



THE HACKERS SECRET CONFERENCE (THSC) 2026

PARTNERSHIP & SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL

Organised by IIMONEX ICT Limited

Theme: "Unified Cyber Strategy"

Date: July 2026 | Venue: University of Lagos



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WHAT IS THSC?



The Hackers Secret Conference is Nigeria's fastest-growing cybersecurity conference, a dynamic, practical, and community-driven platform dedicated to educating and empowering the next generation of Nigerian cybersecurity professionals.

Founded in 2022 by IIMONEX ICT Limited, THSC has grown from an 87-person inaugural event into a nationally recognised conference that has attracted CISOs from First Bank and MTN, academics from the University of Lagos, sponsors including Zenith Bank and the Nigerian Police Force, and hundreds of students, graduates and working professionals hungry to build skills and make connections.

We are not a lecture series. THSC is where cybersecurity actually happens – hands-on, high-energy, and built for people who want to do, not just listen.



The Hackers Secret Conference 3.0
CODE IN THE SHADOWS: Strengthening Cyber Defenses

Keynote Speaker
Group CISO, First Bank
DR. HARRISON Nnaji

Convener
CEO, IIMONEX ICT
MICHAEL Udoh

Panel Speakers

- DELIGHT Hamilton**
- ADESOLA Oguntimehin**
- OBIORA Awogu**
- PRAYER Ufot**

Sheba Center, 20, Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way, Ikeja, Lagos State.

10am

25 FRIDAY JULY 2025

ABOUT IIMONEX ICT LIMITED



IIMONEX ICT Limited is a Lagos-based Information and Technology company with a mission to shape Nigeria's digital future through education, innovation and community building. We have trained over 130 ICT students who have gone on to become digital marketing experts, web developers, code writers and ICT trainers.

Our passion lies in cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, digitalization and cultivating a generation of data experts. IIMONEX is the organising body behind THSC and is committed to making Nigeria a hub of cybersecurity excellence.



Founder

Udoh Michael Esseit – Technical Support Specialist (Google), mobile app developer, cybersecurity analyst, and conference speaker.

Recently presented at the Data Security Workshop organised by the Nigerian Police Cooperative Multipurpose Society (NPF), reaching over 250 registered participants.

THE PROBLEM



Citizen Impact:

Moyo's Reality

Moyo is 24 years old. She runs a small fashion business in Lagos and, like millions of young Nigerians, she embraced digital banking to grow her enterprise. One afternoon she received an email that looked exactly like her bank's official notification – requesting that she update her account details to avoid suspension. She clicked the link. Within minutes, her entire savings were gone.

She filed a report at the nearest police station. There, she discovered something that frustrated her more than the attack itself: law enforcement lacked the digital forensics skills and tools to trace the perpetrators. The case went cold.

Moyo's story is not exceptional. It is the daily reality of thousands of Nigerian citizens and businesses – and it represents a growing erosion of trust in digital systems that the government has worked hard to build.



Talent Risk:

Chinedu's Dilemma

Chinedu graduated with a first-class degree and a burning passion for cybersecurity. He wants to be one of the people who protect citizens like Moyo. But Nigeria has only one cybersecurity professional per 8,600 people – against a global standard of one per 794.

Experts estimate the country needs over 270,000 cybersecurity professionals; currently, there are approximately 25,620, leaving a workforce gap of 90.6%.

Without clear training pathways, mentors or internship pipelines in ethical cyber defence, Chinedu's skills are at risk of going to waste – or worse, being channelled in the wrong direction. Nigeria cannot afford to lose Chinedu

THSC WAS CREATED TO TURN BOTH OF THESE STORIES AROUND.

Why this matters.

THE CYBERSECURITY PROBLEM IN NIGERIA

Every year, the numbers get worse. Cyber attacks on Nigerian businesses, citizens, and government infrastructure are rising faster than our defences can keep pace.

- Cybercrime accounts for over **30% of recorded crime in West Africa**.
- The federal government recorded nearly **13 million cyber attacks** on public infrastructure in a single election cycle.
- **Ransomware** incidents in Nigeria hit **3,459 in 2024** alone, and most go unreported.
- Business Email Compromise schemes cost Nigerian businesses **billions every year**.
- Nigeria has only 1 cybersecurity professional per 8,600 citizens; the global standard is 1 per 794. The national **workforce gap exceeds 270,000** professionals.
- Behind every statistic is a real person: a business owner who lost everything to a phishing email, a graduate whose skills have no legitimate pathway, an organisation that cannot find the talent it needs to stay secure.
- THSC exists to change these numbers – one skilled professional, one informed citizen, one connected community at a time.



OUR GROWTH STORY

The trajectory is clear. THSC is on a growth curve and 2026 is the year when the brand recognition becomes national.



2022 — 1st Edition

87 participants. Keynote by Dr. Obadare Peter Adewale, a renowned cybersecurity and GRC expert. The first practical cybersecurity conference of its kind in Nigeria focused specifically on youth empowerment.



2024 — 2nd Edition

275+ participants. Hosted in partnership with the Faculty of Education, University of Lagos. Keynote by Dr. Harrison Nnaemeka Nnaji, Group CISO of First Bank of Nigeria and its subsidiaries. Strong academic-industry collaboration established.



