AFP-DPO

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Data Protection & Privacy

The AFP-DPO track trains data protection officers (DPOs) and compliance teams in African financial institutions to master the legal framework for personal data protection (national laws, the Malabo Convention, the GDPR for exposed entities) and to deploy operational compliance programmes.

2027 prices

ONLINE

FCFA 350,000 excl. tax
€534 excl. tax

3 sessions in 2027

IN PERSON IN DAKAR

FCFA 550,000 excl. tax
€838 excl. tax

1 session in 2027

Exam only: FCFA 125,000 excl. tax (€191)

The price includes: the training, digital materials, the exam voucher, with a second attempt within 60 days, the digital certificate and badge, lunch for in-person sessions.

Discounts (cannot be combined): EARLY27 −15% · GROUPE3 −10% · ALUMNI-APSI −20% · PARCOURS −10% · INSTITUTION −20%

At a glance

PREREQUISITES

None, open to any legal, compliance or IT professional

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

No experience required: legal, compliance or IT professionals.

TOTAL DURATION

3 days (21 h)

VALIDITY

3 years

FORMAT AND HOURS

Online: virtual classroom in half-days of 3 h 30, in the morning (9:00 to 12:30 GMT) or the evening (18:00 to 21:30 GMT), over 1 to 2 weeks.
In person: full days from 8:30 to 17:00 at the ACRC centre in Dakar.

EXAM FORMAT

50-question multiple-choice exam in 60 minutes, on a proctored online platform (ClassMarker, AI proctoring) or at the ACRC centre. 4 options, a single correct answer, no negative marking. Pass mark: 70%.

Who it is for

- Current or future data protection officers (DPOs)
- Compliance managers and legal counsel at financial institutions
- CISOs and CIOs taking on data protection
- Chief executives of fintechs and e-money institutions

Curriculum

1	African legal landscape of data protection: national laws, Malabo Convention, AU Data Policy Comparative course	4h
2	Core principles: lawfulness, purpose limitation, data minimisation, data subject rights Lecture	3h
3	Personal data in banking: identification, classification, flows Hands-on workshop	3h
4	The DPO's role, duties and positioning in a financial institution Lecture + role play	3h
5	Record of processing activities and data mapping Practical work	4h
6	Managing data breaches: notification, investigation, remediation Case study	4h

Skills acquired

- Identify the data protection legal obligations applicable to an African bank
- Map a financial institution's personal data processing
- Handle a data breach according to regulatory procedures
- Carry out the DPO's mission in compliance with the African legal framework

Requirements for certification

1. Attend at least 80% of the sessions (attendance recorded).
2. Pass the multiple-choice exam with a score of at least 70%.
3. Show a valid official ID and accept the exam code of conduct.
4. Exam-only candidates: show 2 years of experience in the field (CV attached to the registration).
5. A second attempt is included if taken within 60 days of the first.

Certificate, validity and renewal. Numbered certificate in the holder's name and a digital badge to share on LinkedIn. Valid for 3 years. Renewal: 60 hours of continuing education over 3 years (ACRC webinars count) and a maintenance fee, or a new exam.

2027 sessions

Session	Format	Dates	Hours	Exam	Register by
AFP27-05	Online	9 Feb to 18 Feb 2027	18:00 to 21:30 GMT	27 Feb 2027	2 Feb 2027
AFP27-23	In person in Dakar	1 Jun to 3 Jun 2027	8:30 to 17:00	3 Jun 2027	25 May 2027
AFP27-30	Online	13 Jul to 22 Jul 2027	18:00 to 21:30 GMT	31 Jul 2027	6 Jul 2027
AFP27-45	Online	19 Oct to 28 Oct 2027	18:00 to 21:30 GMT	6 Nov 2027	12 Oct 2027

Discounts (cannot be combined)

EARLY27 −15% Registration and payment at least 30 days before the session starts; for the January sessions, at least until 20 December 2026.

GROUPE3 −10% 3 or more participants from the same institution on the same session, on a single invoice.

ALUMNI-APSI −20% AFP-certified members of the APSI-NE 2026 cohort, on any registration paid in 2027.

PARCOURS −10% Foundation and Practitioner of the same track bought together.

INSTITUTION −20% Institutional framework agreement: at least 10 places a year, paid on purchase order.

Pre-registration

Online, on the course page: https://cyber4africa.org/en/certifications/afp-dpo
Contact: contact@cyber4africa.org

COMMERCIAL TERMS

- Payment by bank transfer or mobile money, no later than the registration deadline (7 days before the start). Institutions can pay on purchase order.
- Prices include the training, digital materials, the certification assessment, the personal certificate and the digital badge. Lunch is included for in-person sessions.
- Cancellation by the participant: full refund up to 15 days before the start, 50% from 14 to 7 days before, after that a free transfer to a later session (once).
- Session postponed by ACRC (minimum number of participants not reached 10 days before): transfer of the participant's choice or full refund.
- Discounts cannot be combined: the most favourable one applies.
- Prices in CFA francs (FCFA), excluding tax. Euro amounts are converted at the fixed parity of 655.957 FCFA to 1 euro.