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Kenya Chapter

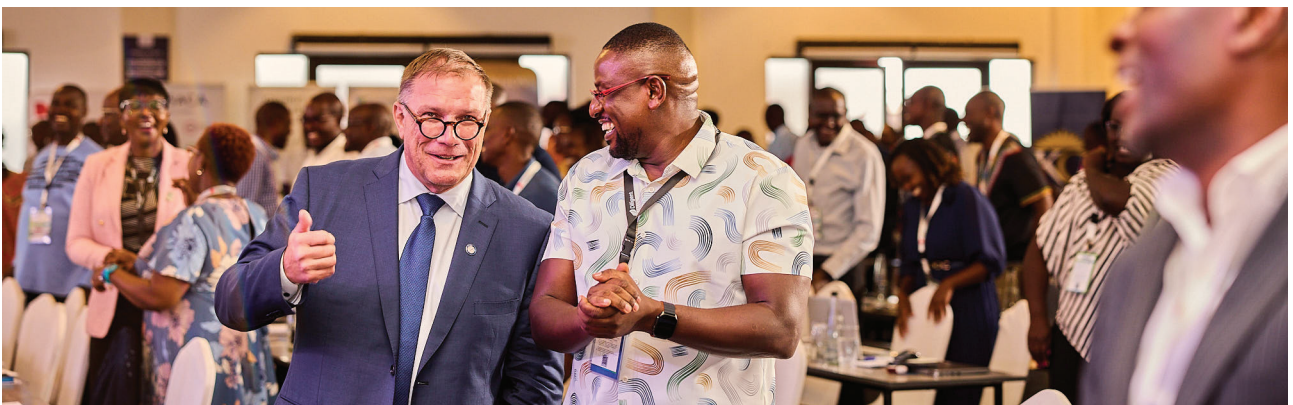
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ISACA OVERVIEW

ISACA is a global professional membership organization dedicated to fostering the growth of digital trust. With more than 225 chapters in over 188 countries, and a global membership base of over 180,000 professionals, ISACA plays a key role in shaping the future of information systems, governance, and cybersecurity.



225+
Chapters Worldwide



188+
Countries Represented



180,000+
Global Members



Digital Trust
Chapters Worldwide

ISACA empowers IS/IT professionals to enhance their expertise across critical domains such as IT audit, cybersecurity, data privacy, risk, and emerging technologies. Members advance enterprise objectives by contributing to the development and implementation of research, standards, best practices, and competencies essential for governance, assurance, and digital trust.

ISACA Kenya Chapter

Founded in December 1999 and registered in March 2000, is one of ISACA's most active chapters. It has experienced tremendous growth and was once recognized globally for achieving the second-highest annual percentage growth in membership worldwide. The Kenya Chapter currently has close to 2,000 members.

Purpose of ISACA Kenya Chapter

The primary purpose of the Chapter is to:

- Promote education and networking opportunities to enhance professional capabilities in IT governance, IS audit, cybersecurity, privacy, risk, and assurance.
- Encourage open knowledge-sharing of techniques, approaches, and problem-solving strategies.
- Keep members informed on current events, trends, and best practices relevant to their professional development.
- Engage management, academia, and IS professionals on the importance of strong governance and control frameworks.
- Actively support ISACA's globally recognized certifications and credentials.



VISION
To be a leader in building digital trust.



MISSION
To advance digital trust by empowering a community of professionals to shape, lead, and secure the future of information systems.



MOTTO
In pursuit of digital trust.

Co-Values



Professionalism



Integrity



Innovation



Collaboration



Sustainability

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2026



Bonface Asiligwa
CISA,CGEIT,CISM,CRISC,CDPSE
President

As we close a transformative 2025 and embrace the opportunities of 2026, the pace of technological advancement continues to reshape the global digital ecosystem. Rapid developments in Artificial Intelligence, cyber resilience, digital governance, data privacy, and emerging technologies are fundamentally changing how institutions innovate, manage risk, and create sustainable value. In this dynamic environment, ISACA Kenya Chapter has continued to strengthen its role as a trusted professional partner by empowering members and organizations with relevant knowledge, strategic insight, and globally recognized best practices necessary to thrive in an increasingly interconnected and technology-driven world.

It is my honor to present the 2025-2026 President's Report, highlighting the progress, impact, and strategic direction of the Chapter as we continue to strengthen our position as a leading professional technology governance and digital trust community in Africa.

Industry Leadership, Advocacy & National Policy

Driven by its vision of strengthening digital trust and professional excellence, ISACA Kenya Chapter continued to play a leading role in shaping the national technology and governance agenda through sustained stakeholder engagement, policy

contribution, strategic collaboration, and industry advocacy. The Chapter further reinforced its position as a trusted voice in cybersecurity, IT governance, risk management, emerging technologies, and innovation by actively engaging with both public and private sector institutions on matters of national and professional importance. The Chapter actively contributed to national discussions and policy reviews relating to:

- National Broadband Strategy
- Cybersecurity governance and National Resilience
- Artificial Intelligence regulation and governance
- Data protection and privacy
- Digital identity and trust frameworks
- Critical Information Infrastructure protection

Our continued engagement with Government institutions, regulators, industry bodies, academia, and development partners has strengthened ISACA Kenya's visibility as a trusted thought leader in technology governance and cybersecurity. During the year, the Chapter participated in various stakeholder forums and advisory engagements relating to ICT legislation, cybersecurity strategy, AI governance, and digital transformation initiatives. These engagements continue to position ISACA Kenya as a key contributor to the national digital agenda and policy ecosystem.

Strategic Alignment

To accelerate the realization of its vision of becoming a leading force in advancing digital trust, the Chapter has developed a transformative three-year Strategic Plan that will be officially unveiled during the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The strategy is designed to position ISACA Kenya as a future-ready, high-impact professional organization capable of driving national and regional influence in governance, cybersecurity, innovation, and emerging technologies. The Strategic Plan is anchored on four key strategic pillars that will guide the Chapter’s growth, sustainability, and long-term impact:

| Strategic Theme | Strategic Goal | Key Focus Areas |
|---|--|---|
| Market Leadership & Policy Influence | Establish ISACA Kenya as a recognized national and regional leader in digital trust, governance, cybersecurity, and technology policy influence. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thought leadership in AI, cybersecurity, digital governance, and emerging technologies Policy advocacy and regulatory engagement National and regional convening forums Strengthening brand visibility and professional influence |
| Membership Growth, Engagement & Talent Development | Create a dynamic, inclusive, and lifelong professional ecosystem that supports members from student level to executive leadership. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holistic member lifecycle management Youth and campus engagement programs Mentorship, communities of practice, and leadership development Flexible and inclusive membership access models |
| Strategic Partnerships & Ecosystem Expansion | Position ISACA Kenya as the central connector within a thriving digital governance and innovation ecosystem. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate and institutional partnerships Government and regulatory collaboration Academia and talent pipeline development Regional expansion across East Africa Strategic alliances with professional and industry bodies |
| Organizational Excellence & Sustainable Growth | Build a resilient, digitally enabled, and high-performing organization capable of scaling impact and delivering long-term sustainability. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat strengthening and governance alignment Performance management frameworks (KPIs and dashboards) Digital transformation platforms (CRM, LMS, member ecosystem) Diversified and sustainable revenue streams and investments Innovation-driven portfolio management balancing Settlers, Migrants, and Pioneer offerings |

Through this strategy, the Chapter seeks to strengthen its role as a trusted professional authority, expand opportunities for members, deepen stakeholder engagement, and ensure sustainable organizational growth while responding effectively to the rapidly evolving digital landscape

Membership Growth & Member Value

Member growth and engagement remained a key strategic priority for the Chapter during the 2025/2026 period. I am pleased to note that the Chapter continued to register significant growth in membership, professional participation, and member engagement initiatives across various programs and activities. The Chapter membership grew steadily 1829 to 2177, reflecting increased confidence in the Chapter's value proposition and professional relevance within the digital trust ecosystem.

These milestones demonstrate the growing influence of the Chapter as a leading platform for thought leadership, professional networking, governance, cybersecurity, audit, risk management, and emerging technology discussions within the region.

Throughout the year, the Chapter remained focused on:

- Emerging technologies and digital transformation
- Enhancing member value and professional experience
- Improving professional networking opportunities
- Expanding access to certifications, training, and mentorship
- Supporting emerging professionals and students
- Strengthening membership retention and renewal rates

The Chapter also continued engagements with ISACA Global leadership and regional structures on matters affecting African Chapters, including membership accessibility, regional pricing considerations, professional development support, and expansion of regional collaboration initiatives. In addition, we strengthened member recognition and appreciation initiatives through awards, leadership opportunities, and professional recognition programs aimed at celebrating individuals and organizations driving impact in

digital trust, cybersecurity, governance, audit, and risk management. These efforts will culminate in the ISACA Kenya Awards Gala Dinner scheduled for June 2026.

Conferences, Professional Development & Thought Leadership

The rapid evolution of Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies continued to shape discussions across all digital trust domains in 2025. In response, ISACA Kenya intensified efforts to provide members with practical and strategic knowledge on:

- AI Governance
- AI Risk Management
- Cybersecurity & Resilience
- Data Privacy & Protection
- Digital Transformation Governance
- Cloud Governance and DevSecOps

The Chapter continued to deliver high-impact conferences, workshops, masterclasses, and certification programs featuring leading local and international experts from both the public and private sectors. Our conferences continued to experience tremendous growth and industry recognition. The 2025 GRC Africa 360 Conference held at Naivasha Kenya attracted 300 participants compared to 105 participants in 2024, while the Annual Conference held at Mombasa Kenya recorded more than 550 participants, a significant increase from 140 participants in 2024. The Chapter has also experienced an upsurge in Sponsors willingness to participate in our conferences.

Our flagship conferences continued attracting regional and international participation, further strengthening the Chapter's reputation as a premier professional platform for governance, cybersecurity, audit, risk, and digital trust conversations in Africa.

As we move forward, the Chapter remains committed to elevating the conference experience

to affordable international standards while continuing to provide practical, forward-looking, and industry-relevant content to members and stakeholders.

Governance, Secretariat & Operational Excellence

The Board remained committed to strengthening governance, operational efficiency, and organizational sustainability within the Chapter.

During the year, the Chapter continued to:

- Enhance governance structures and oversight -Restructuring of the secretariate
- Improve operational policies and internal controls
- Strengthen financial management and accountability
- Improve staff welfare and performance management practices
- Enhance business development and partnership initiatives
- Review By-Laws

The Board continued to make significant progress in the review of the Chapter Bylaws with the objective of strengthening governance structures, enhancing operational effectiveness, and ensuring the Chapter remains responsive to evolving member expectations and the rapidly changing technology and professional landscape.

- iThe Bylaws review process has achieved several key milestones, including:
- ii. Completion of the initial Board review and proposed amendments,
- iii. Member engagement and call for stakeholder input
- iv. Review and feedback from ISACA Global
- v. Ongoing final Board review and incorporation of ISACA Global recommendations
- vi. Pending concurrence processes with the Registrar of Societies and final ratification by members

The board is alive to the fact that the review process has experienced delays largely due to the extensive multi-stakeholder consultation and approval requirements necessary to ensure alignment with governance expectations, regulatory obligations, and global standards. The process involves coordination and concurrence among several key stakeholders including the Board, Secretariat, ISACA Global, the Registrar of Societies, and most importantly, the Chapter membership.

Despite these challenges, the Board remains fully committed to concluding the review process and ensuring the revised Bylaws are finalized, approved, and ratified in a manner that strengthens governance, promotes transparency, and supports the long-term strategic growth of the Chapter.

I would like to commend the Secretariat team for their dedication, professionalism, and continued support to members and Chapter operations. Their efforts continue to play a critical role in ensuring efficient service delivery and operational continuity.

Strategic Partnerships

The Chapter significantly strengthened its strategic partnerships and business development initiatives during the year. This included engagements with:

- Government institutions
- Regulators
- Universities and training institutions
- Private sector organizations
- International development and professional bodies

These partnerships continue to create opportunities for:

- Professional development
- Knowledge sharing
- Capacity building
- Sponsorship and revenue diversification
- National and regional influence

Among this important Partnerships are two major initiatives:

a. IGNITE Program & Skills Development

The IGNITE Program continued to make remarkable progress in advancing technology skills development among Kenyan youth and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions.

Through this initiative, ISACA Kenya continued to empower students with practical skills in:

- Cybersecurity
- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Protection & Privacy
- Digital Governance

The program has continued to progress successfully through its implementation milestones, supported through rigorous governance, monitoring, and accountability mechanisms.

b. ISACA Frameworks Implementation and Guidance

The Chapter Continues to Champion for adoption of its frameworks for IT Governance, IT Audit, and Capability Maturity assessments. Through this the Chapter is engaged in guiding a leading financial institution in the implementation of the COBIT 2019 framework. Through this arrangement, The chapter shall:

- Conduct IT Capability Maturity assessment
- Train on COBIT 2019 Design and implementation
- Guide in design of a tailored governance system
- Guide on the implementation of the prioritized objectives

We remain proud that ISACA Kenya is among the selected organizations across Africa implementing transformative technology capacity-building initiatives under these prestigious programs. The Chapter remains focused on ensuring financial sustainability while expanding value creation opportunities for members and stakeholders.

“ I wish to express my deepest gratitude to our members, Board of Directors, Secretariat team, committee members, volunteers, sponsors, and strategic partners for the immense support, collaboration, and commitment demonstrated throughout the year. Your collective effort, leadership, and passion have continued to drive the growth, impact, and transformation of the Chapter while reinforcing our shared vision of advancing digital trust, governance, cybersecurity, innovation, and professional development.

