CYNTHIA UGWU

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic Intelligence Analyst with 4 years of experience delivering actionable geopolitical risk assessments and threat intelligence that drive critical security decisions to global clients. Expert in OSINT investigations, threat monitoring, risk mitigation, enhanced due diligence and compliance frameworks analysis. Demonstrated impact in reducing third-party risk exposure, improving response times, refining intelligence workflows, while managing complex multi-regional threat landscapes. Cambridge-educated professional with certifications in ISO 27001, threat intelligence, and security risk management. Skilled in R, SQL, and advanced search techniques for intelligence collection automation.

KEY SKILLS

- Geopolitical Risk & Threat Intelligence
- OSINT, GEOINT & SOCMINT Investigations
- Due Diligence & Compliance (PEP, AML, Sanctions)
- Intelligence Collection Automation (R, SQL, Custom Dashboards)
- Editorial Oversight & Analytical Frameworks
- Incident Response & Crisis Monitoring
- ISO 27001-aligned Risk Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GeoPorisk Intelligence Senior Intelligence Analyst | 2024 – Present

Cambridge, UK (Remote Consulting)

- Spearheaded 35+ comprehensive supply chain intelligence and geopolitical risk assessments, enabling clients to identify and mitigate third-party vulnerabilities across critical infrastructure sectors.
- Developed automated OSINT collection methodologies that reduced threat assessment time by 40% while improving the accuracy of second to fourth-tier supplier risk mapping.
- Created 15+ custom dashboards and alert systems that provided real-time geopolitical insights and security intelligence, enabling proactive risk mitigation strategies for global clients.
- Delivered 50+ tailored vendor due diligence and vulnerability assessments annually, enabling clients to achieve a 35% reduction in third-party risk exposure.
- Lead editorial oversight for client-facing intelligence products, maintaining quality control standards and ensuring adherence to established analytical frameworks across multiple regional assessments.

FACT UK London, UK

Due Diligence Analyst | 2024 - 2025

- Conducted 20+ enhanced due diligence (EDD) investigations, including PEP screening, sanctions checks, and reputational risk profiling, helping onboard high-risk clients in compliance with AML regulations.
- Streamlined KYC and AML processes by implementing advanced search techniques, reducing investigation turnaround time by 35% while maintaining comprehensive compliance standards.
- Conducted sanctions screening across OFAC, EU, UK, and UN databases, achieving 100% compliance verification and identifying 12 high-risk entities that were subsequently flagged for enhanced monitoring.
- Identified key vulnerabilities and 8 hidden relationship networks through comprehensive digital footprint analysis, using advanced OSINT techniques, enabling proactive risk mitigation.
- Delivered actionable intelligence reports that enabled senior management to make informed client onboarding decisions, contributing to zero regulatory violations during tenure.

AKE INTERNATIONAL London, UK

Threat Intelligence Analyst (Intern) | 2024

 Produced over 30 Daily Risk Updates and biweekly intelligence briefs monitoring global security incidents in the MENA, Sahel and Europe regions, feeding real-time security updates into client systems to support decision-making.

- Developed threat mitigation strategies for 15+ high-risk countries, contributing to enhanced security postures for client operations in volatile regions.
- Analysed 50+ intelligence feeds daily, identifying early warning indicators for geopolitical instability and terrorist threats.
- Collaborated on regional instability assessments that informed critical security decisions, resulting in improved threat detection capabilities and risk-adjusted operational planning.

BEACON CONSULTING LTD

Abuja, Nigeria

Security Intelligence Analyst | 2022 - 2023

- Analysed over 1,000 security incidents using R, SQL, and Tableau, producing actionable intelligence that enabled clients to reduce incident response costs by 25% over 12 months.
- Led real-time intelligence operations during national elections, partnering with public-sector clients and law enforcement to deliver critical briefings that supported civilian protection protocols and maintained operational security.
- Redesigned the intelligence reporting framework and co-implemented an automated incident reporting system, increasing stakeholder engagement by 40% and reducing report generation time by 50%.
- Delivered 50+ detailed investigation reports identifying geopolitical risks, political influence networks, and security vulnerabilities, enabling clients to implement targeted mitigation strategies.
- Edited and reviewed intelligence reports from 3+ junior analysts, ensuring consistency with house style, analytical rigour, and client requirements before final submission.

NIGERIA DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS (DHQ)

Abuja, Nigeria

Legal Research Assistant | 2021 - 2022

- Conducted classified research supporting 15+ sensitive security matters, ensuring 100% compliance with national and international regulations while maintaining strict confidentiality protocols.
- Prepared executive briefing materials that translated complex legal frameworks into actionable intelligence for senior military leadership decision-making.
- Streamlined legal documentation processes and maintained classified documentation systems and archives supporting
 ongoing national security operations.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge, UK

MPhil Criminological Research | 2023 - 2024

• Thesis: State Responses to Terrorism: Review of Balochistan Liberation Army (Pakistan) and Boko Haram (Nigeria) - Distinction

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Anambra, Nigeria

BSc Criminological & Security Studies $\mid 2016$ - 2021

• First Class Honours - 4.60/5.0

CERTIFICATION

- Intelligence Analyst Training Programme (Ongoing) Co-funded by the European Union
- ISO 27001 Lead Auditor Mastermind (2025)
- Open Source Intelligence Basel Institute (2025)
- Security Risk Management Professional (Country & Regional) INSSA (2024)