentation of Women in Technology across Africa..the chapter partnered with Cybersafe Foundation, ISACA Chicago and One in Tech Foundation to provide training for 85 girls from disadvantaged backgrounds in ISACA's IT Risk Fundamentals certificate.

The virtual classes held in September 2023 and the course was instructed by Michael Podemski and ISACA Global Achievement Award winner for Inspirational

Leadership, Ramona Ratiu. Ramona has been actively involved in supporting initiatives within the IT/IS space, specifically ISACA's SheLeadsTech program and academic outreach,in order to help promote diversity and growth of industry professionals.

Participants in this course came from the following countries:



# Academic Partnerships CYBERSAFE FOUNDATION

#### FEEDBACK FROM THE CLASS:

I enjoyed the session and valued the tutors for taking time to breakdown the terms and explain better to us. The training materials were well detailed and the teaching itself was clear and concise. This was my first time joining an IT RISK CLASS, and it was very insightful

I will like to thank the ISACA team for taking out time out of their busy schedules to tutor I and my follow cybersisters.

The ebook I had access to was most valuable

The live lectures was very insighful! Being able to ask questions and get immediate clarification.

I found all aspects of the course valuable. From the way each chapter rolled into the next with a logical flow and the simplicity of terms talked about. The course gave a wholistic teaching on IT Risk Fundamentals.

I am happy to be part of this class. Thank you for all the efforts made to teach us. It was an amazing session , thank you so much for this opportunity.

I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity from ISACA and looking forward to the bountiful resources I have access to thanks to the community. The slides by Michael and Ramona were great visual tools. They helped me picture Risk Management better

Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2022 Celebration

In celebration of cybersecurity awareness month 2022. The Academic Relations team led a "See Yourself in Cyber" School tour across 5 schools in Abuja reaching over 1,000 K-12 and Undergraduate students.

The goal of this outreach was to share information about ISACA and demonstrate that while cybersecurity may seem like a complex subject, ultimately, it's really all about people and we all have a part to play to make our society resilient.

Over 3 weeks in October 2022 the team visited:

- International Community School Abuja
- Government Science Secondary School Pyankasa
- Model Secondary School Maitama
- Government Secondary School Wuse Zone 4
- Nile University of Nigeria

Special thanks to PC Lara Illoh-Senior Manager - Digital Risk & Cybersecurity PWC for participating in the school tour and leading a presentation.



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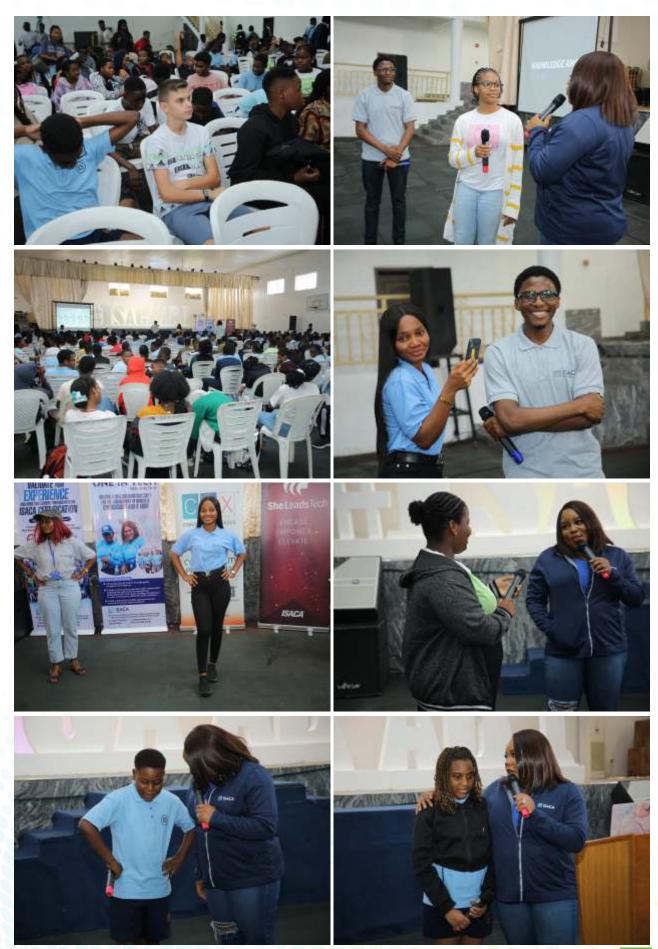
At International Community School Abuja