The achievements realized by the Chapter are a reflection of the strength of our community, the dedication of our volunteers and leaders, and the confidence placed in ISACA Kenya as a trusted professional body. As Chapter President, I remain committed to strengthening governance, enhancing member value, promoting innovation, and positioning ISACA Kenya as a center of excellence in technology governance, cybersecurity, risk management, audit, assurance, and emerging technologies both regionally and globally. Together, we will continue building a stronger, more influential, and future-ready Chapter that contributes meaningfully to the advancement of digital trust in Kenya, Africa, and beyond.

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Thank you and God bless you.

BONFACE ASILIGWA

President, ISACA Kenya Chapter

Advancing Digital Trust



Lyndah Makungu
Acting CEO

As technology continues to reshape how organizations operate, compete, and serve, the importance of digital trust has never been greater. Behind every secure system, every resilient institution, and every confident digital initiative are professionals who ensure that technology operates with integrity, accountability, and reliability.

In 2025, ISACA Kenya Chapter strengthened its role as a trusted partner in building this capacity. Through specialized trainings, conferences, and professional engagement initiatives, we equipped professionals across government, financial services, telecommunications, academia, and the private sector with critical skills in cybersecurity, information systems audit, risk management, governance, and data protection.

Our conferences and training programs brought together leaders, practitioners, and emerging professionals to share knowledge, exchange experiences, and develop practical solutions to the real challenges organizations face today. These platforms have not only enhanced professional competence but have also strengthened collaboration across sectors, ensuring that institutions are better prepared to navigate the complexities of the digital age.

Equally important has been our investment in the

next generation of professionals. Through student engagement initiatives, mentorship, and outreach programs, we are helping young professionals build strong foundations and preparing them to become future leaders in digital trust, governance, and cybersecurity. Beyond professional development, ISACA Kenya Chapter has continued to serve as a vibrant and supportive professional community. Our members remain at the heart of everything we do. Their dedication, expertise, and commitment continue to elevate standards within their organizations and across the broader ecosystem.

Today, ISACA professionals play a critical role in enabling innovation while safeguarding trust. They help organizations adopt emerging technologies confidently, strengthen governance frameworks, and protect the information assets that drive modern economies.

As we look ahead, our mission remains clear: to empower professionals, support institutions, and advance digital trust. We will continue to expand our reach, strengthen our programs, and provide platforms that enable our members to grow, lead, and make meaningful impact.

The digital future presents both opportunity and responsibility. Together, as a professional community, we are ensuring that this future is secure, trusted, and resilient.

Membership & Communication Committee Report

Membership Engagement

The Membership & Communication Committee remains steadfast in its commitment to the servant leadership vision that continues to guide our work; bringing together as many Digital Operations, Risk, Governance, Cybersecurity, Audit, and Compliance professionals as possible in pursuit of a stronger, more vibrant ISACA Kenya Chapter.

At the heart of our efforts remains one central focus: the best interests of our membership. We believe that a thriving professional community is built not merely through numbers, but through meaningful connection, engagement, visibility, and shared purpose. As such, we continue to dedicate ourselves to fostering an environment where members feel informed, included, recognized, and empowered.

Our call remains clear: step forward and serve. Whether locally within the chapter or globally across ISACA's broader ecosystem, volunteering your time and expertise is one of the most powerful ways to contribute to the profession while also enriching your own personal and professional journey. Volunteerism strengthens our chapter's capacity, broadens our reach, and lights the path toward continued growth, sustainability, and leadership development for future generations.

As a Committee, we have remained intentional about keeping the membership abreast of chapter activities, opportunities, and milestones, while also seeking to bring content and experiences that nurture members beyond the technical and



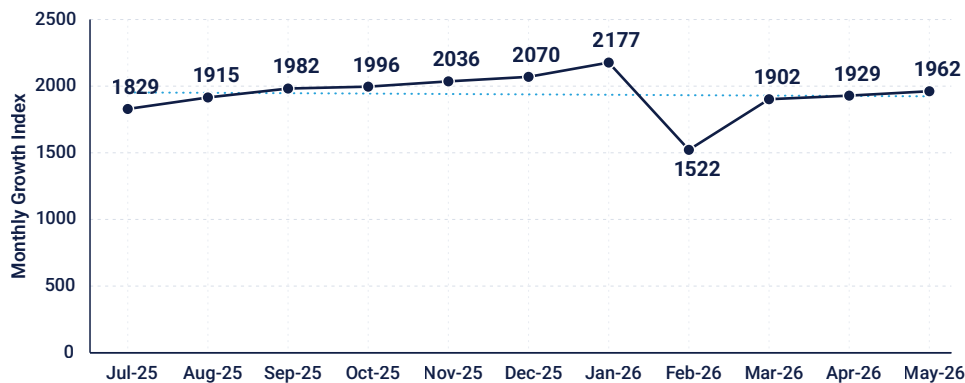
professional confines of their desks. Professional excellence is important—but so too is wellness, connection, and community. In that spirit, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the membership for wholeheartedly showing up in such incredible numbers for our inaugural **ISACA Kenya Sports Day**. The energy, camaraderie, and enthusiasm demonstrated affirmed our belief that meaningful engagement extends beyond conference rooms and webinars. We hope this becomes one of many outdoor and wellness-focused activities that members will come to eagerly anticipate.

**And yes! Be on the
lookout for the Tee-off!**

Membership Analysis & Cyber Shujaas

Membership tenure analysis demonstrates a strong balance between retention and growth. Over half of the Chapter’s membership has maintained continuous membership for five years or more, underscoring sustained value and loyalty, while newer members continue to form a robust growth pipeline for the future. This presents an opportunity for intentional engagement strategies that strengthen retention, celebrate loyalty, and nurture emerging members into long-term chapter champions.

Membership Statistics



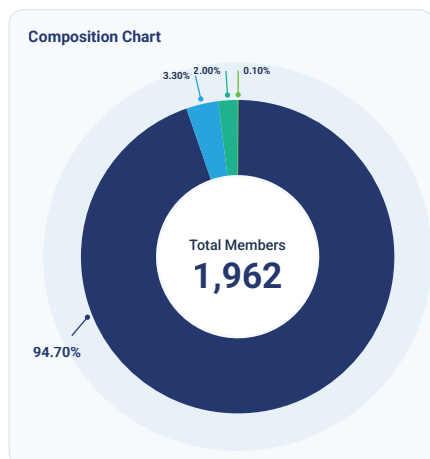
| Jul-25 | Aug-25 | Sep-25 | Oct-25 | Nov-25 | Dec-25 | Jan-26 | Feb-26 | Mar-26 | Apr-26 | May-26 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1829 | 1915 | 1982 | 1996 | 2036 | 2070 | 2177 | 1522 | 1902 | 1929 | 1962 |

Members Monthly Numbers

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We believe that the June half year offer will see the chapter cross the 2000 members threshold once more. A campaign on this sensitisation has been launched.

Membership Composition



Membership Breakdown

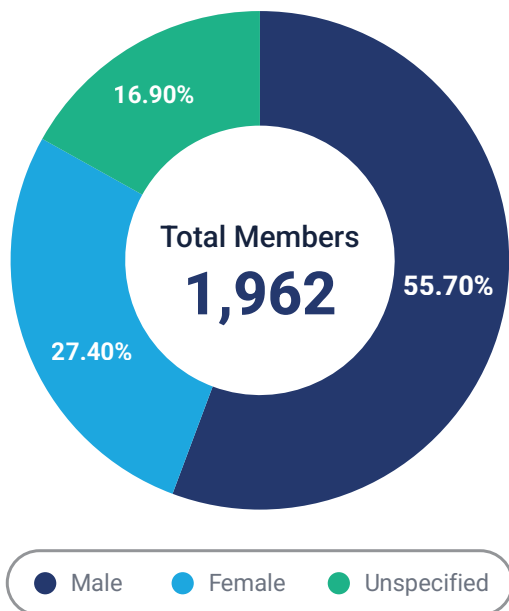
| Membership Category | Members | Share |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Professional Membership | 1,858 | 94.70% |
| Student Membership | 64 | 3.30% |
| Recent Graduate Membership | 39 | 2.00% |
| Retired Membership | 1 | 0.10% |
| Total Members | 1,962 | 100.00% |

The chapter is demonstrating some retention Strength, building a stable core of loyal long-term members as well as a growth Strength indicated by the significant inflow of newer members suggesting continued relevance and market appeal.

Membership Levels

| Level | Members | Share |
|------------------------|---------|--------|
| ● Platinum (15+ years) | 245 | 12.50% |
| ● Gold (10–14 years) | 332 | 16.90% |
| ● Silver (5–9 years) | 548 | 27.90% |
| ● Bronze (3–4 years) | 289 | 14.70% |
| ● Standard (<3 years) | 548 | 27.90% |

Membership Gender Distribution



Our Chapter's strength lies in the richness of its people and perspectives. As at 2026, ISACA Kenya demonstrates encouraging progress toward a more diverse professional community, with women accounting for over a quarter of the membership base. As we celebrate the progress made by the Chapter's gender distribution reflecting encouraging diversification, incomplete member demographic data and the continued male majority highlight opportunities to deepen inclusion efforts, strengthen the female professional pipeline, and improve membership analytics. We also recognize the opportunity to intentionally create more pathways for women, emerging professionals, and underrepresented voices to thrive within our community.

Observation

The chapter reflects a healthy mix of longstanding loyalty and newer member growth.

Notably:

- 57% of members have maintained membership for 5 years or more, demonstrating strong retention and sustained chapter relevance.
- Platinum and Gold members together account for nearly 30% of total membership, reflecting a mature and committed professional community.
- Standard members (28%) represent a strong growth pipeline of newer entrants who can be nurtured into long-term chapter advocates.

Celebrating Our Global Volunteers – Cyber Shujaas Behind the Scenes

“As part of our Cyber Security Personality of the Month recognition initiative, ISACA Kenya Chapter took a deliberate step this year to celebrate a special group of often-unsung champions—our Global Volunteers. These are the cyber shujaas who, often without fanfare and sometimes unbeknownst even to themselves, continue to defend, shape, and advance the growth, diversity, and influence of both our Chapter and ISACA globally. By stepping forward,

raising their hands, and contributing their time, expertise, and passion behind the scenes, they embody the true spirit of professional service and leadership. In recognition of their invaluable contribution to the greater good of the Chapter, Certificates of Participation were awarded to all Global Volunteers who served during the year. ”

Hongera sana! We celebrate you, we appreciate you, and we thank you for flying the ISACA Kenya flag proudly on the global stage.

In recognition of their invaluable contribution, ISACA Kenya Chapter proudly celebrates the following Global Volunteers who represented the Chapter with distinction during the year:

| | Member Name | Volunteer Opportunity |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Mr. Anthony Muiyuro | Chapter Leadership Advisory Group |
| 2 | Mr. Stephen Odipo CISA | Social Media Advocates |
| 3 | Ms. Faith Nyaga CISM | SheLeadsTech Advisory Group |
| | | Social Media Advocates |
| 4 | Ms. Mercy Omollo CISA,CRISC,CDPSE | CDPSE Certification Working Group |
| 5 | Ms. Irene Kithusi CISA | CISA Exam Item Development Working Group |
| 6 | Ms. Faith Katua CISM,CISA,CDPSE,AAIA | AAIA Exam Item Development Working Group |
| 7 | Ms. Veronica N Rose CISA,CDPSE | Regional Chapter Ambassador |
| 8 | Mr. Lucas Kimani CISA,CRISC,CISM | Social Media Advocates |
| 9 | Mr. George Ngenge CRISC | Social Media Advocates |
| 10 | Mr. William Njoroge CISA | Emerging Trends Working Group |
| 11 | Mr. Dennis Kamau CISA | Social Media Advocates |
| 12 | Ms. Winnie Sergon | North America Conference |
| 13 | Mr. Kevin Twei | Social Media Advocates |
| | | ISACA Student Group (ISG) Task Force |
| 14 | Mr. Ageke Calvince CISA | Member Value Research Interviews |
| | | ISACA Support AI Assistant Testing |
| | | Career Journey Insights: Market Research |
| | | Certified Cybersecurity Specialist Review Questions, Answers and Explanations |

The opportunity before us is to expand this footprint, moving from a few committed volunteers to a broader culture where more members actively shape ISACA globally.

Membership Renewals & Professional

Outlook 2026 Session Report

The Membership & Communications Committee, in partnership with the Education Committee, hosted this session to support members through the 2026 renewal process and set the tone for professional engagement throughout the year. Carolyne Muchai (Certification Director), Faith Wawira, and Kevin Tuei led the session

Key Topics Covered

Membership Renewal Process

Walked members through 2026 renewal timelines, step-by-step renewal procedures, and the implications of lapsed memberships including conditions for reinstatement.

CPE Reporting

The most frequently raised topic during the session. Covered how to log CPE hours on the ISACA portal, eligible CPE activities, and common errors around self-reported versus verifiable credits.

Membership Benefits

Highlighted what an active ISACA membership provides including access to frameworks, research publications, discounted exam fees, and chapter events.

Planned CPE Opportunities for 2026

Gave members a forward-looking view of the chapter's 2026 events calendar covering webinars, roundtables, and workshops with CPE credits attached across formats.

Renewal Deadlines

Reminded members of certification renewal deadlines relevant to the period, with a nudge to avoid backloading CPE accumulation toward year-end.

New ISACA Certification Offerings

Carolyne Muchai outlined ISACA's expanding certification portfolio, with focus on the new AI-focused credentials:

| Certification | Description |
|--|---|
| AAIA Advanced in AI Audit | Designed for experienced auditors examining AI systems. Validates the ability to audit AI governance, controls, and risk. |
| AAISM Advanced in AI Security Management | For security professionals managing AI risk. Requires an existing CISM or CISSP certification as a prerequisite. |



Q&A Highlights

- How to report CPE hours on the ISACA portal (most asked).
- Member reinstatement: eligibility, process, and impact on certification standing.
- Exam scheduling timelines and chapter support for certification candidates.
- How the new AI certifications (AAIA, AAISM) fit into existing career paths.

