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## **EDUCATION**

#### WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN AFRICA

- Bachelor of Science Information Systems
- Grade: 2.1

# SOUTH AFRICA-NETHERLANDS CYBERSECURITY SCHOOL

- Cybersecurity Certificate
- Grade: A

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

#### **PECB**

- ISO 27001
- ISO 22301

#### ISC2

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## **KEY ASSETS**

- Implementation of security controls
   (ISO 27001 | ISO 22301)
- Incident response and forensic analysis
- Leadership
- Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity
- Vulnerability scanning and remediation
- GRC tools
- Web Application Pentesting Python
- Oral and written communication,
- Attention to Detail,
- Problem Solving,

## **ASHLY** MHLANGA

## CYBER AND ICT SECURITY ANALYST

## **PROFILE**

A passionate information security professional with a strong IT background, combining practical experience with a solid theoretical foundation. Driven by a commitment to enhancing business value through secure processes and systems, I specialize in comprehensive threat assessments, implementing robust security measures, and mitigating risks effectively. With a proven track record of managing security incidents and fostering collaboration across diverse teams, I bring extensive expertise in industry standards such as ISO 27001, ISO 22301, and compliance with the Data Protection Act of Zimbabwe.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

#### THE CIMPLICITY INSTITUTE

NOV 2023 - PRESENT

Cyber Security Consultant

- Reviewing code for security vulnerabilities and ensuring compliance with secure coding standards.
- Responding promptly to security incidents, mitigating risks, and documenting actions taken.
- Conducting regular vulnerability assessments and penetration tests to strengthen system defenses.
- Advising development teams on secure coding practices and security design principles.
- Monitoring security alerts and analyzing threat intelligence to preempt potential attacks.
- Delivering security awareness training to staff to reduce insider risks.
- Collaborating across teams to integrate security into all stages of projects and processes.
- Keeping current with emerging threats, technologies, and compliance standards.
- Documenting and reporting security assessments, incident responses, and risk analyses.

#### MIMOSA MINING COMPANY

AUG 2023 - NOV 2023

Information Security Analyst

- Collaborated in the implementation of ISMS and BCMS
- Reviewed BCMS (ISO 22301) documentation to ensure that all documents required by the standard are available and serve the business purpose they are supposed to.
- Developed and documented information security policies, procedures, and controls in accordance with ISO 27001 standard for surveillance audit.
- Promoted a culture of security throughout the organisation by educating all departments on IT risks, IT General Controls, general security awareness and best practices.
- Analyzed logs, network traffic, user accounts with privileged access activities, and other security-related data to identify potential security breaches or unauthorised access attempts into the organisation infrastructure using Solarwinds, Darktrace and Manage Engine tools.
- Communicated risks and improvements to stakeholders, enhancing crisis and incident response.
- Collaborated with IT teams to implement security controls, ensuring compliance with industry standards and regulations.
- Managed and configured inbound and outbound email security rules to ascertain what to allow or block on the network in Darktrace

#### INTERESTS

- Debate
- Public Speaking
- Golf

## LANGUAGES

- English
- Shona

## **ARTICLES**

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## WEST PROPERTY HOLDINGS

MAR 2022 - FEB 2023

IT Tech Support & Office Assistant

- Managed user accounts and permissions, ensuring secure and compliant access to resources.
- Monitored access logs to identify and mitigate potential security breaches.
- Collaborated with third-party providers to resolve network and security vulnerabilities.
- Maintained client databases, implementing best practices for data protection.
- Provided technical support, resolving hardware, software, network, and securityrelated issues.
- Implemented multi-factor authentication (MFA) for enhanced access control.
- Performed ad hoc front office tasks while maintaining system security and data privacy.

#### **LUSITANIA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

OCT 2020 - DEC 2021

ICT Intern

- Provided tech support, resolving hardware, software, and network issues.
- Maintained computer labs for optimal educational performance.
- Managed and updated the school's website for accuracy and relevance.
- Installed and configured software applications.
- Created social media content to promote school activities.
- Implemented educational tech tools to enhance learning.
- Helped implement basic security measures to protect data.
- Educated staff and students on cybersecurity best practices.
- Reported and addressed potential security risks.

## **PROJECTS**

- Developed and executed a comprehensive security training program that increased employee awareness and adherence to company security policies and procedures, reducing the phishing-prone percentage to a single digit (5-8%) in an organization with over 1,500 employees
- Played a key role in the successful implementation of ISO 22301 and ISO/IEC 27001 by drafting security policy documents, conducting Business Impact Analyses and Risk Assessments, and raising organizational awareness about emergency and incident response.
- Collaborated successfully with cross-functional teams to identify and remediate risk exposure.

## VOLUNTEERING

#### ISACA

SheLeadsTech Ambassador

JUN 2023 - JAN 2024

 I actively advocated for women's representation in technology leadership and career advancement, participating in mentorship programs to foster meaningful engagement in discussions and activities.

#### **WEST PROPERTY HOLDINGS**

JUN 2022 - JAN 2023

Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator

 The role involves overseeing the execution of CSR programs, developing impactful initiatives, addressing health needs, and providing scholarships for girls and young women.