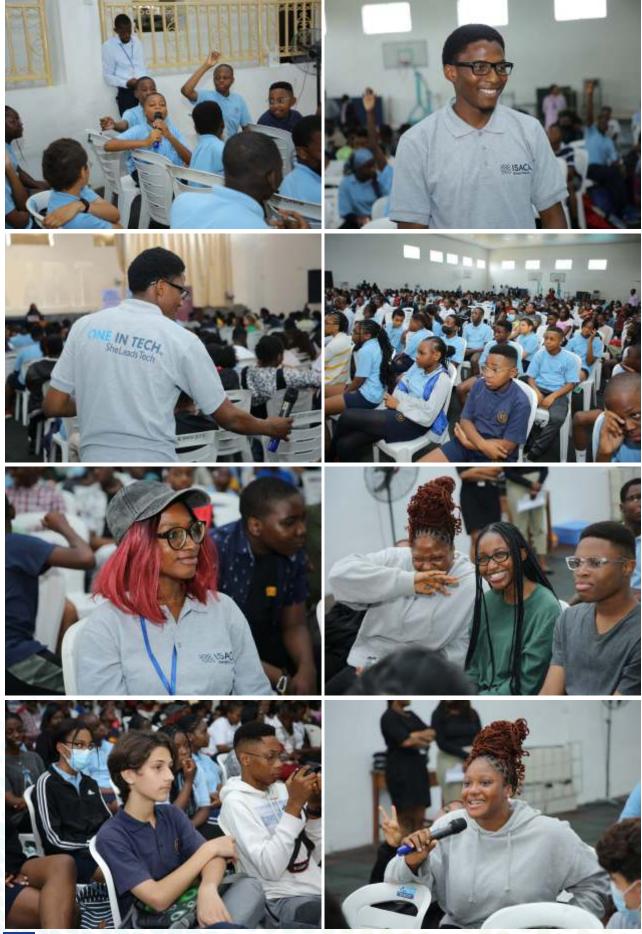
At International Community School Abuja



At International Community School Abuja



At International Community School Abuja



At Government Secondary School Wuse Zone 4



At Government Secondary School Wuse Zone 4



At Government Secondary School Wuse Zone 4



Government Science Secondary School Pyankasa



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Government Science Secondary School Pyankasa



At Nile University Of Nigeria



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#### RISING PROFESSIONALS

#### **Testimonials**

ur rising professionals program is an inclusive approach to cater to the needs of the next generation of practitioners—those who are in school, recently completed their educational path, or are transitioning from a different professional field into one of ISACA's domains.

We have supported several young people with internships and leadership roles in our student groups to enable their success and secure the future of our industry and our association. Asides from regular chapter meetings and forums we engage the rising professionals in a community platform and share relevant career resources including information about ISACA's One in Tech Scholarships.



#### **Full Name:**

Amarachukwu Jonathan

#### **University Name/Course of Study:**

I studied Computer Engineering at Covenant University

#### **Current Job Title:**

I currently work as a Cybersecurity Engineer at CyberSOC Africa

# How did you learn about ISACA and its Activities?

I learned about ISACA Abuja from the Diary of Hackers (DOH) Community. Mr. Moses Joshua asked for volunteers for the ISACA Abuja Dinner Award Night, and I indicated my interest. I had a wonderful time volunteering at the event.

# What was your greatest challenge during your internship?

The internship truly kept me on my toes as I had to learn to communicate professionally with individuals who were advanced in my career path. I would say my greatest challenge wasensuring that things ran smoothly. Throughout this period, I learned to be a good organizer and to plan for unforeseen circumstances.

# What skills did you develop during your internship that are beneficial to your future career?

During my internship, I had a fulfilling

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experience filled with valuable learning opportunities. I had the chance to take on various roles, which helped sharpen my skills comprehensively. Notably, I developed excellent client management skills through communication with speakers and event attendees. Additionally, I honed my abilities as a proficient project organizer, leaving no stone unturned. Moreover, my graphics design and email writing skills significantly improved during this period.

## What advice would you give to a student considering an internship or mentorship?

It will be a wonderful experience as you get to meet, communicate, and work with people who are advanced in your career. They truly offer the best career advice. Put in the work, acquire as many skills as you can, and, most importantly, network.

## How has this internship influenced your career aspirations or future plans?

During this internship, I received beautiful career advice that allowed me to dream much bigger.

### How can we attain higher levels of digital trust across africa?

I believe to attain higher levels of digital trust across Africa, we need to implement strong data protection laws, promote cybersecurity awareness, invest in secure digital infrastructure, and foster collaboration between governments and businesses.

## Any other comments about ISACA or collaborating with Abuja Chapter/Members?

I had a tAruly wonderful experience where I met the most beautiful and caring people. I learnednumerous skills that transcend into other areas of my life, and I am sincerely grateful.

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#### Full Name:

Moses Joshua

#### **University Name/Course of Study:**

Federal University of Technology Minna, BTech Cyber security Science

#### **Current Job Title:**

Cybersecurity Engineer

### How did you learn about ISACA and its Activities?:

I became acquainted with ISACA and its activities while pursuing my undergraduate studies. The organization's members visited our campus for an ISACA student event, where they introduced us to the association's mission and initiatives.

How did you learn about One in Tech Foundation and it's international scholarships?

I learned about the One in Tech Foundation through the current Academic Relations Director of ISACA Abuja Dooshima Dapo-Oyewole.

