

PRESS RELEASE

CyberGen will Equip 100,000 African Youth with Hands-On Cybersecurity Skills, Internship and Employment Opportunities

Nairobi, Kenya - Tuesday, 16th May 2023: Today, we are excited to announce the launch of CyberGen a new cybersecurity training program aimed at empowering 100,000 African youth with the skills they need to protect themselves and their communities from cyber threats.

CyberGen by Africa Cyber Defense Forum (ACDF), is designed to provide hands-on training in cybersecurity fundamentals, including threat analysis, network security, and ethical hacking. The goal is to equip participants with the knowledge and skills they need to become leaders in the fight against cybercrime and help secure the digital landscape of Africa.

The cybersecurity training program is open to all young people between the ages of 18 and 30 who have an interest in cybersecurity and a desire to learn. Participants will receive comprehensive training from experienced instructors who have expertise in the field and are committed to passing on their knowledge to the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

The program is scheduled to run for 4 months, with participants attending online training sessions and engaging in hands-on exercises to develop their skills. Upon completion of the program, participants will be awarded a certificate of achievement, which they can use to demonstrate their newly acquired cybersecurity skills to potential employers.

In addition to placement and internship opportunities, the program shall also include employment opportunities for participants who excel in the training. This will enable

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participants to apply the skills they have learned in real-world settings and gain valuable work experience that will enhance their career prospects.

Participants shall also go through intense hands-on skills assessment to gauge their understanding and application of the cybersecurity concepts taught during the training program. This will help to identify areas of strength and areas that require additional improvement, thereby ensuring that participants are well-rounded cybersecurity professionals.

The application shall be open to the pilot countries Kenya, Rwanda, Egypt, Morocco and Malawi. These countries were chosen as pilot countries due to their strategic importance in the African region, and we plan to expand the program to other countries in Africa in the future.

Commenting on the launch of the program, Mr. Gilbert Nyandeje, CEO at Africa Cyber Defense Forum (ACDF), said, "We are excited to launch this program, which we believe will make a significant impact in the fight against cybercrime in Africa. With the increasing prevalence of digital technologies and the growing threat of cybercrime and the skills gaps and shortage it is vital to empower the next generation with skills of the future that can allow them to secure gainful employment as well as protect themselves and their communities."

The cybersecurity training program is being championed by Africa Cyber Defense Forum (ACDF) in collaboration with various partners and stakeholders committed to supporting and promoting digital literacy and cybersecurity in Africa.

For more information about the program and to register, visit.
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We believe that technology has the potential to bring transformative change in the continent, but we must ensure that it is equally secure. This is why by bringing together experts from all walks of life in a business conscious platform we can make a positive change in our society.

We bring together open-minded, creative and forward-thinking ICT experts, entrepreneurs, and individuals at the frontline of information security, cyber defense technology, technology review, and business executives through high-level panels and speakers to create deal flows, partnerships and to inspire.

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