Wale Bakare Personal Statement

Nomination for At-Large Executive Council, Internet Society UK England Chapter

My name Wale Shakiru Bakare, a member of the ISOC UK, and with my utmost interest in becoming a member of the Internet Society UK Chapter's Executive Council.

I have been actively engaged in volunteer activities in the community of ICANN European At-Large Organisation over the years. Also, my rich professional background has equipped me with a robust skillset directly suitable for the role of the ISOC UK Executive Council.

I have been working in both the public and private sector, where I held leadership roles. I lead AI, digital transformation projects in leading manufacturing across large companies in Europe. As a leading public policy analyst and technology governance expert, I can solve internet related problems such as Data Protection, Privacy, AI-ML policy with open minds, know-how, creative problem-solving skills to develop and deliver pressing issues confronting the global and chapter of ISOC.

I will bring quality and in-depth experience directly applicable to the responsibilities of the ISOC UK Executive Council. My years of experience are listed below.

Education

2021 - 2022: Cybersecurity - Intersection of Policy and Technology at Harvard University, US

2015 - 2015: Project Management - Project Initiation and Planning University of California, Irvine - The Paul Merage School of Business, US

2006 -2008: Master's degree Embedded Computer Systems Engineering Northumbria University Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom.

Non-Profit Experience

2017 - 2019: Secretary at ICANN European At-Large Organization (EURALO)

2016 - 2021   Board Member at ICANN-EURALO Board Member
Member of the At-Large community who participated in the policy development work of ICANN. I contributed to the development of policy matters related to the interest of European Internet users, and worldwide as well. Participated in IANA Stewardship transition to the global multi-stakeholders between the year 2014 and 2016.

2015 - 2017   Vice-Chair and Board Member at European Individual Users' Association.
I contributed to the task of the European Regional At-Large Organization, and participated in EURALO's Taskforce activities. And I engaged in the ICANN multistakeholder process, its policy formulation and development process at the regional level and the development of community activities through awareness and outreach programs.

Professional Experience

2023- Present: Director/Chief Technology Officer at Tywabricks Property Investment, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.

2022 - 2023: Principal Cloud Security Architect, UK Government's Cabinet Office (NCSC)

2021 - 2022: Lead Cloud Platforms Architect, UK Government -DEFRA

2020 - 2021: Technical Lead, UK Government, UK Government - MOJ

2018 - 2019: Cloud Consultant/Engineer, UK Government - DWP

2017 - 2018: Lead Technical Engineer at Vodafone