## What advice would you give to a student considering an internship or mentorship?

Consider exploring ISACA as a valuable resource for mentorship. Instead of immediately approaching a potential mentor, take the time to study their profile and learn about the work they do. Understanding their background and expertise can help you identify the right person and way to approach them for guidance and support. Building this knowledge beforehand will enable you to have more meaningful conversations and make the most out of the experience.

## What advice would you give to future scholarship candidates?

Stay informed on ISACA's platform for opportunities. Be proactive and diligent, research thoroughly, and follow instructions closely. Showcase your achievements authentically in your application.

#### How will this scholarship impact your future career growth/development?

This scholarship will significantly impact my future career growth and development in cybersecurity. It will allow me to enhance my professional skills and knowledge, enabling me to

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achieve feats that would have been otherwise challenging.

### How can we attain higher levels of digital trust across africa?

Amidst the rapid digital transformation in Africa, ensuring the security of Critical Information Infrastructure is paramount for government agencies. Private organizations must center their business strategies around digital resilience, while individuals should prioritize their digital security. Additionally, nurturing the capabilities of young people to combat cybercrime is of utmost importance.

Any other comments about ISACA or collaborating with Abuja Chapter/members?

ISACA Abuja has been a valuable

collaborator with an initiative I founded called 'Diary of Hackers.' Through this partnership, they have shown unwavering support for nurturing the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. ISACA Abuja has provided crucial internship opportunities and generously sponsored various events, empowering young talents to explore and excel in the cybersecurity field. Their dedication to fostering talent and promoting cybersecurity awareness is commendable, and I look forward to continued collaboration for the greater advancement of cybersecurity in the region.

#### **Testimonials**



#### Full Name: Omolara Esther Hamzat

#### **University Name/Course of Study:**

The National Open University of Nigeria/Computer science

#### **Current Job Title:**

Program Analyst in Information and Technology at Police Reform and Transformation Office.

### How did you learn about ISACA and its Activities?

My introduction to ISACA was on LinkedIn and it has been transformative. Following their page has connected me with industry experts, provided invaluable mentorship, and facilitated continuous learning. It has opened doors to unlimited opportunities in the cybersecurity and IT governance field.

#### How did you learn about One in Tech Foundation and its international scholarships?

I discovered the One in Tech scholarship from a mentor who encouraged me to apply. Grateful for the opportunity, I'm excited that I pursue the scholarship and explore its potential benefits.

### What advice would you give to future scholarship candidates?

I advise scholarship candidates to apply, even if they feel 70% qualified. Be honest and provide accurate information. Taking the chance may lead to success. Showcasing your strengths and passion in the application can make a difference.

#### How will this scholarship impact your future career growth/development?

This scholarship will have a profound impact on my future career growth and development. Firstly, it will be a life-changing opportunity by alleviating the financial burden of school fees, allowing me to pursue a computer science degree with dedication and focus. With this degree, I can step closer to realizing my dream of becoming a skilled professional in the field of cybersecurity. The scholarship will also accelerate my career growth, providing me with opportunities to take professional exams and certifications to enhance my expertise

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and credibility. Moreover, I am motivated to give back and support other aspiring cybersecurity professionals, guiding them in their early careers and helping bridge the skill gap in this vital field, and making a positive impact in the cybersecurity industry.

### How can we attain higher levels of digital trust across Africa?

Capacity building is vital to enhance cybersecurity in Africa, including collaboration with the global community towards achieving a cyber secure digital world. It involves offering training programs, workshops, and certifications to empower local professionals. By nurturing skilled cybersecurity experts, the region can strengthen its

defense against cyber threats, fostering a safer and more resilient digital environment.

## Any other comments about ISACA or collaborating with Abuja Chapter/members?

I am truly impressed by the commendable efforts of the ISACA Abuja Chapter in fostering digital trust at academic and professional levels. Their commitment to creating a safer digital environment is commendable. Being an ISACA member is a genuine honor, allowing me to contribute to these meaningful initiatives and make a positive impact in the cybersecurity community.

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Full Name: Stanley Dunia

University Name/Course of Study: I pursued my studies in Cyber Security Science at the Federal University of Technology Minna.

#### **Current Job Title:**

Currently, I hold the position of Cybersecurity Analyst and Web Manager at ISACA Abuja Chapter.

### How did you learn about ISACA and its Activities?

During my time at the Federal University of Technology Minna, I became aware of ISACA through the presence of an ISACA student group on campus. I was approached to provide sound setup assistance for one of their events, which introduced me to the organization. Additionally, I ampart of a community called Diary of Hackers, which aims to support cybersecurity beginners and novices. Through this community, I came across a post by "Moses Joshua," the community lead, who was seeking volunteers for an ISACA Event titled

"Dinner and Award Night." Intrigued by the organization and recognizing the opportunity to contribute my skills, I eagerly volunteered for the event. It turned out to be a world-class occasion, and I thoroughly enjoyed my time contributing to the success of the event. How did you learn about One in Tech Foundation and its international scholarships I became familiar with One in Tech Foundation during my internship at ISACA Abuja Chapter. While exploring the organization and its initiatives, I discovered the invaluable scholarships they offer to students, making it an impressive undertaking by ISACA.

