**Solomon Afolabi Professional Statement – My Cybersecurity Journey**

As part of my career transition into the field of cybersecurity, I have successfully completed some courses in the Google Cybersecurity Professional Certificate program on Coursera. The introductory course was enlightening but totally different from construction engineering even though the ideas are related. I’ve been introduced to many new terms and expressions. It’s just the beginning but I’ve learnt so much about security risks, threats, ethics of cybersecurity and principles of data confidentiality, integrity, and availability(CIA) triad.

With over 15 years of experience as a Civil Engineer, I bring with me a strong foundation in critical thinking, risk analysis, and technical project management—core competencies that translate well into cybersecurity roles. This initial training has not only deepened my understanding of digital threats but also reaffirmed my commitment to developing practical skills in areas such as security operations, SIEM tools and incident response.

I am now in the 3rd course in the Google Cybersecurity Certificate series, meanwhile I have opened a GitHub account and is still trying to get familiar with how to navigate it. My long-term goal is to complete the program, earn this certification and many more and contribute to protecting systems, data, and businesses in today’s complex digital environment.

This journey highlights my commitment to continuous learning, adaptability, and professional reinvention as I prepare to join the global cybersecurity workforce.