AFP-RSSI

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Chief Information Security Officer

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

ONLINE

FCFA 450,000 excl. tax
€686 excl. tax

5 sessions in 2027

IN PERSON IN DAKAR

FCFA 700,000 excl. tax
€1,067 excl. tax

2 sessions 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

Basic knowledge of information security and/or governance

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

1 year of experience in information security, IT or risk recommended.

TOTAL DURATION

4 days (28 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

60-question multiple-choice exam in 90 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

- 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's mission, positioning and responsibilities in a financial institution Lecture	3h
2	ISO 27001 ISMS: the CISO's role in the PDCA cycle Hands-on workshop	4h
3	Security policy, charter, procedures: drafting and governance Writing workshop	4h
4	Information security risk management: tools and methods for the CISO Practical work	4h
5	Incident management: CSIRT, implementation, internal/external coordination Simulation	4h
6	CISO dashboard: KPI, KRI, reporting to the CEO and the regulator Excel/Power BI workshop	4h
7	CISO communication: CEO, CIO, auditors, regulators Role play	3h
8	Revision and mock exam Mock multiple-choice test	2h

Skills acquired

- Define and carry out the CISO's mission in an African bank
- Run the ISO 27001 ISMS and maintain its PDCA cycle
- Produce an information security dashboard for executive management
- Coordinate information security incident response with internal and external stakeholders

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
AFP27-01	Online	11 Jan to 21 Jan 2027	9:00 to 12:30 GMT	30 Jan 2027	4 Jan 2027
AFP27-06	In person in Dakar	15 Feb to 18 Feb 2027	8:30 to 17:00	18 Feb 2027	8 Feb 2027
AFP27-16	Online	12 Apr to 22 Apr 2027	18:00 to 21:30 GMT	1 May 2027	5 Apr 2027
AFP27-27	Online	21 Jun to 1 Jul 2027	18:00 to 21:30 GMT	10 Jul 2027	14 Jun 2027
AFP27-32	Online	2 Aug to 12 Aug 2027	18:00 to 21:30 GMT	21 Aug 2027	26 Jul 2027
AFP27-40	In person in Dakar	4 Oct to 7 Oct 2027	8:30 to 17:00	7 Oct 2027	27 Sept 2027
AFP27-56	Online	6 Dec to 16 Dec 2027	18:00 to 21:30 GMT	18 Dec 2027	29 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.

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-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.