What was your greatest challenge during your internship?

During my internship, my greatest challenge was adapting to the professional environment and effectively communicating with individuals who were more experienced in my chosen career path. As an intern I had to interact with seasoned professionals, and this required me to quickly enhance my communication skills and handle responsibilities with confidence. Moreover, I had to ensure smooth operations and coordination during events and projects, which demanded exceptional organizational skills and the ability to tackle unforeseen circumstances. Nevertheless, through determination and learning from my experiences, I was able to overcome these challenges and grow both personally and professionally.

## What skills did you develop during your internship that are beneficial to your future career?

During my internship at ISACA Abuja Chapter, I had the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills that are highly beneficial to my future career:

Technical Skills: I gained hands-on experience in cybersecurity, including

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conducting assessments, and implementing security measures to safeguard digital assets.

Zoom Platform Management: As part of the team responsible for organizing events, I learned how to effectively manage the Zoom platform for virtual conferences and meetings. This involved setting up webinars, handling participant registrations, and ensuring smooth communication during the events.

Website Configuration: I was tasked with managing and configuring the ISACA Abuja Chapter's website. This involved updating content, ensuring a user-friendly interface, and incorporating security measures to protect against potential threats.

Livestreaming: During the ISACA Abuja 14th Annual Conference, I gained experience in livestreaming the event. This involved setting up the necessary equipment, ensuring seamless streaming, and troubleshooting any technical issues that arose.

Communication Skills: Working with experienced professionals and event participants allowed me to improve my communication skills. I learned how to effectively convey technical information and engage with diverse audiences.

Project Management: Managing the ISACA Abuja 14th Annual Conference required strong project management skills. I learned how to plan, organize, and coordinate various aspects of the event to ensure its success.

Problem-Solving: While managing the website and handling livestreaming, I encountered technical

challenges that required quick and effective problem-solving. This experience strengthened my ability to troubleshoot issues and find solutions efficiently.

Time Management: Juggling multiple tasks, such as Zoom platform management, website configuration, and livestreaming, improved my time management skills. I learned to prioritize tasks and meet deadlines effectively.

Client Management: Interacting with event attendees, speakers, and stakeholders helped me develop excellent client management skills. I learned to provide support and address inquiries promptly and professionally.

**Cybersecurity Awareness:** Being involved in cybersecurity-related tasks and managing the

website heightened my awareness of potential cyber threats. I gained a deeper understanding of cybersecurity principles and best practices.

Overall, my internship experience at ISACA Abuja Chapter provided me with a diverse skill set, encompassing technical expertise, event management, communication, and cybersecurity knowledge. These skills have equipped me for a successful future career in the field of cybersecurity and technology management.

What advice would you give to a student considering an internship or mentorship?

The advice for students considering an internship or mentorship is to embrace the opportunity with an open mind, set clear goals, be proactive in seeking out opportunities, and take

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initiative in learning and networking. They should treat the experience professionally, seek feedback for growth, reflect on their progress, and express gratitude to mentors. Internships and mentorships are valuable for gaining practical knowledge and building relationships that can shape their future careers positively.

How has this internship influenced your career aspirations or future plans?

This internship at ISACA Abuja Chapter has strongly influenced my career aspirations and future plans. It solidified my passion for cybersecurity and technology management, motivating me to pursue a career in this field. The hands-on experience in cybersecurity tasks and event management has boosted my confidence and opened up new potential career paths. I now plan to further my education and seek advanced certifications in cybersecurity to enhance my expertise in the field. Overall, this internship has provided me with a clear direction and determination to succeed in the cybersecurity and technology management Industry.

How can we attain higher levels of digital trust across Africa?

To achieve higher levels of digital trust across Africa, a multi-faceted approach is essential. This involves implementing strong data protection laws, promoting cybersecurity awareness and education, investing in advanced cybersecurity infrastructure, fostering collaboration between governments and businesses, and building the capacity of cybersecurity professionals. Ethical technology use, effective incident response plans, continuous monitoring, and international cooperation are also critical components. By embracing these strategies, Africa can create a safer and more secure digital landscape, instilling confidence in online activities and spurring economic growth and innovation.

## Any other comments about ISACA or collaborating with Abuja Chapter/members?

I have had an exceptional experience collaborating with ISACA Abuja Chapter and its members. Working with professionals in the cybersecurity and technology management field has been incredibly valuable. The members of the chapter have been supportive, caring, and willing to share their knowledge and expertise. Being a part of ISACA and collaborating with the Abuja Chapter has not only enhanced my technical skills and knowledge but has also provided me with a strong professional network. The opportunities to volunteer and contribute to events and projects have been rewarding and fulfilling. I appreciate the sense of community within ISACA, which fosters a culture of continuous learning and growth. The organization's commitment to cybersecurity awareness and promoting best practices is commendable, and it aligns with my own passion for creating a safer digital environment. Overall, I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to be part of ISACA and the Abuja Chapter. The experiences and connections gained during this collaboration will undoubtedly have a lasting and positive impact on my career and personal growth. I look forward to continuing my involvement with ISACA and contributing to the advancement of cybersecurity and technology in the future.