Looking Ahead

This session opened the chapter calendar with intention. ISACA Kenya Chapter had a packed year ahead anchored by the Annual Conference in April 2026, themed "Digital Trust: Securing Tomorrow's Intelligence, Today" held at Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort, Mombasa. The committee's goal for this webinar was clear: start the year informed, renew with purpose, and stay engaged with the chapter.

Membership at Glance

10 Ways ISACA Membership Benefits Your Career

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01 Build Your Local Network
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02 Access a Global Network of Professionals
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03 Find Mentorship (and Fresh Perspectives)
- 

04 Accelerate Professional Development
- 

05 Sharpen Leadership Abilities, Soft Skills, and Subject Matter Expertise
- 

06 Earn Credentials at a Lower Cost
- 

07 Access Free Learning and Guidance on Critical Topics
- 

08 Acquire the Tools You Need
- 

09 Build Your Network and Develop Relevant Skills While Giving Back to Your Community
- 

10 Focus on Building a Diverse Tech Community and a Better Digital World

Unlocking Value: ISACA Kenya's Member Sports Day 2025

In November 2025, ISACA Kenya Chapter hosted its first-ever Member Sports Day, themed "Agile & CyberFit", at the Kari Grounds in Nairobi. The event brought ISACA members together in a lively and energetic atmosphere that encouraged movement, laughter, friendly competition, and meaningful connections.

A key highlight was the team-based competition, where members from the public sector, private sector, and academia were grouped to participate in games designed to promote collaboration while recognizing excellence, innovation, and leadership in agile practices and cybersecurity.

The event concluded with Team RIO emerging as the overall winner, as reflected in the final points tally table below.



| ISACA (K) 2025 Sports Day | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|----------------|--------|--------------|--------|------------|--------|-------|
| Final Points Tally | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEAM | Rubics Cube | | Phishing Net | | Twisty Sack Race | | Human Knot | | Dodgeball | | Crazy Olympics | | Nutmeg Relay | | Tug of War | | TOTAL |
| | Sides Solved | Points | Rank | Points | Rank | Points | Rank | Points | Rank | Points | Rank | Points | Rank | Points | Rank | Points | |
| Rio | 1 | 10 | 1 | 80 | 1 | 80 | 1 | 80 | 3 | 60 | 3 | 60 | 4 | 50 | 2 | 70 | 490 |
| Parrot | 1 | 10 | 1 | 80 | 2 | 70 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 80 | 2 | 70 | 2 | 70 | 3 | 60 | 450 |
| Reckon | 6 | 60 | 3 | 60 | 3 | 60 | 4 | 50 | 1st Round | 10 | 4 | 50 | 1 | 80 | 1st Round | 10 | 380 |
| Avengers | 6 | 60 | 4 | 50 | 5 | 40 | 7 | 20 | 4 | 50 | 1 | 80 | 3 | 60 | 1st Round | 10 | 370 |
| Script Kiddies | 0 | 0 | 4 | 50 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 60 | 1st Round | 10 | 5 | 40 | 5 | 40 | 1 | 80 | 290 |
| Trojan | 0 | 0 | 4 | 50 | 4 | 50 | 5 | 40 | 2 | 70 | 6 | 30 | 6 | 30 | 1st Round | 10 | 280 |
| Sharks | 6 | 60 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 30 | 6 | 30 | 1st Round | 10 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 20 | 4 | 50 | 220 |
| Chungwa | 0 | 0 | 4 | 50 | 7 | 20 | 2 | 70 | 1st Round | 10 | 7 | 20 | 8 | 10 | 1st Round | 10 | 190 |

Statistics for General Insights for Exam Passers 2026

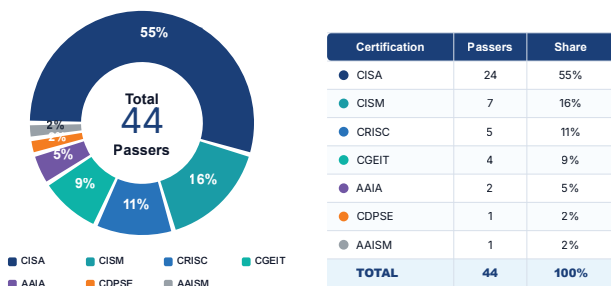
1. Statistics for General Insights for Exam Passers

As at May 2026, 44 ISACA Kenya members have successfully passed ISACA certification examinations, with CISA continuing to dominate at 55% of all passes.

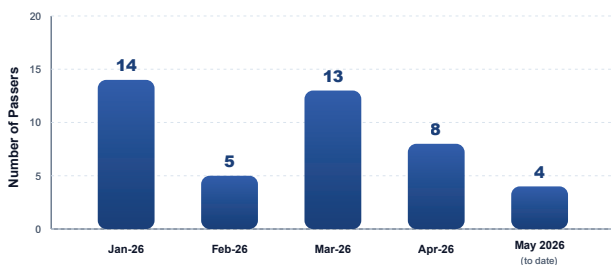
Encouragingly, our members are also diversifying into governance, risk, privacy, audit and AI-related credentials including CISM, CRISC, CGEIT, CDPSE, AAIA and AAISM.

Membership Reporting Total Exam Passers (Jan–May 2026)

44 members passed ISACA certification exams



Monthly Performance Trend

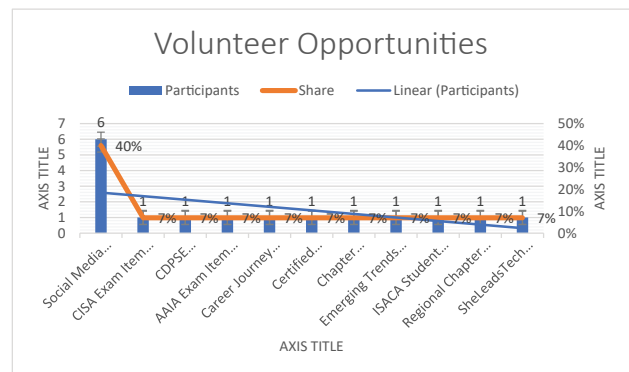


2. ISACA Kenya Global Volunteer Participation as at May 2026

As at May 2026, 15 ISACA Kenya members are actively serving in global volunteer capacities, collectively holding 18 volunteer assignments. This reflects not only participation, but deep engagement, with some members serving across multiple initiatives. While Social Media Advocacy remains our strongest participation area, Kenya is also represented in certification development, exam item writing, cybersecurity, governance, student initiatives, SheLeadsTech, emerging trends, and regional leadership platforms.

For perspective:

80 Kenya Chapter members have volunteered globally over time. Across 86 volunteer opportunities



Thus, 2026 continues a healthy contribution trajectory, with a total of 15 Volunteers currently serving in ISACA global volunteer roles. Social Media Advocacy dominates participation with 6 volunteers making up 40% of active volunteer participation, suggesting strong chapter visibility and communications contribution globally.

On behalf of the Membership & Communication Committee, thank you for your continued trust, participation, and commitment to growing this chapter into a community we can all be proud of.

**Membership & Communication
Committee, ISACA Kenya Chapter**

ISACA Kenya Social Media Following



Our social media platforms(LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram) continued to serve as dynamic engagement channels, enabling meaningful interactions and strengthening the sense of community within our membership. Through consistent updates, interactive discussions and knowledge-sharing, we effectively leveraged these platforms to disseminate key information, promote events and spark dialogue on relevant industry trends. A notable achievement in 2024 was reaching the milestone of 10,000 followers on LinkedIn—underscoring our expanding digital footprint and the growing engagement of our members with our content, events, and thought leadership initiatives.



ISACA Kenya Education Committee Newsletter

Empowering Skills. Building Digital Trust. Shaping the Future.

From Learning to Leadership: Reflecting on 2025 and Looking Ahead

As the Education Committee of ISACA Kenya, our mandate remains clear and unwavering: to empower, engage, and elevate the digital trust community across Kenya and the region.

The year 2025 marked a significant milestone in our journey—one defined by deeper conversations, stronger collaboration, and a growing recognition that governance, risk, compliance, and digital trust are no longer support functions, but strategic enablers of national and organizational resilience.

This edition of our newsletter reflects on the impact of our 2025 programs while setting a clear direction for 2026 and beyond, as we continue to build a future-ready learning ecosystem for professionals across industry, government, and academia.

2025 Highlights: Learning That Mattered

GRC 360° Conference – Learning with Impact

The ISACA Kenya GRC 360° Conference 2025 demonstrated the value of practitioner-led, context-aware education. Delegate feedback showed strong performance across content relevance, facilitation quality, and networking value,

with an overall experience rating of 4.3/5 and a 4.6/5 likelihood to recommend.

Participants consistently highlighted:

- The depth and practicality of sessions
- Real-world case studies on AI, digital transformation, and integrated GRC
- Opportunities for cross-sector and cross-regional engagement

Workshops That Advanced Practice

Our workshops went beyond theory, focusing on how GRC must evolve in a data-driven, AI-enabled environment:

- AI Governance in Practice emphasized ethical, transparent, and accountable AI use, drawing from global frameworks such as NIST AI RMF and ISO/IEC 42001, while grounding discussions in local regulatory realities.
- Digital Transformation and Compliance Convergence reinforced that compliance is no longer a constraint, but a catalyst for innovation, resilience, and trust—highlighting Kenyan case studies such as eCitizen and M-Pesa
- GRC Intelligence for Data-Driven Decision Making challenged participants to move from static risk registers to integrated dashboards, continuous monitoring, and combined assurance models that support real-time decision-making

Across these engagements, one message was clear: the future GRC professional must be data-literate, technology-aware, and strategically positioned.

Certification & Professional Growth

Certification remains a cornerstone of professional credibility and digital trust. Throughout 2025, ISACA Kenya continued to promote globally recognized credentials aligned to emerging needs in audit, risk, cybersecurity, data protection, and governance.



CERTIFICATION SCORERS



Celebrating outstanding certification performance . Here are our top 2025 certification scorers

| CERTIFICATION | SCORER & ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS | RANK |
|---------------|--|------|
| CISA | Mr. SRIRAM IYER CISA,CRISC,CISM | 1 |
| CISA | Mr. Khaleed Athman CISA | 2 |
| CISA | Mr. Chrispine Oreyo CISA,CISM | 3 |
| CRISC | Mr. SRIRAM IYER CISA,CRISC,CISM | 1 |
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| CDPSE | LINET KWAMBOKA NYANGAU CDPSE | 3 |
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Looking Ahead: 2026–2027 Education Priorities

Guided by our strategic objective of positioning ISACA Kenya as a trusted advisor for digital trust, our forward agenda focuses on relevance, depth, and accessibility.

Key priorities include:

- Expanded sector-specific learning for financial services, public sector, SACCOs, fintechs, and MSMEs
- Deeper focus on AI governance, data ethics, cyber resilience, and integrated GRC
- Targeted certification bootcamps and awareness roadshows
- Blended delivery models—virtual, regional, and in-person—to broaden reach

Our 2026–2027 Training and Events Calendar reflects this direction, offering a rich mix of webinars, workshops, conferences, and certification-focused programs designed to meet professionals where they are, and prepare them for where the profession is headed

A Call to Engage

We invite members, non-members, partners, regulators, and academic institutions to actively engage with ISACA Kenya by:

- Registering for upcoming trainings and conferences
- Pursuing ISACA certifications to strengthen professional standing
- Volunteering as facilitators, mentors, or contributors
- Partnering with us to shape future-focused, locally relevant learning programs

Together, we can continue to build capability, strengthen trust, and elevate the role of governance, risk, and compliance in Kenya’s digital future

Carolyn Muchai
Chair, Education Committee
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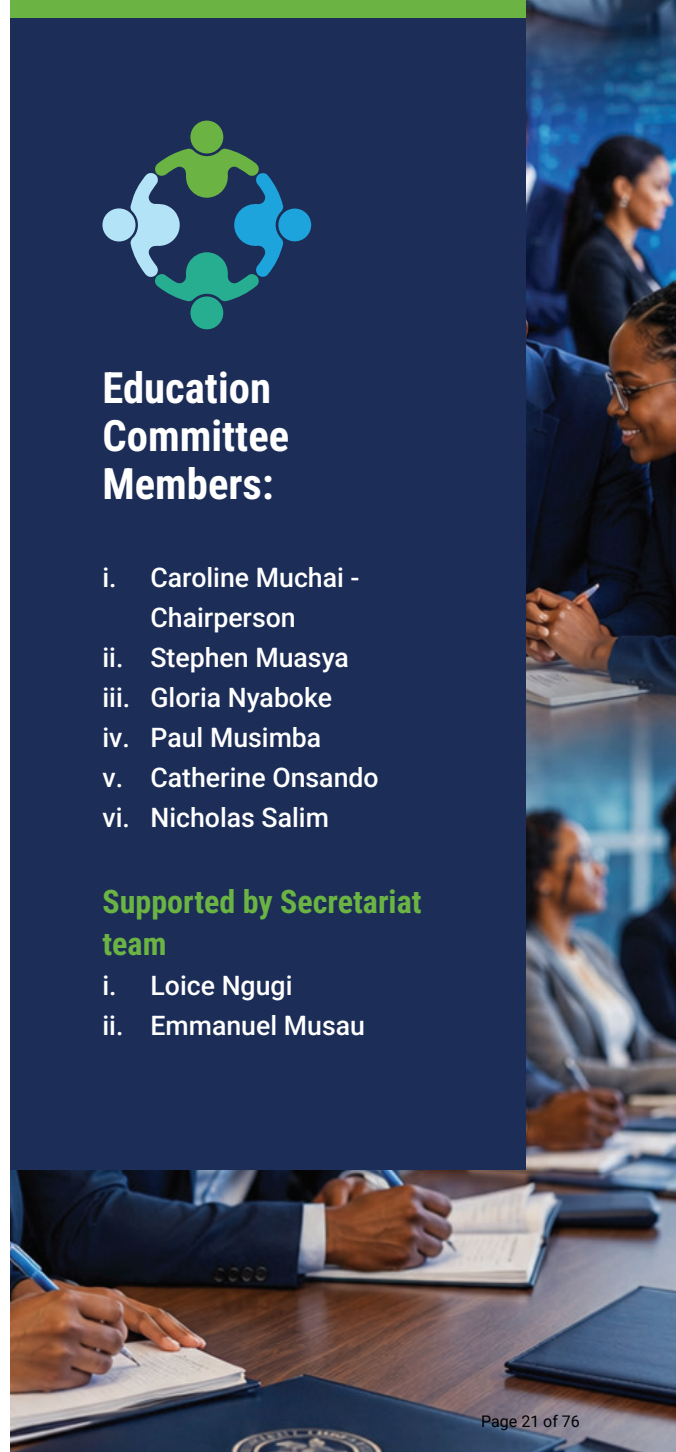


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- Paul Musimba
- Catherine Onsando
- Nicholas Salim

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The 2026 Annual Conference, Executive Summary

The 2026 Annual Conference, held from 20th–24th April 2026 at Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort & Spa, convened regional and international leaders in cybersecurity, governance, audit, risk, privacy, and digital transformation under the theme “Digital Trust: Securing Tomorrow’s Intelligence – Today.”

