Dr Lawrence

Guest Speaker



About

Dr Lawrence Nyakasoka is a cybersecurity leader with close to 20 years of experience in IT and information security. His career spans banking, insurance, healthcare technology and consulting, where he has helped organisations protect their people, data and systems.

Lawrence sees his work as a calling to serve and protect others, and he brings that same sense of purpose to his ministry. He serves as a Student Pastor at the Apostolic Faith Mission (AFM) Midrand Restoration Centre.

Academic Qualifications

Lawrence holds a PhD in Information Systems from the University of Pretoria, specialising in Cybersecurity, and a Master of Science in Information Systems Management. He is also a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and a Certified Information Security Manager (CISM).

Professional Experience

Lawrence is the Cybersecurity Manager at Ampath Laboratories, where he leads IT security and risk management. He is responsible for setting the organisation's cybersecurity strategy, managing information security risk, and ensuring compliance with regulations such as POPIA. He oversees the protection of sensitive patient and laboratory data, leads incident response, and builds security awareness so that staff become the first line of defence.

He is also a part-time lecturer at Eduvos, helping to raise the next generation of cybersecurity leaders. He mentors students as a volunteer at the University of Pretoria and Eduvos, investing in young professionals with both skill and character.

Above all, Lawrence is a devoted husband to Siphatisiwe and a proud father to their two sons.