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#### Full Name: Annas Jonathan Dinju

University Name/Course of Study: Bayero University Kano/Cyber Security

### Current Job Title: Student

### How did you learn about ISACA and its Activities?

I had the privilege of discovering ISACA through the renowned "Diary of Hackers & quot; community. As an enthusiastic member, I was thrilled to be given an opportunity to volunteer with ISACA during a prestigious dinner and award night event. My curiosity led me to delve deeper into the organization's offerings, and through extensive research on their

website, I was captivated by the breadth and depth of ISACA's activities and Initiatives.

#### How did you learn about One in Tech Foundation and its international Scholarships?

My journey to the One in Tech Foundation began through my affiliation with ISACA, where I stumbled upon the foundation 's invaluable work on their website. Additionally, the academic liaison, Mrs. Dooshima Dapowole, played an instrumental role in acquainting me with the transformative impact of One in Tech Foundation. My active participation in events organized by the foundation, particularly during Cybersecurity Awareness Month, further solidified my admiration for their commitment to empowering students and bridging the digital divide.

### What was your greatest challenge during your internship?

While my internship experience was immensely rewarding, one challenge that stood out was the constant race against time. The wealth of knowledge and skills to acquire was boundless, and I often found myself yearning for more hours in the day to absorb every valuable lesson. However, this challenge also fueled my determination to hone my time management skills and embrace every learning opportunity that came my

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way.

## What skills did you develop during your internship that are beneficial to your future career?

My internship proved to be an extraordinary incubator for my professional growth, allowing me to flourish in various domains. I honed my technical prowess, fine-tuned my communication skills, mastered the art of time management, and sharpened my problem-solving acumen. Moreover, the experience fostered adaptability, collaboration, and professionalism, equipping me with a diverse skill set that I am confident will empower my future career endeavors.

## What advice would you give to a student considering an internship or mentorship?

To aspiring students seeking internships or mentorships, I wholeheartedly advocate the following steps: Set clear, achievable goals to focus your efforts. Conduct thorough research about the organization or mentor to align your aspirations with theirs. Be proactive in seeking opportunities and engaging with mentors. Cultivate a robust network and build meaningful relationships within your field. Embrace learning opportunities with an open mind, and don't shy away from challenges. Stay organized to maximize productivity and growth, and above all, be adaptable to seize unforeseen opportunities.

## How has this internship influenced your career aspirations or future plans?

The internship experience has been transformative, propelling my career aspirations to new heights. By offering opportunities to build relevant skills, network with seasoned professionals, and learn from challenges, it has shaped my future plans with profound impact. The exposure to real-world scenarios and the unwavering support of mentorsz have motivated me to pursue further education in my field, solidifying my commitment to contributing to the cybersecurity landscape. With newfound confidence and determination. I envision a future where I can make significant strides in the industry, championing data protection and security on a global scale.

## How can we attain higher levels of digital trust across Africa?

To attain higher levels of digital trust across Africa, a multi-faceted approach is imperative. Firstly, investing in people and knowledge by promoting widespread education on data protection, privacy regulations, and cybersecurity will empower individuals to make informed digital choices. Transparent governance and regulations will foster accountability and credibility in digital practices.

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Access to affordable internet is fundamental in bridging the digital divide, enabling all citizens to partake in the digital revolution. Encouraging the adoption of e-government services will streamline interactions between citizens and governments while ensuring security and trust. Moreover, embracing cutting-edge technologies like blockchain can bolster data security and build a foundation of trust in digital transactions. By collectively pursuing these strategies, Africa can pave the way for a future built on digital trust and empowerment.

## Any other comments about ISACA or collaborating with Abuja Chapter/members?

Collaborating with the Abuja Chapter of ISACA has been an unparalleled experience, providing a vibrant platform to connect with like-minded professionals in the IT governance,

audit, and security realm. The networking opportunities have been invaluable, leading to insightful interactions that have broadened my perspectives. The chapter's emphasis on professional development has been transformative, empowering me with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in this dynamic field. Engaging in volunteer opportunities has not only allowed me to give back to the community but hasalso equipped me with hands-on experiences that foster growth. The Abuja Chapter's unwavering support has motivated me to pursue excellence and has ignited a passion to contribute meaningfully to the industry. Being a part of this remarkable community has fueled my ambition to reach new heights in my career, and I am incredibly grateful for the positive impact it has had on my journey.

#### **Testimonials**



#### Full Name: Adewole Kayode

#### University Name/Course of Study: Nigerian Army University, Biu./ Cybersecurity

### Current Job Title: Student

### How did you learn about ISACA and its Activities?

Ilearned about ISACA and its activities through extensive research and networking within the field of information systems and cybersecurity. I actively sought out professional organizations and discovered ISACA's reputation for promoting knowledge sharing, certifications, and industry-leading events. The organization's commitment to professional

development aligns with my career goals.