The conference represented a significant strategic shift from high-level digital transformation conversations toward practical implementation, enterprise accountability, and operational resilience. Throughout the week, discussions consistently emphasized that Discussions throughout the programme consistently reinforced that AI governance, cyber resilience, digital trust, and board-level oversight are now enterprise-critical priorities requiring immediate executive attention.

The five-day programme was structured to balance technical depth, governance strategy, leadership engagement, and peer collaboration:

- **Day 1** focused on immersive pre-conference workshops covering AI assurance, AI security, boardroom leadership for responsible AI, and practical data protection implementation. The sessions emphasized governance readiness, risk-informed decision-making, and strengthening technical competencies beyond regulatory compliance.
- **Day 2** continued the specialist workshop tracks while introducing discussions on emerging third-party and supply chain risks associated with accelerated cloud adoption and AI-enabled ecosystems. The day also established the collaborative tone for the main conference through networking and stakeholder engagement activities.
- **Day 3** formally opened the plenary conference programme, with Chief Guest William Kabogo Gitau, EGH, Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, Republic of Kenya presiding over the official opening, alongside with strategic discussions on Kenya’s



digital transformation agenda, AI governance accountability, digital trust frameworks, and enterprise architecture for secure AI adoption. A major highlight was the practical discussion on operating cybersecurity and digital trust programmes within constrained budgets while responding to increasingly sophisticated AI-driven threats.

- **Day 4** concentrated on cyber resilience, leadership accountability, AI governance integration, privacy risk, and resilience testing in AI-accelerated environments. Sessions addressed emerging threats such as deepfakes, voice cloning, and AI-powered attack vectors, while emphasizing the need for proactive resilience strategies and executive ownership of digital trust outcomes. Parallel breakout tracks enabled deeper technical and governance-focused engagements across specialized domains.
- **Day 5** brought the conference themes together through discussions on privacy, data governance, AI readiness for future generations, and the long-term sustainability of Africa's digital trust ecosystem. Closing sessions emphasized the importance of education, regulatory preparedness, ethical AI adoption, and sustained collaboration between industry, academia, regulators, and professional bodies.

Several strategic themes emerged consistently across the conference:

- AI governance has become an operational necessity rather than a future consideration.
- Cybersecurity strategies must evolve from compliance-oriented approaches toward proactive cyber resilience models.
- Boards and executive leadership teams require stronger digital fluency to exercise effective oversight.

- Privacy and regulatory expectations are rapidly intensifying across both public and private sectors.
- East Africa has a unique opportunity to shape contextually relevant digital trust frameworks suited to regional realities.
- Building the next generation of digital trust professionals is now a strategic priority for long-term resilience.

From a governance and strategic perspective, the conference strengthened 's positioning as a leading regional platform for digital trust leadership, knowledge exchange, and professional capacity-building. The event successfully created a high-value environment for executive dialogue, peer learning, industry collaboration, and emerging technology engagement.

Overall, the 2026 Annual conference demonstrated that the future of digital transformation will increasingly be defined not only by technological advancement, but by the ability of institutions to establish trust, resilience, accountability, and responsible governance at scale.

The ISACA Kenya Chapter extends sincere appreciation to all delegates, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, partners, and volunteers whose participation and support made the conference a remarkable success. The Chapter remains committed to advancing professional excellence, strengthening digital trust, and creating impactful platforms that empower professionals and organizations across the region.



ISACA Kenya Chapter Special Programs Highlights 2025

ISG Webinars

Experts Lounge webinar, "Launching a Successful Career in Cybersecurity"

ISACA Kenya Chapter successfully hosted the Experts Lounge webinar themed "Launching a Successful Career in Cybersecurity," on 4 March 2025. The session provided practical guidance, industry insights, and career planning advice for students and early-career professionals aspiring to build sustainable careers in cybersecurity and technology risk management.

Experts Lounge
Launching a Successful Career in Cybersecurity

Moderator
Kevin Tuel
Cloud Developer & Certified Educator

Guest Speaker
Raphael Gathecha
Cyber security Expert

Thursday, 4th March 2025, 7pm - 8:30 pm
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Strathmore University ISG Webinar

ISACA Kenya Chapter facilitated a career development workshop themed "Building Your Cyber Identity: From LinkedIn to the Cloud and Beyond." The session focused on LinkedIn optimization, personal branding, and cybersecurity career growth.

Impact:

- Enhanced student digital profiles and awareness of cybersecurity pathways.
- Strengthened collaboration between ISACA Kenya Chapter and academic institutions.

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CYBERSECURITY

ISACA Student Group

Coast Region ISG Outreach

The Special Programs committee team conducted outreach activities in the Coast region, engaging students in three institutions

- Technical University of Mombasa
- Pwani University
- Pwani TVET

The sessions focused on introducing ISACA Kenya Chapter, creating awareness of careers in IT audit, cybersecurity, governance, risk, and compliance, and highlighting the value of early professional affiliation. Students were also guided on certification pathways, mentorship and scholarship opportunities, and practical steps to transition from academia into industry roles.



Zetech University Outreach

Students were sensitized on ISACA membership benefits, certifications, and professional development opportunities. Engagement through information sessions and mentorship talks laid the foundation for establishing Zetech University ISG.

Impact:

Increased interest in ISACA certifications, training programs, and membership.

New ISACA Student Groups

KCA University ISG was successfully registered with ISACA Global through the support of the ISACA Kenya Chapter Special Programs Team and Chapter Secretariat. This milestone reflects ISACA Kenya Chapter's continued commitment to nurturing student-led professional communities and strengthening grassroots engagement.

Additionally, the Strathmore University ISG was officially relaunched in July 2025, revitalizing student leadership, governance structures, and activity planning to ensure sustained participation and alignment with ISACA's global mission.

ISACA Kenya Chapter Scholarships

In February 2025, ISACA Kenya Chapter awarded scholarships to 10 students to support careers in technology, cybersecurity, and IT governance. The initiative aims to bridge skills gaps and drive social impact through digital literacy.

Additionally, ISACA Kenya Chapter signed a memorandum of understanding with the ISACA Foundation to offer scholarships for Cybersecurity and Technology studies under the 2025 Cycle 2 program.

Expected Impact:

- Empower students pursuing IT audit, cybersecurity, and risk careers.
- Strengthen Kenya's professional pipeline in governance, risk, and compliance.

The image contains two promotional graphics. The left graphic is a light blue poster for the 'ISACA Kenya Cybersecurity and Technology Scholarship'. It features the ISACA Kenya Chapter logo and lists the following details: a US\$500 academic scholarship for school-related costs, and an ISACA Career Building Bundle including free student membership, certificate course, virtual conferences, mentorship, and more. A photo of a smiling man is on the right, and the application deadline is 'Apply by 28 October 2025'. The right graphic is a dark blue circular poster with a bokeh background, titled 'ISACA FOUNDATION' at the top. It lists ten scholarship recipients in two columns: Tevin Aduma, Agness Kimani, Caroline Kagure, Clara Musyoka, Gregory Nyamao, Solomon Nkoonte, Timothy Murkomen, Sherry Obare, Mercy Mwangi, and Wambua Mutuku. At the bottom, it says 'CONGRATULATIONS ISACA Kenya Chapter Scholarship Recipients'.

ISG Leaders – GRC 360 Africa 2025

The ISACA Kenya Chapter sponsored five ISACA Student Group leaders to attend the 2025 GRC 360 Africa Conference. This initiative provided students with first-hand exposure to emerging trends in governance, risk, and compliance, as well as opportunities to network with industry practitioners, thought leaders, and policymakers. Participation enhanced student leaders' understanding of professional expectations, strengthened their leadership capacity, and enabled them to cascade knowledge and best practices back to their respective institutions.



Community Day 2025

On Saturday, 4 October 2025, ISACA Kenya Chapter marked Community Day under the theme of unity, empathy, and service. A total of Ksh388,700.00 was raised through monetary and in-kind contributions, supporting four institutions serving orphans and children with disabilities. The institutions supported were;

- Heritage of Faith & Hope Children’s Home – Sabaki, Mlolongo
- Young Life Africa Children’s Home – Ruiru, Kiambu
- Compassionate Hands for the Disabled Foundation – Ruai, Nairobi
- Acts of Hope Academy – Vihiga Road, Kisumu

Each institution received financial support and essential supplies aimed at improving learning environments and overall well-being. Strong volunteer participation in Nairobi and meaningful engagement in Kisumu underscored ISACA Kenya Chapter’s commitment to community impact.



International Men’s Day Forum

ISACA Kenya Chapter hosted the 2025 International Men’s Day Forum on 21st November 2025 themed “Inspiring Men and Boys – Shaping the Future Through Leadership and Inclusion.” The speakers delivered powerful insights on

- The influence of repeated patterns, intentional discipline, and mental hygiene. Your life is shaped by the patterns you repeat—identify them, use them, and create better ones.
- The realities of modern leadership reminding attendees that historical success does not shape the future—adaptability does.
- Success in leadership is driven far more by mindset than skill. We must focus on adaptability and evolving our strategies as the environment changes, because yesterday’s success does not guarantee tomorrow’s.

She Leads Tech Workshop 2025

On 28 November 2025, ISACA Kenya Chapter successfully held the She Leads Tech Workshop themed “Breaking Barriers and Building Influence in Tech.” Discussions focused on:

- Breaking systemic barriers, navigate executive pathways with confidence, and build visibility, credibility, and influence in leadership spaces.
- Embracing culture change, taking on challenging roles, and continuously stretching beyond comfort zones.
- How organizations can create environments where women thrive, grow, and lead with confidence
- Overcoming self-doubt, embrace a growth mindset, and position yourself as a thought leader



Speakers

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|  OLIVER M. GITAU Head of Internal Audit of the Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company, ISACA Council Member |  LILIAN MACHANG'A Head of Internal Audit, Equity Life Assurance Limited |  HILDA MORAA Founder & CEO, Pwema (2x startup founder with over 11 Bloomberg Coverage) 2021, Forbes Women 40 Under 40 Tech & Innovation Winner 2024 |  DONNA REGE Advisory Board Member & Executive Partner, VIOKINUS TECH Hub, Top 25 Women To Watch 2025 |  MSHAI MSAFIRI Senior Consultant, Business Continuity & Resilience at NTT DATA (M&A) |
|  DORINE NALO Head of Programs, Stanbic Bank Kenya (Stanbic Foundation) |  MERCY OMOLLO Director IT & Digital Transformation, Ikuu East Africa Limited, Cybersecurity Woman of the World finalist 2025 |  LORNA ABAKI ICT Officer and Inspector Risk Coordinator, Kenya National Commission for UNESCO (KNAUTCOM) |  WINNIE GITHINJI SheLeadsTech Jamboree, ISACA Kenya Chapter |  LOICE GICHURE Women Council Chair & CSM, Purta & Associates, Ikuu East Africa |

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The IGNITE Program Journey (2024–2026)



The IGNITE Program is a transformative digital skills and innovation initiative designed to equip young people and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions with practical capabilities in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cybersecurity, and Data Privacy. The program was funded by AUDA-NEPAD through the Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA) and implemented through strategic collaboration with TVET institutions, industry stakeholders, regulators, and technology partners.

What began as a vision to bridge the digital skills gap evolved into a nationwide movement focused on building future-ready talent, strengthening institutional compliance, and enabling innovation-driven economic opportunities for Kenyan youth. IGNITE was intentionally designed not only as a training program, but as a platform for practical application, mentorship, innovation, and employability.

Building a Digital Talent Ecosystem

Following the official launch in November 2024, the IGNITE Program embarked on an ambitious journey to strengthen digital readiness across Kenya's TVET ecosystem. The program engaged more than 150 employers and partnered with TVET institutions including Sigalagala National Polytechnic, Kabete National Polytechnic, and Pwani TVET. Through these partnerships, IGNITE aligned training with emerging industry needs and created pathways for practical exposure, mentorship, and future employment.

A comprehensive needs assessment and institutional survey involving 26 TVET institutions informed curriculum development and implementation. This ensured that the training content addressed real industry challenges in cybersecurity, data governance, privacy compliance, and AI adoption.

