CYBERSECURITY MERIT AWARDS 2022

The 2022 Cybersecurity Merit Awards is organized to recognizing and reward outstanding individuals, teams, organisations, Institutions and states that demonstrate excellence, innovation and leadership within the cybersecurity industry. This national awards is facilitated by Cyber security Expert Association of Nigeria (CSEAN), tapping into the vast experience of cybersecurity professionals around the world to honor achievements and generate an industry-wide recognition in every facet of information security development and awareness in Nigeria.

The Cybersecurity Merit award team hopes to review the industry in search of best possible nominees, hence we encourage all those who are committed to the growth of the of the industry and safer cyberspace, to complete the form. Once the nomination period is completed, the profile of the nominees will be reviewed and winners will be unanimously selected by our panel of judges; who are individuals with vast experience and are well respected in the industry. The finalist and winners will be announced during the award ceremony on **21st October, 2022** at **Radisson Blu Hotel, Ikeja Lagos Nigeria.**

**THE AWARDS:**

1. Rising Star of the year
2. Cyber Startup of the year
3. Ministries, Departments and Agency (MDA) -Public Sector of the year
4. Organisation (Private Sector) of the year
5. State Government of the year
6. Financial Institution of the year
7. Media House of the year
8. Tertiary Institution of the year
9. Cyber Security woman of the year
10. Outstanding Individual of the year

**NOMINATION PERIOD**

This will be opened from 20th July 2022 to 4th September, 2022, thereafter the nominees will be reviewed to ensure credibility and transparency.

**NOMINATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

**Rising Star of the year:** A young cybersecurity prospect with less than 2 years industry experience that has contributed exceptionally to the cybersecurity community. Nominations in this category will be scored based on Achievement, Proactiveness, Contribution to the Industry and Dedication

**Cyber Startup of the year:** A cybersecurity company with about 2 years industry involvement that has contributed exceptionally to the cybersecurity industry via innovative products and/or services.

**Organisations (Public and private) and Tertiary Institutions:** The most collaborative in the cybersecurity industry and the level of cybsecurity awareness

**State Government of the year:** The most collaborative and innovative in the cybersecurity industry as well as level of state-wide cybsecurity awareness

**Cybersecurity Woman of the year:** A female Cybersecurity professional that have outstanding contributions to the cyber industry through their achievements and continually enforcing diversity and awareness within the cybersecurity industry. In addition, she has fostered a wide reach on cybersecurity events and cyber security initiatives directly or indirectly.

**Outstanding Individual of the year:** The Cyber Personality of the Year award is for the person who has earned the reputation as an industry-recognised thought-leader, committed to raising the profile of cybersecurity while helping others to develop. A Cybersecurity professional that boasts a wide reach on cybersecurity events, and involved in a number of initiatives by organising, sponsoring, partnering, or supporting.

Award winners and finalists will be selected primarily based on the strength of their nomination and the quality of their cyber security contributions accessible online. Please make sure to provide sufficient data to support your nomination in the selected category.

**NEXT STEPS**

Please click on the link below to start the nomination process. The nomination process should take 15minutes of your time if you have all your information and links to your nominee’s profile available.

Note: You must complete your nomination once you begin as you will not be able to safe and return in a later time. Also, your **email address and social media handle** is required to complete the nomination process to mitigate multiple nominations.