## What was your greatest challenge during your internship?

The greatest challenge during my internship was adapting to the fast-paced and dynamic nature of the work environment. As a newcomer, I faced the steep learning curve of understanding organizational processes, technologies, and project requirements. However, with perseverance and guidance from my supervisor, I overcame this challenge by seeking continuous learning opportunities and effectively managing my time and priorities.

## What skills did you develop during your internship that are beneficial to your future career?

During my internship, I developed several valuable skills that will benefit my future career. These include technical skills in areas such as CISA, Cybersecurity Nexus, and cybersecurity practices. Additionally, I enhanced my communication, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities by collaborating with colleagues and engaging in real-world projects.

## What advice would you give to a student considering an internship or mentorship?

My advice to students considering an

#### Testimonials

internship or mentorship is to actively seek out opportunities that align with their interests and career goals. Be proactive, ask questions, and take the initiative to learn and contribute. Embrace challenges as opportunities for growth and be open to receiving feedback. Lastly, build relationships and network with professionals in your field.

## How has this internship influenced your career aspirations or plans?

This internship has significantly influenced my career aspirations and plans. It provided invaluable hands-on experience, exposed me to industry best practices, and helped me clarify my professional interests. It reinforced my passion for pursuing a career in the field and has given me a clearer path toward my goals.

### How can we attain higher levels of digital trust across Africa?

To attain higher levels of digital trust across Africa, it is crucial to focus on

building robust cybersecurity frameworks, promoting awareness and education on cybersecurity best practices, and fostering collaboration between governments, businesses, and educational institutions. Investments in infrastructure, talent development, and policy frameworks are essential to ensure the security and reliability of digital systems.

## Any other comments about ISACA or collaborating with Abuja Chapter/members?

I have had a great experience collaborating with the Abuja Chapter and its members. Their expertise, support, and shared knowledge have been instrumental in my professional growth. The chapter's commitment to promoting ISACA's mission locally and providing valuable networking opportunities has been invaluable to my career journey. I look forward to continued collaboration and contributing to the chapter's initiatives.

#### **Testimonials**



#### Full Name: Tobechi Eleje

#### University Name/Course of Study: Capital community College/ Psychology

### Current Job Title: Student

### How did you learn about ISACA and its Activities?:

I learnt about ISACA through a family member.

### What was your greatest challenge during your internship?:

I believe my greatest challenge was keeping up with different updates and activities that were occurring during my time there. It was a lot but a good learning experience.

## What skills did you develop during your internship that are beneficial to your future career:

Time management, Writing skills, Social media management.

## What advice would you give to a student considering an internship or mentorship:

Do your very best to portray your skills, never feel like your opinions don't matter in the workplace and be yourself. Test your skills and test your limits, internships helps a lot in the long run with your career.

#### How will this scholarship impact your future career growth/development:

It will impact my future development because i can learn how to work under pressure and build up my skills.

## Any other comments about ISACA or collaborating with Abuja Chapter/members:

It was a very fun experience, i met really hard working people and developed a high work ethic that i appreciate a lot from the experience.

#### **Testimonials**



the complexities of the industry and shape my career goals. I did not only gained hands-on experience in cybersecurity but also acquired essential skills in administrative tasks.

Full Name: Sarah Ousmane Yaye

### University Name/Course of Study: 200 level Information Technology

200 level Information Technology student at Nile University of Abuja

#### **Current Job Title:**

Student

### How did you learn about ISACA and its Activities?:

My uncle, who's also an ISACA member, was the one to introduce me to ISACA and I'm undoubtedly thankful to him for that.

## What skills did you develop during your internship that are beneficial to your future career:

Working alongside experienced professionals who generously shared their expertise, I was able to navigate

#### **Academic Partnerships**

#### **ONITSHA BUSINESS SCHOOL**

Through ISACA's Academic and Workforce Program schools, colleges and universities partner with ISACA globally to give students the opportunity to enhance their learning experience.

The customizable program provides in-demand skills and credentials to begin a career in IT audit, risk, security, cybersecurity, governance or privacy. ISACA Abuja Chapter is proud to have facilitated the first of such partnerships in Africa between ISACA and Onitsha Business School.

Beginning September 2023, students in the south-eastern part of Nigeria are able to take classes that will ultimately earn them ISACA's Certified in Emerging Technology Certificate and Information Technology Certified Associate. To learn more please visit www.onitshabusinessschool.com



#### Collective Lab

#### CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP

n May 2023 the academic relations team facilitated a workshop for students studying towards a BSc Cyber Security Degree from Nile University of Nigeria.

The students were introduced to the recently launched Cyber Security Certification Framework by the UK Cyber Security Council which ISACA contributed to.