Empowering Youth Through Practical Learning

At the heart of IGNITE was experiential learning. Over 250 youth were trained in Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Data Privacy through hands-on sessions, practical labs, hackathons, and bootcamps. The program also strengthened sustainability through Training of Trainers (ToT) sessions, equipping 21 TVET trainers with the knowledge and tools required to continue delivering future-focused digital training.



Physical bootcamp sessions held in September at Sigalagala, Kabete, and Pwani TVET institutions brought learners, mentors, and the monetization team together for immersive training experiences. Participants worked on real-world challenges and developed practical digital solutions while receiving guidance from experts in AI, cybersecurity, and privacy.

Driving Innovation and Monetization

Beyond technical training, IGNITE emphasized innovation and sustainability. Between September and October 2025, monetization sessions were conducted by members of the IGNITE Cohort team to help participants transform ideas and prototypes into viable products and income-generating opportunities.

This practical orientation led to the development of several impactful digital platforms and tools, including:

- Africa Data Privacy Map – a continental platform highlighting key data protection requirements across Africa.
- Data Privacy Toolkit for SMEs – templates and compliance assessment frameworks for organizations.
- CyberNendo Lab Platform – an online cybersecurity simulation platform for TVET institutions.
- AI Toolkit for SMEs – an AI-powered solution enabling organizations to extract insights from documents and data.

Strengthening Compliance and Governance

A major milestone of the program was its collaboration with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC). Participants visited ODPC offices in Nairobi, Mombasa, and Kisumu, gaining

firsthand exposure to regulatory expectations and best practices in data governance and privacy management.

The IGNITE Program also launched the “100 Days, 100 TVETs Data Privacy Compliance Challenge,” an initiative aimed at supporting TVET institutions in aligning with Kenya’s data protection requirements. As a result, 40 TVET institutions successfully registered with the ODPC, supported by trainees who actively applied their compliance skills within institutional environments.

Inclusion, Leadership and National Recognition

IGNITE intentionally promoted inclusive participation and leadership development. Through the IGNITE Future Leaders Forum, women in TVET institutions participated in mentorship sessions designed to strengthen leadership, confidence, and professional networks within the digital ecosystem.

The National TVET AI Hackathon 2025 and the 2026 Grand Finale became defining moments of the program. Learners showcased deployable digital solutions addressing institutional governance, cybersecurity, and compliance challenges. Weekly challenges demonstrated growing mastery in prompt engineering, design thinking, teamwork, and applied AI literacy.

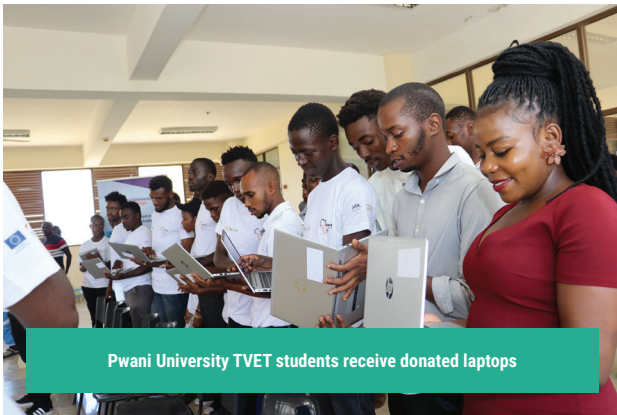


Program Impact

By January 2026, the IGNITE Program had achieved measurable impact across the TVET ecosystem:

- 250 youth trained in AI, Cybersecurity, and Data Privacy.
- 21 TVET Trainers of Trainers (ToTs) equipped.
- 40 TVET institutions registered with the ODP.
- 75 laptops distributed across participating institutions.
- Multiple digital platforms and compliance solutions developed for TVETs and SMEs.

Most importantly, the program cultivated a growing community of young innovators capable of applying digital technologies to solve real institutional and societal challenges.



Pwani University TVET students receive donated laptops

Looking Ahead

Following the graduation ceremony held on 29 January 2026, the program has entered its next phase focused on sustainability, scale, and employment pathways. Future priorities include strengthening industry linkages, supporting graduate internships, expanding digital compliance support for TVETs and SMEs, and scaling solutions such as CyberNendo, the Africa Data Privacy Map, and AI-powered automation platforms.

The IGNITE journey demonstrates the power of strategic collaboration between development partners, government institutions, industry, and educators in preparing Africa's youth for the digital economy.



Cutting the graduation cake



Partner Project Funders



Advocacy Committee Article

The Advocacy Committee’s mandate is to promote awareness of the role, value, and impact of the ISACA Kenya Chapter across the public sector, private sector, academia, and other relevant stakeholders on matters relating to information systems, technology, and digital trust. Guided by the Chapter’s strategic direction and aligned to ISACA’s global mission, the Committee advances partnerships, collaborations, and policy engagement that support good governance, cybersecurity, risk management, and emerging technology practices. Through sustained engagement with key institutions and participation in national ICT discourse, the



Committee positions the Chapter as a credible and trusted contributor to national decision-making processes. This includes contributing to policy dialogue, engaging on emerging technology issues, and establishing partnerships that address both current and future ICT needs.

Committee Composition and Structure

The Advocacy Committee is comprised of seven (7) members and is chaired by the Advocacy Director.

Advocacy Committee Members:

1. **Faith Katua – Advocacy Director & Committee Chair**
2. **Lorna Abaki – Committee Secretary**
3. **Maryanne Mwai – Member**
4. **Chris Mwale – Member**
5. **Maggie Munyasia – Member**
6. **Lenin Manga – Member**
7. **Martin Njogu – Member**

The Committee operates under the authority of the Board and is accountable for advancing the Chapter’s advocacy mandate.

To enhance focus, efficiency, and execution, the Committee constituted thematic sub-committees aligned to key areas of work, including:

- i. National Policy Review Sub-Committee
- ii. MoUs and Strategic Partnerships Sub-Committee
- iii. Media Sub-Committee

National Policy and Regulations Review

The Committee has maintained active oversight of national policy and regulatory developments relevant to ISACA’s mandate. Key focus areas included cybersecurity, data protection, artificial intelligence, and digital governance.

Members proactively monitored emerging policy discussions and identified opportunities for engagement, reinforcing the Chapter’s role as a professional and technical resource within national ICT conversations.

MoUs and Strategic Partnerships

The Committee continued to drive collaboration through the initiation, review, and execution of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), with emphasis placed on strengthening existing relationships and translating partnerships into practical outcomes.

Key engagements during the period included:

- i. Conclusion of MoUs with Zetech University and UNICAF, supporting collaboration in capacity building and professional development.
- ii. Partnership with UNICAF and SISA (India), both of which sponsored the October 2025 GRC Conference, contributing significantly to its success. Discussions were initiated towards formalizing continued collaboration, particularly with SISA.
- iii. Discussions with Mindhyve. Ai on areas of partnership to leverage on AI Tools and advance the AI governance narrative.
- iv. Progress towards renewal of the MoU with Strathmore University.
- v. Continued engagement with the Kenya School of Government (KSG) to advance areas of mutual collaboration.
- vi. Ongoing discussions with the Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) focused on awareness creation and joint initiatives on IT governance and public-sector risk.
- vii.
- viii. Continued engagement and collaboration with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), including partnership in the GRC Conference and Data Privacy week.
- ix. Preliminary engagements with the National Youth Service (NYS) to explore collaboration in digital skills development, certifications, and youth participation in Chapter programmes.

Policy and Regulatory Developments

In line with its mandate, the Committee remained engaged in monitoring and contributing to national policy and regulatory developments relevant to ISACA members. Focus areas included data privacy,



artificial intelligence, cybersecurity governance, and national ICT frameworks. During the period, members followed developments relating to the Government Enterprise Architecture, with updates shared internally and further review planned. Through ongoing stakeholder engagement and policy participation, the Committee continued to position the Chapter as a constructive contributor to national ICT policy discourse.

Media Engagement and Thought Leadership

The Committee prioritized strengthening the Chapter's visibility through thought leadership and media engagement. Efforts focused on identifying topical issues for publication and public

commentary, enabling the Chapter to share professional insights and practical perspectives on emerging technology, governance, and risk management with a broader audience.

Media coverage of the chapter's conferences and trainings on TV, in print, and across social media has significantly increased the chapter's visibility and strengthened its public profile. This exposure has attracted new members, volunteers, and partners; boosted attendance at events; and raised awareness of the chapter's mission and programs among key stakeholders.

The Committee also explored leveraging articles submitted for the Chapter's quarterly newsletter for potential external publication, subject to member consent, to amplify the Chapter's public profile and showcase member expertise.

Support to Chapter Programmes and Outreach

The Advocacy Committee played a key role in supporting major Chapter programmes through partnership development, sponsor engagement, and stakeholder outreach. This included active involvement in supporting the successful delivery of the GRC Conference, SheLeadsTech workshop as well as participation in community and youth-focused initiatives aligned to the Chapter's outreach objectives.

Conclusion

As the Chapter continues to advance the digital trust agenda, the Advocacy Committee remains committed to ensuring that ISACA Kenya is visible, relevant, and actively engaged with stakeholders across the public, private and academia sectors.



Membership and Communication

Committee Members:

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Certifications

ISACA offers a suite of globally respected certifications that validate professional expertise in digital trust domains:



CISA
Certified Information Systems Auditor

Globally recognised as the gold standard for professionals who audit, control, monitor and assess an organisation's IT and business systems.



CDPSE
Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer

Validates the technical skills needed to build privacy by design and by default into IT systems, networks and applications under modern privacy laws.



CET
Certified in Emerging Technology
An ISACA Certification

Confirms practical, in-demand expertise in emerging technologies for roles spanning IT audit, risk, security, cybersecurity, governance, privacy and business development — going beyond theory to applied skill.



CRISC
Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control

Recognises expertise in identifying and managing enterprise IT risk and in designing, implementing and maintaining information systems controls.



CGEIT
Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT

A unique, framework-agnostic governance certification that equips you to assess, design, implement and manage enterprise IT governance aligned to business objectives.



CCOA
Certified Cybersecurity Operations Analyst

Gain technical ability to match your technical knowledge

ISACA's Certified Cybersecurity Operations Analyst (CCOA) focuses on the technical skills required to evaluate threats, identify vulnerabilities and recommend countermeasures against cyber incidents. As technologies such as AI-driven automated systems evolve, the role of the cyber analyst becomes ever more critical to protecting digital ecosystems. Analysts specialise in understanding the what, where and why behind cybersecurity incidents — identifying patterns, anomalies and indicators of compromise to become the eyes and ears of the organisation's defence. CCOA is delivered through a hybrid exam combining traditional multiple-choice items with performance-based tasks.



ITCA
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CSX-P
CSX Certified Practitioner

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AAIA
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Treasurer's Report on 2025 Financial Performance



CPA Raphael Onyango
Treasurer

The Financial Year 2025 was transformative for the Chapter. The Association not only achieved stronger financial results but also reinforced its commitment to sustainability, governance, and member value. Revenues grew steadily, expenses were managed responsibly, and the balance sheet reflects a healthier position. This performance underscores the Chapter's ability to balance growth with prudent financial stewardship.

Financial Highlights

- Income: Kshs 68 million, up from Kshs 59 million in FY2024 – a 15% increase.
- Expenses: Kshs 66.9 million, up from Kshs 57.6 million – a 16% increase.
- Assets: Kshs 44.4 million, up from Kshs 34.3 million – a 29% increase.
- Liabilities: Kshs 23.2 million, up from Kshs 16.7 million – a 39% increase.

Detailed Analysis

Revenue Growth: the Association's income rose by Kshs 9 million, driven by:

- Expansion of professional development programs.
- Increased membership subscriptions and renewals.
- Stronger partnerships and sponsorships.

This growth reflects the Chapter's ability to diversify revenue streams and strengthen its value proposition to members.

Expense Management: Expenses increased by Kshs 9.3 million, largely due to:

- Investment in training, certification, and knowledge sharing events.
- Enhanced digital platforms for member engagement.
- Operational costs associated with scaling activities.

Despite the rise, expenses remained proportionate to income growth, ensuring fiscal discipline.

Asset Expansion: Assets grew by Kshs 10.1 million, highlighting:

- Strategic accumulation of reserves to safeguard future operations.
- Investment in technology infrastructure to support digital transformation.
- Strengthened liquidity to cushion against uncertainties.

Liability Increase: Liabilities rose by Kshs 6.5 million, reflecting:

- Controlled borrowing to finance expansion initiatives.
- Deferred obligations linked to long term projects.

- A sustainable debt to asset ratio, ensuring financial stability.

Strategic Outlook: Looking ahead, the Chapter will focus on:

- Strengthening revenue streams through innovation and new partnerships.
- Optimizing expenses by leveraging technology and streamlining operations.
- Building assets to secure long term resilience and member value.
- Managing liabilities prudently to support growth while safeguarding financial health.

Macroeconomic Highlights

Kenya’s macroeconomic environment in FY2025 remained resilient, with GDP growth averaging around 4.9-5.2%, inflation contained at 3.8%, and

strong export and remittance inflows. However, fiscal pressures persisted, with the deficit widening and public debt climbing to nearly 69% of GDP. Monetary Policy: Easing stance supported credit growth (+5% year-on-year), helping businesses and households access financing.

Conclusion

The stable inflation and resilient GDP growth created a favorable environment for professional development demand, while fiscal pressures and debt risks highlight the importance of prudent financial management. The Chapter’s strong FY2025 performance aligns well with Kenya’s broader economic resilience, positioning it to continue delivering value to members amid evolving macroeconomic conditions.