2025 — 3rd Edition

320+ participants. Featured Mr. Obiora Awogu, CISO of MoMo Payment Service Bank (MTN), and Emmanuel Okoroji, Head of Threat Intelligence & Incident Management at First Bank of Nigeria. Sponsors included First Bank, MTN, Zenith Bank, Wema Bank, EC-Council, the Nigerian Police Force, CHI Limited and others



2026 — 4th Edition

Targeting 1000+ in-person participants. Returning to UNILAG with expanded programming, government engagement tracks, and the strongest speaker lineup in THSC history. Theme: "Unified Cyber Strategy."

TARGET AUDIENCE

THSC 2026 is designed for a diverse, high-value audience:



IT Professionals

Cybersecurity experts, IT administrators and practitioners looking to sharpen their skills and expand their network.



Students & Early-Career Professionals

University students and recent graduates pursuing careers in cybersecurity, data science and technology.



IT Business Leaders

Executives, managers and decision-makers responsible for protecting their organisations from cyber threats.



Government Representatives

Officials responsible for cybersecurity policy, digital infrastructure and law enforcement.



Tech Enthusiasts

Individuals with a passion for technology and a desire to understand the security landscape.

Expected attendance: 1000+ in-person participants at the University of Lagos, with additional reach through livestreaming and post-event content distribution.

Program Overview

The conference will be held at the **University of Lagos in July 2026**, and event operations include professional staging, full media coverage, livestreaming, physical security, and refreshments. Post-event deliverables include a detailed report with attendance data, sponsorship metrics, and social media analytics.

The 2026 conference would also feature:



Policy & Leadership Track:

Keynote addresses, government-private sector panels, and closed-door strategic sessions.

Technical Capacity Track:

Red vs. Blue team simulations, Capture-the-Flag (CTF) competitions, digital forensics workshops and defensive detection labs.

Debate Session:

Locally developed cybersecurity products, vendor-led workshops and public-private collaboration sessions.

Innovation & National Capability Track:

Offense vs. Defense – What Matters Most Today?" – A structured debate that sparks critical conversation about Nigeria's current threat priorities.

WHY SPONSOR THE HACKERS' SECRET CONFERENCE 2026 (THSC'26)?

Because your brand belongs in this conversation.

1

Cybersecurity is no longer a niche technical topic. It is front-page news, boardroom priority and government policy. The organisations that associate themselves with building Nigeria's cyber capacity are the ones that will be remembered as forward-thinking, community-minded and nationally relevant.

2

Sponsoring THSC gives you **direct access to a highly engaged audience of IT professionals, business leaders, students, government representatives, and tech enthusiasts** – people who make decisions, influence others, and remember the brands that invested in their growth.

3

You are not just buying logo space. You are buying **trust, credibility** and a seat at the table where Nigeria's digital future is being shaped.

SPONSORSHIP TIERS

Government agencies have multiple avenues to support and benefit from THSC. The conference offers structured tiers with customizable benefits as shown below

Platinum Tier — ₦10,000,000

Everything in Gold plus: host a 30-minute programme of your choice at the event. Stage time across 2 intervals. Post-event publicity campaign. Free access tickets for all company employees, plus 10 tickets for clients or customers. Logo most prominently placed across all event materials – website, booklets, name tags, backdrop, banners, social media. Dedicated social media banner campaign thanking your brand. Your advert played on screen during break intervals to all attendees.

Gold — ₦5,000,000

Access to attendee data (emails, names, contacts) of participants. Free flier designs for your brand featured in our social media campaign before, during, and after the event. Logo on website, advertisement, booklets, name tags, backdrop, banners. On-stage recognition and 15 front-seat reservations. Business description on our website. Exhibition stand at the venue. 45-second video on social media. Logo on the stage screen during breaks. 45-second personalised brand video on event day. Stage time: 20 minutes. Customised materials from the organisers.



Silver — ₦3,000,000

Logo on website, advertisement, booklets, name tags, backdrop, banners. On-stage recognition and 10 front-seat reservations. Exhibition stand at the venue. Free business publicity on our social media platforms. Logo on stage screen during breaks. 45-second personalised brand video on event day. Stage time: 10 minutes. Customised materials from the organisers

Bronze — ₦1,000,000

Logo on website, advertisement, booklets, name tags, backdrop, banners. On-stage recognition and 4 front-seat reservations. Free business publicity on our social media platforms and community.

In-Kind Partnership

Partner through non-monetary contributions and receive a customised benefits package based on the value of your contribution.

In-kind options include: **media** (photography, videography, livestreaming, LED/LCD screens), **technical** (sound and lighting), **stage and hall decoration**, **return gifts for guest speakers**, **catering and drinks**, **memorabilia for attendees** (notepads, pens, branded items), **hotel accommodation for speakers**, and **logistics support**.

We are also open to collaborative discussions to tailor packages that align with your specific organisational goals and objectives. Please reach out — we want this partnership to work for you.



Conclusion

WHAT YOUR SPONSORSHIP DOES

Sponsorship revenue directly reduces the overall cost of participation – enabling more attendees, especially students and early-career professionals, to access world-class cybersecurity education.

1. For the community: It funds access. More scholarships, more student tickets, more young Nigerians in the room learning skills that will shape their careers.
2. For your brand: It builds association with credibility, national relevance, and forward-thinking investment in Nigeria's digital future.
3. For Nigeria: It contributes to closing a 270,000-person skills gap, creating lawful career pathways, and building the cyber resilience the country urgently needs.



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Terms

Sponsorship commitments are binding from the date of agreement through the conclusion of the event. In the unlikely event of cancellation due to circumstances beyond the organisation's control, full refunds will be issued.