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**AfricaCERT Announces Winners of the Africa Internet Summit 2026 Catch-the-Flag (CTF) Competition
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AfricaCERT is pleased to announce the successful conclusion of the Africa Internet Summit (AIS) 2026 Catch-the-Flag (CTF) competition, held from 23 to 25 June 2026 as part of the Africa Internet Summit in Nairobi, Kenya.

The annual Catch-the-Flag competition is one of AfricaCERT's flagship cybersecurity capacity-building initiatives. It provides cybersecurity professionals, students, and technology enthusiasts with an opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills by solving realistic cybersecurity exercises inspired by real-world cyber threats and Internet infrastructure. The competition promotes practical learning, collaboration, and innovation while helping to identify emerging cybersecurity talent across Africa.

The 2026 competition ran continuously for 48 hours and featured 63 practical cybersecurity exercises covering areas such as network security, web application security, digital forensics, incident response, and Internet infrastructure security.

This year's competition attracted 144 registered participants from across the continent, including 10 participants from Kenya and 134 participants representing other African countries, reflecting the growing interest in cybersecurity and the increasing depth of cybersecurity expertise across Africa.

Celebrating Africa's Cybersecurity Talent

AfricaCERT congratulates all participants for their commitment, professionalism, and outstanding performance throughout the competition. Their enthusiasm and technical excellence contributed to another successful edition of the Africa Internet Summit Catch-the-Flag competition.

Following an exciting and highly competitive event, the top three teams were:

1st Place – B3alth S3ciety (pronounced "Bealth Society") – Kenya

AfricaCERT extends its warmest congratulations to B3alth S3ciety (pronounced "Bealth Society"), the Kenyan team that emerged as the overall winner of the AIS 2026 Catch-the-Flag competition.

Their victory is especially significant as Kenya hosts this year's Africa Internet Summit, making the achievement a proud moment for the host nation and a reflection of the country's growing strength in cybersecurity.

Team Members

- Esther Waigumo (Competition alias: **Sapient2**)
- Mark Waweru (Competition alias: **A11gh0st3d**)

Performance

- Successfully completed 53 of the 63 cybersecurity exercises
- **18,100 points**

2nd Place – SlyCyber Team (Guinea and Ghana)

Team Members

- Abdoulaye Diallo (Competition alias: **Lakaka**) – Guinea
- Ephraim Kofi Ayeh – Ghana

Performance

- Successfully completed 43 exercises
- **14,700 points**

3rd Place – Exception (Botswana)

Competing as a one-person team, **Exception** delivered an impressive performance.

Participant

- Kagiso Setwaba (Competition alias: **wingerzinger**) – Botswana

Performance

- Successfully completed 37 exercises
- **12,900 points**

The complete competition scoreboard is available at:

<https://shield.cyberitxvle.com/events/aisctf-2026/scoreboard>

Awards

In recognition of their outstanding achievements, **the top three teams will each receive a voucher for the SEC-100 (CyberCore – Security Essentials) course.**

In addition:

- **First Place – B3alth S3ciety: USD 300**
- **Second Place – SlyCyber Team: USD 200**

The winning teams will be contacted through the email addresses provided during registration to facilitate the distribution of their prizes.

SEC-100 (CyberCore – Security Essentials)

As part of their prize package, the top three teams will each receive a voucher for the SEC-100 (CyberCore – Security Essentials) course.

Developed by OffSec, SEC-100 is a foundational cybersecurity training programme that provides learners with the knowledge and practical skills needed to begin a career in cybersecurity. Through 40 modules of instruction and hands-on laboratory exercises, participants gain an understanding of cybersecurity fundamentals, network and web security, cloud security, incident response, penetration testing, industry best practices, and emerging topics such as artificial intelligence in cybersecurity. The course also prepares learners for the OffSec CyberCore Certified (OSCC) certification.

Further information about the SEC-100 programme is available at:

<https://www.offsec.com/courses/sec-100/>

AfricaCERT's Commitment to Cybersecurity Capacity Building

The Africa Internet Summit Catch-the-Flag competition reflects AfricaCERT's commitment to strengthening cybersecurity capacity across Africa through practical learning, collaboration, and the discovery of emerging talent.

AfricaCERT congratulates B3alth S3ciety (pronounced "Bealth Society"), SlyCyber Team, and Exception on their outstanding achievements and commends every participant for contributing to the success of the AIS 2026 Catch-the-Flag competition.

AfricaCERT also extends its sincere appreciation to the Africa Internet Summit organizing committee, partners, sponsors, mentors, volunteers, and the Government and people of Kenya for their invaluable support in making the competition a resounding success.

About AfricaCERT

AfricaCERT is a trusted forum for collaboration among Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs), cybersecurity professionals, governments, academia, industry, and other stakeholders across Africa. Through incident coordination, information sharing, training, research, and capacity-building initiatives, AfricaCERT works to strengthen cybersecurity resilience and promote a safer, more secure digital ecosystem for the African continent.