Signed

Treasurer’s Signature:  Date: 21/05/2026



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Financial Statements 2025



**INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT & CONTROL ASSOCIATION
(ISACA Kenya Chapter)**

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Board of Directors

| | |
|--|------------------------------|
| : Bonface Asiligwa - CISA,CGEIT,CISM,CRISC,CDPSE | - ISACA President |
| : George Kisaka - CISA -Vice President | - ISACA Vice- President |
| : CPA Raphael Onyango - CISA | - Treasurer |
| : Dr.Ferdrick Okongo -CISA,CDPSE | - Secretary |
| : Ms.Carolyne Muchai-CISA | - Cirtification Director |
| : Irene Kithusi- CISA | - Membership Director |
| : Mr. Duke Monari - CISA | - Special Programme Director |
| : Ms. Faith Katua -CISA,CISM | - Director Advocacy |
| : Ms. Mercy Omollo, CISA, CRISC, CDPSE | - Immediate Past President |
| : CPA Moses Kariuki -CISA | Retired Treasurer |
| : Gibert Kiilu-CISA,CISM,CRISC,CDPSE | Retired Membership Director |

Registered Office

: Information Systems Audit & Control Association (ISACA Kenya Chapter)
: Vision Plaza, Mombasa Road, 32nd Floor, Suite 8 and 9
: P.O Box 10384 -00100
: Nairobi, Kenya
: Kenya.

Auditors

: Taxmart Kenya
: Certified Public Accountants
: Panari Sky Centre, Ground Floor
: Mombasa Road
: P.O. Box 20325,00200
: Nairobi,
: Kenya.

Principal Bankers

: KCB Bank Ltd
: Moi Avenue; Branch
: P.O. Box 30081 - 00100,

: NCBA Bank Kenya Plc
: Wabera Street Branch
: P.O. Box 30437 - 00100,Nairobi.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS'S REPORT

The Board of Directors of ISACA Kenya Chapter submits its report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025 which shows the state of institute's financial affairs.

1) Incorporation

The Information Systems Audit & Control Association (ISACA Kenya Chapter) is a body corporate established in 1999 and is domiciled in Kenya. The address of the registered office is set out on page 1

2) Principal Activities

The primary purpose of the Chapter is to promote the education of individuals for the improvement and development of their capabilities relating to the auditing of, management consulting in, or direct management of the fields of IT governance, IS audit, security, control and assurance

3) Membership

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | NO. | NO. |
| Active Members at the end of the year | 2083 | 1940 |

4) Results for the Year

Results for the year are shown on page 5.

| RESULTS | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Shs | Shs |
| Profit/surplus before tax | 1,536,173 | 1,584,250 |
| Tax | - | - |
| Surplus transferred to members funds | <u>1,536,173</u> | <u>1,584,250</u> |

5) Board of Directors

The Executive board of Directors who held office at the date of this report are listed on page 1.

6) Financial Statements

At the date of this report, the board of directors were not aware of any circumstances which would have rendered the values attributed to the assets and liabilities in the financial statements misleading

7) Statement as to disclose to the Association's auditor

With respect to each chapter board member at the time this report was approved:

- a) There is, so far as each chapter board member is aware, no relevant audit information of which the association's auditor is unaware; and
- b) that each board member has taken all the steps the chapter ought to have taken as a chapter board member so as to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Association's auditor is aware of that information.

STATEMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

The board of directors of ISACA Kenya chapter is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for that year. It also requires the board of director to ensure that the association maintains proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the association. The board of director are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the association.

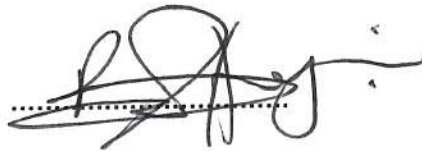
The Board accept responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error. They also accept responsibility for:

- i) designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements;
- ii) selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and
- iii) making accounting estimates and judgements that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The board of directors are of the opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the financial affairs of the association as at 31st December 2025 and of its surplus/deficit and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities.

Nothing has come to the attention of the board to indicate that the association will not remain a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of this statement.

Approved by Board of Directors on 22/05/ 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



ISACA President



Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT & CONTROL ASSOCIATION
(Kenya Chapter)****Opinion**

We have audited the Financial Statements of Information Systems Audit & Control Association (ISACA Kenya Chapter) set out on pages 7 to 14 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st December 2025, and the statement of income and expenditure, the statement of changes in fund balances and the statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting Policies.

In our opinion, the association financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the association as at 31st December 2025 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISA"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), together with other ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Kenya. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The board of directors are responsible for the other information, which comprises the report of directors as required by the Societies Act. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the board of directors and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The board of directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Association, and for such internal controls as Chapter determine are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the board of directors are responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the board of directors either intend to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so. The board of directors and those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT & CONTROL ASSOCIATION (Kenya Chapter)****Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the board of director.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the board of directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Associations's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entity or business activities within the company to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and, where applicable, related safeguards.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT & CONTROL ASSOCIATION (Kenya Chapter)****Report on Other Legal Requirements**

As required we report to you, based on our audit, that:

- i) we have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- ii) in our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the company, so far as appears from our examination of those books; and
- iii) the association's statement of financial position (balance sheet) and statement of comprehensive income (profit and loss) are in agreement with the books of account.

The engagement partner responsible for the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is **CPA Patrick Gagani – P/ 1843.**

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**Certified Public Accountants (Kenya)
Nairobi, Kenya**



INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT & CONTROL ASSOCIATION (Kenya Chapter)
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

| <u>Income</u> | <u>Note</u> | <u>2025 Kshs</u> | <u>2024 Kshs</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Subscriptions | 3 | 7,877,790 | 8,111,782 |
| Member services | 4 | 60,346,754 | 50,564,581 |
| Other Income | 5 | 223,305 | 512,514 |
| | | <u>68,447,849</u> | <u>59,188,877</u> |
| Expenses | | | |
| Administration expenses | 12 | 4,510,495 | 3,892,342 |
| Staff Cost | 13 | 14,308,606 | 10,804,258 |
| Operating expenses | 14 | 3,378,647 | 3,918,462 |
| Subscription expenses | 15 | 100,600 | 47,300 |
| Conferences and Trainings | 16 | 44,613,327 | 38,942,265 |
| | | <u>66,911,675</u> | <u>57,604,627</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) before Tax | | 1,536,173 | 1,584,250 |
| Income Tax Expense | 7(a) | - | - |
| Deferred tax | 7(c) | 1,939,296 | 1,265,518 |
| Surplus after Tax | | <u>3,475,470</u> | <u>2,849,768</u> |

The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 11 to 17.

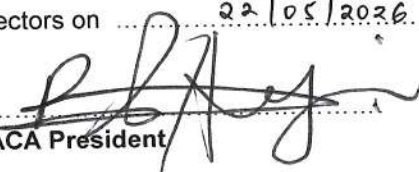
INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT & CONTROL ASSOCIATION (Kenya Chapter)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| ASSETS | <u>Note</u> | <u>2025 Kshs</u> | <u>2024 Kshs</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Property and equipment | 8 | 1,186,696 | 1,278,131 |
| Deferred Tax | 7(b) | 3,615,227 | 1,675,931 |
| | | 4,801,924 | 2,954,062 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 10 | 15,693,840 | 15,607,231 |
| Trade and other receivables | 9 | 23,870,935 | 15,768,459 |
| | | 39,564,775 | 31,375,690 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 44,366,698 | 34,329,753 |
| FUNDS AND LIABILITIES | | | |
| Members' fund Account | | | |
| General Reserves | | 21,155,615 | 17,680,145 |
| | | 21,155,615 | 17,680,145 |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 11 | 23,211,083 | 16,649,608 |
| Current Tax | 7(c) | - | - |
| | | 23,211,083 | 16,649,608 |
| TOTAL FUND AND LIABILITIES | | 44,366,698 | 34,329,753 |

The statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the statements set out on pages 11 to 17.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 17 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 22/05/2026 and signed on its behalf by:


 ISACA President


 Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

| | Accumulated Fund Kshs | Total Kshs |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Year ended 31st December 2024 | | |
| As at 1st Jan 2024 | 14,830,376 | 14,830,376 |
| Contribution during the year | | - |
| Withdrawals during the year | | - |
| Net surplus/(charge) for the year | 2,849,769 | 2,849,769 |
| As at 31st December 2024 | 17,680,145 | 17,680,145 |
| Year ended 31st December 2025 | | |
| As at 1st Jan 2025 | 17,680,145 | 17,680,145 |
| Contribution during the year | | - |
| Withdrawals during the year | | - |
| Net surplus/(charge) for the year | 3,475,470 | 3,475,470 |
| As at 31st December 2025 | 21,155,615 | 21,155,615 |

INFORMATION SYSTEMS AUDIT & CONTROL ASSOCIATION (Kenya Chapter)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended 31st December 2025

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

| | <u>Note</u> | <u>2025</u> <u>Kshs</u> | <u>2024</u> <u>Kshs</u> |
|--|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Reconciliation of surplus before taxation to cash generated from operations | | | |
| Net surplus before tax | | 1,536,173 | 1,584,250 |
| Adjustments for: | | | |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | | 234,116 | 317,128 |
| Armortisation Charge | | - | - |
| Asset received | | | |
| Interest received | | | |
| Operating surplus before working capital changes | | <u>1,770,289</u> | <u>1,901,378</u> |
| Changes in working capital: | | | |
| Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables | | (8,102,476) | 1,939,213 |
| Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables | | 1,160,069 | 3,426,648 |
| Decrease/(Increase) in benovelent fund bal | | - | - |
| (Decrease)/Increase in Investments | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | | <u>(6,942,407)</u> | <u>5,365,861</u> |
| Cash generated from operating activities | | (5,172,118) | 7,267,239 |
| Tax paid | | - | - |
| Prior year adjustment | | | |
| Net cash generated from operating activities | | <u>(5,172,118)</u> | <u>7,267,239</u> |
| Cashflows from investing activities | | | |
| Interest received | | | |
| Acquisition of investment | | | |
| Grant and Fund | | 5,401,406 | 6,447,419 |
| Acquisition of assets | | (142,680) | (471,860) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | <u>5,258,727</u> | <u>5,975,559</u> |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | | <u><u>86,609</u></u> | <u><u>13,242,798</u></u> |
| Movement in cash and cash equivalents | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1st Jan 2025 | | 15,607,232 | 2,364,437 |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December 2025 | 10 | <u><u>15,693,841</u></u> | <u><u>15,607,232</u></u> |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and are presented in Kenya shillings (Kshs) and have been rounded off to the nearest one shilling.

b) Revenue Recognition

Income is recognised on the basis of amounts received or receivable from members of the Association, sponsorships and insurance commissions.

Interest income is recognised when received.

c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated on reducing balance basis to write down the cost of the assets to their residual values over their estimated useful lives at the following rates per annum:

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Office equipment | 10.00% |
| Furniture and fittings | 10.00% |
| Computers | 25.00% |

d) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are initially recognised at the transaction price. Most trade and other receivables are made on the basis of normal credit terms, and do not bear interest. At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amounts of trade and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

e) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at the transaction price (including transaction costs). Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Interest bearing liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

f) Taxation

Current tax is provided for on the results for the year shown in the financial statements. The tax liability is on surplus generated from interest for the year determined in accordance with the Income Tax Act (Cap 470).

g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash in hand and at bank and fixed deposits in asset management funds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- (CONTINUED)

i) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with presentation in the current year.

k) Employment benefits

The Association and its employees contribute to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), a national defined contribution scheme. Contributions are determined by local statute and the Association's contributions are charged to profit or loss in the year to which they relate.

2 Financial risk management

The Association's activities expose it to limited financial risk. The Association's risk management programme seeks to minimise any potential adverse effects.

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Kshs</u> | <u>Kshs</u> |
| 3 Subscription income | | |
| Members Subscriptions | 7,877,790 | 8,111,782 |
| | <u>7,877,790</u> | <u>8,111,782</u> |
| 4 Member services | | |
| Income | | |
| 1015 - Training | 30,260,558 | 24,853,029 |
| Confrence Income | 30,086,196 | 25,711,552 |
| | <u>60,346,754</u> | <u>50,564,581</u> |
| 5 Other Income | | |
| Forex Unrealized Gain | - | 87,842 |
| Bad debts Recovered | - | 123,600 |
| Interest Income | - | 1,436 |
| ISACA Duka and Sports day Tshirts | 223,305 | 299,636 |
| | <u>223,305</u> | <u>512,514</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- (CONTINUED)

| | Notes | 2025 <u>Kshs</u> | 2024 <u>Kshs</u> |
|--|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6 Operating surplus | | | |
| The operating surplus is arrived at after charging; | | | |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | | 234,116 | 317,128 |
| Audit fees - current period | | 168,103 | 170,000 |
| Staff costs | | <u>14,308,606</u> | <u>10,804,258</u> |
| 7 Taxation | | | |
| a) Income tax expense | | | |
| The Association is deemed to be carrying on a business and the gross receipts on revenue account (excluding joining fees, welfare contribution and subscriptions) shall be deemed to be income from a business. under section 21 of the Income tax Act Cap 470 | | | |
| Adjusted Surplus from Operations | | (6,464,321) | (5,870,521) |
| | | <u>(6,464,321)</u> | <u>(5,870,521)</u> |
| Taxable income | | <u>(6,464,321)</u> | <u>(5,870,521)</u> |
| Tax on taxable loses at 30% | | <u>(1,939,296)</u> | <u>(1,761,156)</u> |
| b) Tax payable (deferred) | | | |
| b/f | | (1,675,931) | (1,368,045) |
| Charge for the year | | - | - |
| Les Tax paid for the year 2025 | | - | - |
| Less Instalment tax paid | | - | - |
| Tax charge for year | | <u>(1,939,296)</u> | <u>(307,886)</u> |
| As at 31st December (Balance sheet) | | <u>(3,615,227)</u> | <u>(1,675,931)</u> |
| c) Taxable Income | | - | - |
| Balance b/f | | - | - |
| Tax charge for year | | (1,939,296) | - |
| Tax paid | | - | - |
| Less withholding tax | | - | - |
| Less withholding tax | | <u>(1,939,296)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Tax payable (Balance sheet) | | | |