The Certification Framework, built upon the Cyber Body of Knowledge (CyBOK), is designed to help cyber security professionals identify certifications that can support their career progression and specialization. The framework covers 16 specialisms, each mapped to specific knowledge areas within the CyBOK, and matches each of these with relevant certifications and training.

This makes it easier for cyber professionals to understand what certifications they need to attain a role within different specialist areas at any stage of their career.













#### **COVENANT NATION**

#### Career Fair 2023

Over 1000 participants were in attendance as the Covenant Capital, a social impact unit of The Covenant Nation, Abuja, hosted its second edition of career fair in August 2023.

The theme of the career fair was "OPTIMIZE – Making the Most of Your Career Journey. The academic relations team attended this event and shared information about ISACA's body of knowledge, membership benefits and the UK Cybersecurity Council Career framework tool.



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#### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023**

#### Women in Tech Club Launch

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The club was inspired by the theme of the 2023 International Women's Day, "DigitAll: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality," and aims to offer a unique opportunity for female students at Nile University who are eager to learn more about the world of tech to come together, share their experiences in the field, and network with tech industry professionals in Nigeria.

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## ONE IN TECH FOUNDATION CODING CLUB

In support of the implementation of Nigeria's National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy the Academic Relations Team established the One in Tech Coding Club at Government Science Secondary School Pyankasa.

The club focused on equipping senior secondary school students with the skills needed to thrive and be competitive candidates in a digital connected world. The club focused on simple, fun projects and students lessons that accomplish as well as expose them to careers in technology, ISACA and student learning paths membership benefits.

#### The goal of the club was to:

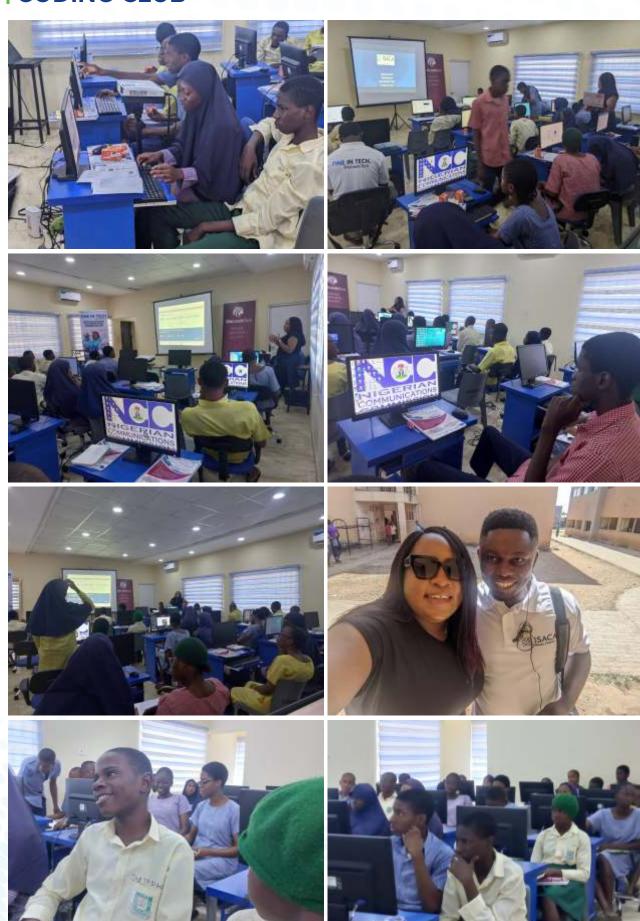
 Increase diversity in the talent pool of students aware of opportunities in cyberspace

- Provide access to students from traditionallydisadvantaged backgrounds to gain knowledge and develop emerging technology skills
- Support achievement of National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy (NDEPS) pillar two- Development and adoption of digital literacy standards for Nigeria and improve digital literacy rate.

Many thanks to our partners on this project ISACA's One in Tech Federal Foundation. Capital Education Resource Territory Government Science Centre. Secondary School Pyankasa and Chiaka Ben-Obi, the SheLeadtech Ambassador and recipient ISACA's Technology for Humanity Award.



## ONE IN TECH FOUNDATION CODING CLUB



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#### **NILE UNIVERSITY**

#### Career Fair

Nile University of Nigeria held its 3rd annual career fair as part of its ongoing efforts to boost student employability. The event, which was organized by the University's Career Services Center, had a record attendance of over 3,000 students and alumni as well as more than 40 organizations including ISACA Abuja Chapter.

Speaking about the significance of the event, Dr. Fausat Aleshinloye, Head of Student Services at Nile University stated, "This career fair is a major milestone for us at Nile University because it is the biggest and the first to be organized since we became members of Honoris United Universities. Employability is a key objective of Honoris, and this is reflected in its vision to continuously invest in reshaping the delivery of education to match the needs of employers against the backdrop of the fourth industrial revolution by preparing the 21st-century African talents for a more digitalized technologically advanced future."









#### **NILE UNIVERSITY**

#### Career Fair

















#### **SheLeads Tech**

#### **Events**

buja Chapter actively promotes ISACA's One In Tech Foundation SheLeadsTech program, which seeks to increase the representation of women in technology leadership roles and the tech workforce.

