AFP-RSSI

AFP-RSSI Expert

Chief Information Security Officer

2027 pilot

The AFP-RSSI track is ACRC's flagship programme for professionals who hold or aspire to the CISO role in African financial institutions. It covers the full spectrum: strategy, operations, compliance, crisis management and institutional communication.

2027 prices

IN PERSON IN DAKAR

FCFA 2,250,000 excl. tax

€3,430 excl. tax

1 session in 2027

The price includes: the training, digital materials, the certification assessment, the digital certificate and badge, lunch for in-person sessions.

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

At a glance

PREREQUISITES

AFP-RSSI Practitioner + 4 years as a CISO

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

AFP-RSSI Practitioner and 4 years serving as CISO.

TOTAL DURATION

5 days (35 h)

VALIDITY

3 years

FORMAT AND HOURS

In person: full days from 8:30 to 17:00 at the ACRC centre in Dakar.

EXAM FORMAT

CISO thesis (50%) + oral examination before a joint ACRC/industry panel (50%)

Who it is for

- Serving CISOs who want to get certified and broaden their skills
- Deputy CISOs and future CISOs preparing to take up the role
- Security consultants moving into CISO roles
- Operational security managers moving towards strategic leadership

Curriculum

1	The CISO as a strategic actor: influence, advocacy and sector cooperation Lecture + round table	5h
2	Pan-African security architecture: ISAC, CTI sharing, sovereignty Expert seminar	5h
3	Systemic crisis management: sector-wide attack, coordination with regulators Major crisis simulation room exercise	6h
4	CISOs and the AI transformation: opportunities, risks, algorithmic governance Foresight seminar	4h
5	Running information security maturity programmes: CMMI, ISM3 adapted to Africa Workshop	5h
6	CISO personal development: leadership, resilience, stress management Coaching	4h
7	CISO thesis defence before a panel Oral examination	6h

Skills acquired

- Exercise CISO leadership across a pan-African financial group
- Lead a major sector-wide information security crisis exercise with regulators and peers
- Integrate AI into information security governance within a sound ethical and regulatory framework
- Represent the CISO community in African and international cooperation bodies

Requirements for certification

1. Hold the track's Practitioner certification.
2. Show the required experience: AFP-RSSI Practitioner and 4 years serving as CISO.
3. Provide 2 professional references.
4. Submit the thesis within 8 weeks and score at least 70% (thesis and oral examination).

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
AFP27-52	In person in Dakar	22 Nov to 26 Nov 2027	8:30 to 17:00	4 Feb 2028	15 Nov 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.

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-rssi
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.