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8 Property, plant and equipment

| | Computer & equipments | Furniture, Fittings & Equipment | Office Equipments | Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Ksh 25% | Kshs 10% | Kshs 10% | Kshs |
| COST | | | | |
| At 1st Jan 2025 | 1,094,040 | 1,565,834 | 962,843 | 3,622,717 |
| Additions | 142,680 | 0 | - | 142,680 |
| At 31st Dec 2025 | <u>1,236,720</u> | <u>1,565,834</u> | <u>962,843</u> | <u>3,765,397</u> |
| ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION | | | | |
| At 1st Jan 2025 | 623,157 | 1,019,500 | 701,928 | 2,344,585 |
| Charge for the year | 153,391 | 54,633 | 26,092 | 234,116 |
| At 31st Dec 2025 | <u>776,548</u> | <u>1,074,133</u> | <u>728,020</u> | <u>2,578,701</u> |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | | |
| At 31st Dec 2025 | <u><u>460,172</u></u> | <u><u>491,701</u></u> | <u><u>234,824</u></u> | <u><u>1,186,696</u></u> |
| At 31st Dec 2024 | <u><u>470,883</u></u> | <u><u>546,334</u></u> | <u><u>260,915</u></u> | <u><u>1,278,132</u></u> |

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| | Notes | 2025 <u>Kshs</u> | 2024 <u>Kshs</u> |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9 Association Receivables & Deposits | | | |
| Accounts Receivable | | 12,777,452 | 5,714,626 |
| Income Tax Recoverable | | 5,056,535 | 3,985,624 |
| VAT Controls | | 2,212,491 | 1,470,246 |
| ISACA HQ (Membership, Exam & Certification) | | 2,692,657 | 4,105,711 |
| Rent Deposit | | 281,658 | 281,658 |
| Staff Advances | | 227,206 | 210,594 |
| Prepaid Medical Insurance | | 622,936 | - |
| | | <u>23,870,935</u> | <u>15,768,459</u> |
| 10 Cash and cash equivalents | | | |
| 7001 - Kenya Commercial Bank(KES) =1118502655 | | 1,032,880 | 10,135,553 |
| 7002 - Commercial Bank of Africa (KES),6515930023 | | 868,163 | 113,914 |
| 7003 - KCB USD 1118502833 (US\$ 275.75 @ 129.17) | | 111,554 | 35,619 |
| 7004 - CBA USD 6515930018 (US\$ 514.90 @ 129.17) | | 403,591 | 66,510 |
| 7009 - NCBA Savings Account | | 52,943 | 52,943 |
| 7011 - NCBA EURO (€ 37,966.06 @ 134.38) | | 3,177,669 | 5,102,035 |
| 7012 NCBA KES-SIFA | | 9,106,841 | 37,255 |
| Sub Totals Bank | | <u>14,753,641</u> | <u>15,543,829</u> |
| Mpesa/ Petty Cash Working Accounts | | | |
| 7006 - MPESA - Utility | | 930,277 | 10,167 |
| 7007 - MPESA - Working Account | | - | - |
| 7010 - MPESA - B2C 3033751 | | 1,797 | 1,796 |
| 7005 Petty Cash | | 8,125 | 51,439 |
| Sub Totals Cash and Mpesa | | <u>940,199</u> | <u>63,402</u> |
| Total Cash and Cash Equivalent | | <u>15,693,840</u> | <u>15,607,231</u> |
| 11 Trade and other payables | | | |
| Trade Payables | | 7,683,792 | 7,353,055 |
| Prepaid Membership subscriptions | | 2,468,856 | 1,424,104 |
| Advance Receipts | | - | 873,929 |
| Payroll liabilities | | 538,804 | 267,231 |
| Credit Card | | 45,852 | 92,870 |
| Provision for Audit fees | | 195,000 | 170,000 |
| Other Payables | | 429,954 | 21,000 |
| Deffered Grants (Note 17) | | 11,848,825 | 6,447,419 |
| | | <u>23,211,083</u> | <u>16,649,608</u> |

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| | 2025 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Kshs</u> | <u>Kshs</u> |
| 12 Administration Expenses | | |
| Marketing & Advertising | 1,520,751 | 763,484 |
| Postal & Courier | 599,620 | 665,177 |
| Telephone & internet costs | 355,626 | 371,296 |
| Audit Fee | 168,103 | 170,000 |
| Professional Expenses | 125,250 | - |
| AGM expenses | 165,903 | 107,309 |
| Office expenses | 474,081 | 320,956 |
| Printing & stationery | 377,800 | 182,120 |
| Donations & sponsorship | 201,200 | 466,000 |
| Corporate social responsibility | 522,160 | 846,000 |
| Total | <u>4,510,495</u> | <u>3,892,342</u> |
| 13 Staff cost | | |
| Salary and wages | 10,888,573 | 10,208,212 |
| Staff Capacity Bulding | 1,633,220 | - |
| Employer NSSF | 54,720 | 146,880 |
| Employer AHL | 146,986 | 102,187 |
| NITA subscription | 13,600 | 13,600 |
| Kenindia Pension | 817,198 | 223,379 |
| Staff welfare | 754,310 | 110,000 |
| Total | <u>14,308,606</u> | <u>10,804,258</u> |
| 14 Operating Expenses | | |
| Repair and maintainance | 15,000 | - |
| Business permits | 876,734 | 532,256 |
| Office Rent and Service Charges | 1,177,182 | 1,073,591 |
| Insurance expenses | 723,386 | 989,987 |
| Certification Manual | - | 885,803 |
| Bank Charges | 151,776 | 119,697 |
| Forex Realised Losses | 200,453 | - |
| Depreciation Charge for the year | 234,116 | 317,128 |
| Total | <u>3,378,647</u> | <u>3,918,462</u> |

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| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Kshs | Kshs |
| 15 Subscription expenses | | |
| Membership & Subscription | 100,600 | 47,300 |
| | 100,600 | 47,300 |
| 16 Conferences and Trainings | | |
| Local Conferences / Capacity Building | 35,409,410 | 29,819,418 |
| Facilitation Fees Trainers | 4,767,500 | 6,568,590 |
| Board Leadership & Committee meeting expense | 4,022,516 | 2,554,257 |
| Sports Day Expenses | 413,901 | - |
| | 44,613,327 | 38,942,265 |
| 17 Grants and Expenditure statement | | |
| Grant brought forward | 6,447,419 | - |
| Grant Received during the year | 16,330,220 | 8,020,593 |
| PP Total Grant Income | 22,777,639 | 8,020,593 |
| SIFA Project Expenses | | |
| 4500 - SIFA - Personnel Costs | 3,113,649 | - |
| 4506- SIFA -Travel and Accommodation | 1,668,030 | 198,000 |
| 4507-SIFA- External Expertise | 5,123,696 | - |
| 4532 - SIFA(LT) - Program Launch | 524,140 | 1,297,927 |
| 4533 - SIFA(LT) - Graduation & Certificates | 169,600 | - |
| 4303 SIFA Bank chargers | 21,921 | - |
| 4541 - SIFA(Communication) | 307,777 | 77,247 |
| | 10,928,814 | 1,573,174 |
| Total Project Expenses | 10,928,814 | 1,573,174 |
| Unutilised/Deferred Grants (Note 11) | 11,848,825 | 6,447,419 |

NOTE

During the financial year, the Association received grant funding from AUDA-NEPAD for the implementation of the IGNITE Project targeting students enrolled in (TVET) programmes in Kabete National Polytechnic, Sigalagala National Polytechnic, and Pwani University. Grant income has been recognized in the Statement of Income and Expenditure to the extent that the project expenditure has been incurred. Any unutilized grant funds as at the reporting date have been treated as deferred income and carried forward as a liability to be recognized in future periods when the related project activities are implemented and obligations fulfilled. The IGNITE Programme is being implemented by ISACA Kenya Chapter in Partnership with Scratch and Script



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Cybersecurity Governance and Risk Management

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In 2025, cybersecurity governance and risk management shifted from being "the IT problem" to core pillars of corporate strategy and fiduciary responsibility. Boards are no longer asking if they will be attacked, but rather how resilient their systems are when an attack occurs. Transformation of the risk profile as technology changes is ambivalent - manifested by emerging new risks, mutation of assessed risks, expansion of grounds for exploits, regulatory and compliance requirements, and business-model risk. The predicted global cost of cybercrime is estimated to rise to \$23.84 trillion by 2027 from \$8.44 trillion in 2022 (Statista, 2024). Regulators have responded by tightening controls, imposing data-theft penalties and compliance requirements.

Cybersecurity governance and risk management is a defined approach for managing risks that could compromise information systems assets. Governance ensures that cybersecurity initiatives align with strategic objectives; risk management involves continually treating cybersecurity risks and monitoring the threat landscape.

A strong programme enables clear policies, sharpens incident response, and helps the organization realize security investment returns by building both current and future value. It also ensures that engaged Information Systems service providers are managed - because the risk consequences cannot be outsourced.

The organization should ensure that staff, management and the board are up-to-date on information about security threats and controls. Not everyone needs to be an expert, but every role demands sufficient competence. Resilience planning is critical because of uncertainties around how and when an attack will occur. Aligning security with business objectives is imperative for holistic governance and risk management.

Five trends Boards must prioritize

- 1 Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on cybersecurity.
- 2 "Compliance-Based" to "Risk-Based" Governance, Risk and Control (GRC).
- 3 Nexus between cybersecurity and Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) strategies and reporting.
- 4 Cybersecurity and the third-party ecosystem.
- 5 Quantum risk assessments.

In our next issue, we will unpack these trends and demonstrate how they apply in our operating environment.

Navigating the Frontier: Why AI Governance is the Bedrock of Innovation

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As Kenyan enterprises race to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into their digital transformation strategies, we are witnessing a paradigm shift in how business is conducted. From chatbots revolutionizing customer service in banking to predictive analytics optimizing agricultural supply chains, the potential is limitless. However, as ISACA professionals, we know that innovation without guardrails is not progressing, it is risk.

The surge of Generative AI has democratized access to powerful tools, but it has also introduced "Shadow AI," where employees use unsanctioned tools that may compromise proprietary data. This reality places AI Governance not as a compliance checkbox, but as a

critical strategic imperative. Effective AI Governance requires moving beyond the technical "black box" to address three core pillars: Transparency, Accountability, and Fairness.

Three pillars of effective AI governance

- **Transparency:** Organizations need to understand the lineage of their data. Are the models being used explainable? In the context of the Kenyan Data Protection Act (2019), processing personal data through opaque algorithms poses significant legal and reputational risks. We must implement frameworks that document model training and decision-making logic.
- **Accountability:** Who owns the risk when an AI model hallucinates or fails? The governance structure must clearly delineate responsibilities across the Three Lines of Defense. IT Risk and Audit professionals must evolve their skill sets to audit algorithms effectively, ensuring human oversight remains in the loop for critical decisions.
- **Fairness:** Algorithmic bias is a tangible threat that can inadvertently lead to discrimination in hiring, lending, or service delivery. Governance frameworks must include ethical impact assessments to detect and mitigate these biases before deployment.

As we look toward 2026, the role of the ISACA professional is evolving from simply securing infrastructure to curating trust. By establishing robust AI governance, we do not stifle innovation; we enable it to flourish safely. We provide the assurance that allows our organizations to sprint toward the future without stumbling over the unseen hurdles of the present.

Data Privacy Law Implementation in Kenya: Progress, Gaps, and the Road Ahead

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Since the enactment of the Data Protection Act (2019), Kenya has shown significant advances in the governance of data privacy. With the creation of the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), there has been a meaningful shift in ensuring data privacy is a priority in both legal and governance realms. Nonetheless, recent empirical studies on implementation reveal a more complex reality - full of both advances and challenges. A mixed-methods study of over 100 participants across technology, compliance, legal and public interest groups suggests that corporate compliance is making the most progress. A large segment of medium-to-large companies has established privacy statements and appointed Data Protection Officers (DPOs), and some have woven compliance into broader governance. Much of that activity, however, remains procedural - driven by regulation rather than corporate ethics.



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Public awareness and digital literacy stand out as the most accurate predictors of successful implementation. Informed citizens are more empowered to hold institutions accountable. Yet awareness is unevenly distributed; rural and informal populations are generally far less informed. This undermines the reach of the law and emphasizes the need to move from "awareness of existence" to "awareness for action".

Although the ODPC has raised its public profile through audits, registrations and engagement, the enforcement regime remains constrained by technical infrastructure, staffing and lack of automation. The result is a regulator that has attained legality but lags in maturity. Technological and legal infrastructure compound the picture - Kenya's legal framework aligns with international best practice, but technology readiness (automation, interoperability, cybersecurity) lags the speed of change.

The future course of action

Enforcement needs to be strengthened, and that requires investment in institutional capacity and technology. Organizations must focus on privacy governance - not box-ticking. Public awareness campaigns must become inclusive and practical. And ultimately, technology must help, not hinder accountability. Data protection in Kenya is no longer an issue of legislation but an issue of execution, trust, and shareable responsibility in a data economy.

Business Continuity and Resilience: Staying Ready in a Disruptive World

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The business environment in Kenya and Africa is increasingly shaped by disruption, and organisations that do not adapt to this reality face growing vulnerability. Power outages, floods, cyberattacks, fibre cuts and supply chain delays can strike at any time. Business Continuity and Resilience are no longer optional but mandatory.

“Business Continuity ensures essential operations can weather the storm or bounce back quickly when things go wrong.”