#### We do this by:

Raising Awareness - Educate employees, allies, and engaged professionals to overcome unconscious bias.

**Preparing Women to Lead** - Training and skills development programs will prepare current and upcoming female leaders for the digital future.

Building Global Alliances - Through strategic partnerships, amplify the impact beyond the One In Tech network and support chapters, as they tackle the unique challenges in their region.

The chapter hosted the Empowering African Women for Successful Careers in Digital Trust Webinar in November 2022 which was moderated by the academic relations liason **Dooshima Dapo-Oyewole.** 

The webinar featured the following speakers:

Virginia (Ginger) Spitzer, Executive Director ISACA, One In Tech Foundation

Veronica N. Rose, Director ISACA

**Esther Kunda**, Director General, Innovation & Emerging Technologies at the Ministry of ICT and Innovation Government of Rwanda

Maryanne Nyambura Mwai, Assistant Director of ICT Kenya National Highways Authority

Carole Karema Jeni (MIT,MBA), Head of ICT and Business Transformation Equity Bank Limited Rwanda

**Dorothy Abade Maseke,** Group Head of Risk and Compliance ICEA Lion Group

Oluwakemi Eluma, Head, Corporate Services FIPHS INFRASTRUCTURE Mitchell Muchenje- IT Audit Analyst KPMG UK





## GLOBAL STUDENT SUMMIT AND CAREER FAIR 2023

he Global Student Summit organized in collaboration with ISACA Chicago Chapter was specifically curated to cater to the needs of students, recent graduates and rising professionals. The summit also features a career fair organized by ISACA and several sessions to guide on topics such as financial literacy, scholarships, choosing the right certifications and harnessing the power of mentorship and the ISACA community.

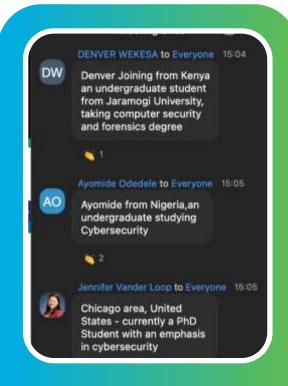
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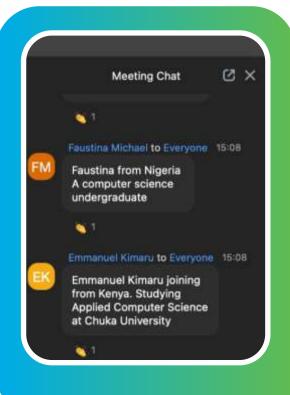
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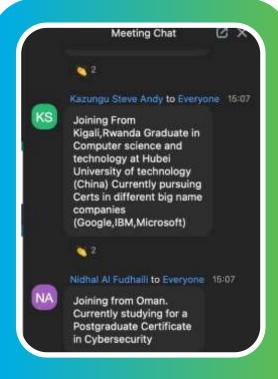


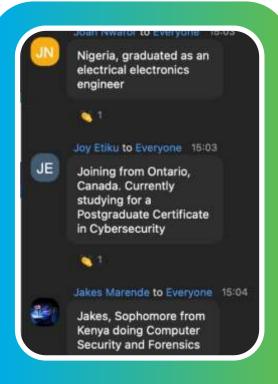


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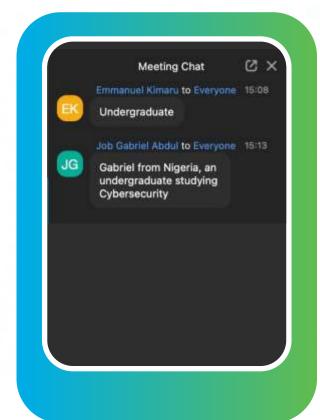


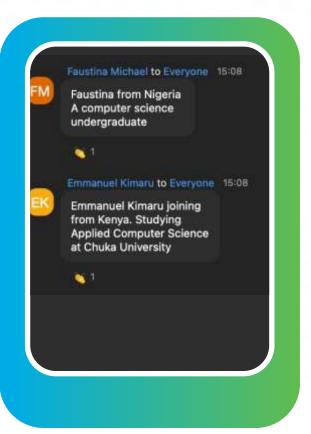






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- . ISACA Sri Lanka Chapter Scholarship
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- · MassMutual India Scholarship
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- · National Cybersecurity Alliance HBCU Scholarship Program
- · National Cyber League Games Scholarship

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- ISACA's most popular publications (free previews)
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#### **ADVANCE YOUR CAREER**

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#### **GET INVOLVED**

#### Gain Recognition

- Get nominated for the prestigious, annual ISACA Awards
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#### Make an Impact

- Help advance woman leaders through SheLeadsTech
- Take part in professional and industry advocacy
- Become a mentor through the ISACA Mentorship Program
- Help strengthen digital trust by becoming an ISACA volunteer

#### Participate & Connect

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