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AfricaCERT hosted Two-Track Cybersecurity Training at Africa Internet Summit 2026

Free Online Training in Cyber Threat Intelligence and OT/ICS Cybersecurity Offered June 16 - 18 to Security Professionals Across Africa and Beyond

Accra, Ghana - AfricaCERT, in collaboration with key regional and international partners, today announced the launch of a two-track cybersecurity training programme as a pre-event at the Africa Internet Summit 2026 (AIS'26). Running June 16 - 18, 2026, the free, online instructor-led event aimed to equip cybersecurity professionals, engineers, analysts, OT engineers, and other automation professionals across Africa with critical skills in Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI) and Operational Technology/Industrial Control Systems (OT/ICS) cybersecurity.

“Protecting critical infrastructure is no longer optional. The tracks bring world-class expertise directly to cybersecurity professionals across Africa, at no cost, equipping them to defend against the growing wave of attacks targeting both enterprise networks and industrial systems.”

— AfricaCERT Event Team

About the Event

Held entirely online, the three-day training event offers two parallel tracks designed to address distinct and urgent needs in the cybersecurity landscape. Both free of charge, the event brought together around 300 participants, with a focus on serving the African cybersecurity community.

Event Website: <https://2026.internetsummit.africa/>

Track 1: Cyber Threat Intelligence

Organisers: AfricaCERT and Mauritius Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-MU)

Schedule: June 16 - 18, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM EAT (East Africa Time)

This intermediate-level, three-day course introduced participants to the full spectrum of cyber threat intelligence from foundational terminology and threat actor profiling to the use of industry-standard CTI frameworks and platforms. Instructors from CERT-MU guided participants through hands-on exercises using tools such as MISP, OpenCTI, and The Hive, culminating in real-world case scenarios and CTI report creation.

Instructors:

Kaleem Usmani, Officer-in-Charge, CERT-MU

Jennita Appanah Appayya, Information Security Specialist, CERT-MU

Track 2: Getting Started in OT/ICS Cybersecurity

Organisers: AfricaCERT, Iservices Systems, and Team3C MN

Industrial Control Systems and Operational Technology underpin the world's most critical infrastructure: power plants, refineries, rail systems, and manufacturing facilities. This course, developed by internationally recognised OT/ICS expert Mike Holcomb, demystifies the security challenges unique to these environments. Over three days, participants gained practical knowledge across 15 modules covering control systems, secure network architecture, threat and vulnerability management, incident response, risk assessments, and an introduction to OT/ICS penetration testing.

About the Instructor:

Mike Holcomb is an independent OT/ICS cybersecurity consultant, international speaker, and founder of BSidesICS/OT. He holds a master's degree in OT/ICS cybersecurity from the SANS Technology Institute and was awarded the SANS Difference Maker Award for Practitioner of the Year: ICS/OT Defender (2025) and BEER-ISAC's Community Builder Award (2026).

About AfricaCERT

AfricaCERT is a pan-African organization incorporated in 2012 dedicated to building cybersecurity capacity across the continent. Through training, community collaboration, and partnership with regional CERTs and international organisations, AfricaCERT works to strengthen Africa's cyber resilience.

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