Take undersea cable cuts, which have disrupted the internet across East Africa. Companies with backup connectivity, cloud-based systems and tested disaster recovery plans stayed online. Others struggled for hours or

even days. Banks and mobile service providers with redundant systems and failover protocols are similarly better positioned to protect customers and revenue during outages.

“Resilience is not just recovery. It’s about adapting and thriving, even as disruptions become frequent.”

Floods in Nairobi and other parts of Kenya have disrupted offices, data centers and transport networks. Organizations with flexible work arrangements, digital workflows and decentralized operations continued serving clients without major interruption. Resilient systems absorb shocks rather than collapse under pressure.

“People and leadership often matter more than technology. Clarity in communication and empowered teams make the difference.”

During incidents, clear communication, empowered teams and trained staff make the difference between chaos and calm. Organizations that conduct regular simulations, define decision-making authority and foster a culture of readiness respond faster and more confidently. From a GRC (Governance, Risk, and Compliance) perspective, boards and senior management must actively oversee continuity and resilience efforts, aligning them with enterprise risk management and ensuring adequate resources.

“Sustainability strengthens resilience. Energy-efficient infrastructure, diversified suppliers and responsible data governance protect operations and the future.”

Climate change, energy instability and ESG regulations are reshaping risk profiles across Africa. Investing in energy-efficient infrastructure, backup power, diversified suppliers and responsible data governance supports sustainability goals - and ensures operations can withstand future disruptions.

In Kenya and across Africa, Business Continuity, Resilience, Sustainability and GRC are deeply connected. Organizations that embed these principles into strategy and culture protect stakeholders, maintain trust and thrive despite uncertainty. Preparedness is no longer just about recovery; it is about building a future-ready organization.

From Insight to Action: The Strategic Role of Agentic AI in Modern Enterprises

BY KEVIN TIREN

Modern enterprises today face a range of challenges as they navigate increasingly complex and competitive environments where traditional boundaries between industries are often blurred. Yesterday's competitive advantage can be eroded quickly by more agile competitors. From a strategic perspective, organizations must continuously balance rising operational complexity, accelerating change and an ever-growing volume of data - while simultaneously improving efficiency and controlling costs. In this context, artificial intelligence, and specifically Agentic AI, is emerging not only as a means of addressing these pressures but as an enabler of sustained innovation and competitiveness.

So, what is Agentic AI in simple terms? At its core, "agentic" refers to autonomy - the ability of systems to make decisions and act proactively and independently within defined goals and constraints. This represents a shift from traditional AI, which primarily supports human decision-making through pattern recognition or rules. While generative AI introduced the ability to create content, Agentic AI moves enterprises toward systems that can take action, adapt to changing conditions and coordinate decisions across functions - while remaining governed by clearly defined boundaries.



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Agentic AI can be compared to a well-orchestrated ecosystem of digital specialists, similar to how worker bees or ants perform highly specific roles within a colony. Each agent focuses on a defined task - monitoring risk, optimizing operations, or responding to anomalies - while operating within shared rules and objectives. The true value lies not in any single agent, but in how a diversified set of agents works together to support enterprise-wide outcomes.

Across industries, practical use cases are emerging around customer experience, employee productivity, operational efficiency and risk management. In financial services, agentic systems can support personalized customer engagement or assist with the investigation of financial crime alerts. In insurance, they can streamline claims processing, underwriting and dynamic pricing. In manufacturing and logistics, agents can enhance quality control, optimize supply chains and improve resilience by continuously monitoring internal operations and external signals such as demand shifts or geopolitical events.

The potential value of Agentic AI warrants its inclusion in enterprise strategic roadmaps - particularly where outcomes such as resilience, cost efficiency and faster decision-making are priorities. However, autonomy must be governed by design, not retrofitted later. Clear principles around accountability, explainability, human oversight and regulatory and ethical alignment are essential. Organizations that begin piloting and governing Agentic AI today will be better positioned to operate confidently in an increasingly AI-enabled future.

Designing Adaptive Teams & Sustainable Cultures in 2026: Lessons from Tsavo's "Big Five"

BY MSHAI KIBE

Let's be honest - 2026 won't slow down for anyone. In a disruptive world, resilience requires us to design our teams and cultures introspectively. And here's the twist: the most practical playbook might come from the Big Five of Tsavo and the everyday practice of Emotional Intelligence (EI).

Start with the Big Five as your hard drive - and make EI your operating system

- **Lion - Leadership with Courage (Self-Awareness + Motivation):** Lions remind us to lead decisively. EI turns that courage into grounded courage - leaders who know their triggers, hold their values steady, and motivate with purpose, not panic. That's how bold decisions become trusted decisions.
- **Elephant - Endurance & Memory (Self-Regulation + Learning):** Elephants adapt and remember. Self-regulation keeps leaders composed under pressure, while institutional memory converts shocks into future capacity. You don't overreact; you recalibrate.



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Adaptive leadership and culture writer

Mshai Kibe writes on adaptive leadership, organisational design and sustainable culture in African enterprises.

- **Buffalo - Collective Strength (Empathy + Social Skills):** Herds win through unity. Empathy builds psychological safety; strong social skills knit diverse teams together. When anxiety rises, people need to feel heard. Collaboration stops being a slogan and becomes a survival trait.
- **Leopard - Agility & Precision (Focus + Adaptability):** Leopards pivot with "lethal" precision. EI equips teams to focus on what matters and adapt quickly - trimming non-essentials, iterating fast, and staying aligned to outcomes even when signals are noisy.
- **Rhinoceros - Protective Resilience (Integrity + Transparent Communication):** Rhinos protect what counts. Integrity keeps risk decisions clean; transparency calms uncertainty. Clear, candid communication turns rumors into readiness.

So, what's next?

- 1 Decentralize authority:** push decisions closer to the edge. Set north-star goals; let local teams adapt.
- 2 Make learning continuous:** pilot, review, and iterate. Celebrate smart experiments, even the ones that fail well.
- 3 Communicate with empathy:** be honest about unknowns. Listen actively. Build trust before you need it.
- 4 Plan with agility:** use scenario planning and short cycles. Be willing to pivot when facts change.
- 5 Amplify diverse thinking:** mix disciplines. Invite contrarian views. Diversity uncovers options you didn't know existed.
- 6 Invest in adaptive tools:** real-time data, analytics and automation to see patterns early and act faster.
- 7 Model adaptability:** leaders go first - admit mistakes, share lessons, and change course visibly.

Bottom line: when Tsavo's Big Five shape your mindset and EI shapes your behavior, resilience surpasses endurance into advantage. Organizations that pair courage with empathy, memory with learning, agility with focus, and protection with integrity won't just survive 2026 - they'll turn turbulence into momentum and build transcendent cultures.

Understanding the Difference Between an NDA and a DPA

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Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) and Data Protection Agreements (DPAs) both govern the handling of information but serve different legal purposes and are not interchangeable. This summary highlights their definitions, applications, similarities and critical differences - particularly under Kenya's Data Protection Act, 2019 and the GDPR.

1. Definitions

■ **Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA):** A commercial contract (often called a Confidentiality Agreement) designed to protect "proprietary information" or "trade secrets". It focuses on

ownership and secrecy.

■ **Data Protection Agreement (DPA):** A legally mandated contract (often a "Data Processing Addendum") required when a controller shares personal data with a processor. It focuses on compliance and individual rights.

2. Application

- **NDA:** Used during business negotiations, mergers or hiring. It applies whenever one party says, "I'm going to tell you a secret; don't tell anyone else."
- **DPA:** Mandatory under Section 32 of the Kenya DPA and Article 28 of the GDPR whenever a third party (like a cloud provider or payroll firm) processes personal data on your behalf.

3. Key comparison

| Feature | Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) | Data Protection Agreement (DPA) |
|---------------|---|--|
| Primary Goal | Protects the company's competitive edge | Protects the individual's privacy |
| Legal Mandate | Optional (Common Law / Contract Law) | Mandatory by statute (DPA 2019 / GDPR) |
| Scope | Financials, strategies, code, lists | Personal data (name, IP, health, etc.) |
| Enforcement | Private lawsuit for damages | ODPC enforcement notices & heavy fines |
| Key Clause | "Information must be kept secret" | "Processor must assist with Subject Access Requests" |

4. Similarities

- **Confidentiality:** both require the recipient to keep information safe and restricted to authorized personnel.
- **Security:** both usually mandate "reasonable" or "technical and organizational" security measures.
- **Return / destruction:** both require the recipient to delete or return information once the project ends.

5. Critical differences - the "conflict"

The biggest difference is that an NDA cannot override a DPA. Under Regulation 48 of the Kenyan General Regulations, a DPA must include specific statutory clauses that an NDA usually lacks, such as:

- **Audit Rights:** a DPA allows the controller to audit the processor's servers. An NDA rarely permits one company to walk into another's office to check files.
- **Sub-processing:** a DPA requires the processor to obtain permission before engaging another company. An NDA is often silent on "sub-secret-keepers".
- **Breach Notification:** under the Kenya DPA, a breach must be reported within 72 hours. An NDA usually carries a vague "as soon as possible" timeline.

NB: In Kenya, if you sign an NDA that says "all information is confidential," it does not count as a valid data processing agreement. You must have a DPA that specifically references the ODPC's requirements.

The New Governance Triad: Shadow IT, Shadow AI and Sentinel AI

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For over a decade, IT auditors have battled Shadow IT - the unsanctioned use of third-party software that bypasses IT controls. While risky, Shadow IT has historically been a predictable challenge: scan the network, identify the unauthorized productivity or file-sharing tools, enforce compliance.

However, as we settle into 2026, the governance landscape has mutated. We are no longer just managing unauthorized tools; we are managing unauthorized intelligence (Shadow AI) and the rise of automated defenders (Sentinel AI).

1. Shadow IT - the operational risk

Traditional Shadow IT remains a challenge of visibility. It occurs when departments procure their own SaaS solutions to bypass restrictive procurement cycles. The primary risks are data silos, integration failures and expanded attack surfaces. The ISACA audit response remains standard: validate the asset inventory against COBIT BAI09 (Managed Assets) and enforce strict application whitelisting.

2. Shadow AI - the strategic threat

Shadow AI is fundamentally different. It involves employees utilizing public, consumer-grade Generative AI models to process enterprise data. Unlike installing unauthorized software, this often happens via legitimate browser traffic, making it harder to detect.

- **The Risk:** The danger is not just compliance; it is the permanent exfiltration of Intellectual Property (IP). When an employee pastes sensitive customer PII or proprietary code into a public model for optimization, that data leaves the organization's control perimeter.
- **The Audit Pivot:** We cannot simply "block" AI without stifling innovation. Instead, we must audit data flow and Acceptable Use Policies. We must verify if employees are trained to distinguish between private, enterprise-grade instances and public, open models.

3. Sentinel AI - the automated defender

The newest entrant is Sentinel AI - the authorized, AI-driven security orchestration systems that autonomously detect and neutralize threats.

- **The Governance Challenge:** While these tools enhance reaction speed, they introduce "Black Box" risk. If an automated system incorrectly identifies a critical business transaction as malicious and shuts it down, the operational disruption is immediate.
- **The Audit Mandate:** We must audit the logic and configuration of these sentinels. Are the automated response playbooks valid? Is there defined human oversight for high-impact decisions?

Conclusion

The era of manual checklist auditing is over. We are now assuring a dynamic ecosystem where users leverage unauthorized intelligence while systems defend themselves autonomously. As ISACA professionals, our value lies in ensuring that governance (COBIT EDM03) evolves fast enough to manage this new triad.

The Threats We Do Not See

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In modern security, identity is now the main battleground. For years, we have treated identity as a supporting control - to authenticate, manage access and meet compliance requirements. Threat intelligence tells a different story.

Observed repeatedly in open-source reporting, one pattern appears with increasing consistency: modern attackers do not break in, they log in. This is not a new tactic; it has been an initial access strategy for adversaries for a while. What is new is how reliable this strategy has become - and how poorly most defensive strategies interpret identity signals as adversarial behavior. We have detection logic, but we lack the detection strategy.

Attackers now prioritize

- Credential access over exploit development.
- Legitimate authentication flows over malware execution.
- Persistence via identity artifacts instead of backdoors.

This article examines an open-source malware analysis report on PRC state-sponsored cyber actors using BRICKSTORM malware to establish long-term persistence.

Key insights

Although the intrusion starts with a web shell (T1505.003), the attackers immediately pivot away from exploitation and switch to credential-based operations before deploying the malware:

- Service account credentials (T1078) are used the same day.
- RDP (T1021.001) becomes the dominant lateral-movement mechanism.
- Active Directory (AD) database theft (T1003.003) is prioritized early.

“The web shell is merely a foothold, not the objective. Identity dominance occurs within hours - credentials, NOT exploits, are the attacker's preferred tool.”

The adversaries' modus operandi favours low-noise, high-persistence access, with a clear preference for non-human identities - indicating systematic targeting of highly trusted, minimally monitored accounts.

The analysis illustrates how identity and AD access now enable infrastructure capture, with malware deployed only after identity dominance is achieved.

What does this report tell us?

- Identity is the preferred access mechanism.
- Credential theft is an early objective, not a late-stage capability.
- Living-off-the-land authentication is safer than exploits.
- Control planes (AD, ADFS, vCenter) are priority targets.

Threat-informed detection strategy

- Track credential abuse patterns, not just malware.
- Prioritize service account exposure mapping.
- Treat RDP / SMB misuse as intrusion signals, not admin behaviour.
- Model attacks as identity attack paths, not linear kill chains.

“Every identity breach tells a story. The problem is not that defenders do not have this data; it is that we are not reading it like attackers write it.”

Reference: Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), National Security Agency (NSA), & Canadian Centre for Cyber Security. (2025, December 19). BRICKSTORM Backdoor (Analysis Report AR25-338A).



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