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A Call for Papers: Women in Cyber Conference, August 2023

The Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) will from the 1st to 4th of August host a Women in Cyber–Africa Conference at the Bingu International Convention Center (BICC), Lilongwe under the theme " *Bridging the Gender Gap and Breaking the Glass Ceiling.*".

MACRA, therefore, invites submissions of papers for the upcoming Women in Cyber Conference which will bring together experts, practitioners, and professionals in the field of cybersecurity from different parts of the world to discuss challenges and opportunities for women in the dynamic field of cybersecurity. The objective of the conference is to explore innovative ways of breaking down barriers and bridging the gender gap in the field of cybersecurity in Malawi.

The papers should consist of various topics related to women in cybersecurity, including but not limited to:

- The importance and benefits of diversity in cybersecurity,
- Cybersecurity education and training for women,
- Challenges and opportunities for women in cybersecurity in Malawi,
- Innovative ways to address the gender gap in cybersecurity,
- Best practices for recruiting and retaining women in cybersecurity roles,
- Women's leadership and contribution to cybersecurity innovation,
- And the future of women in cybersecurity.

Researchers, academics, policymakers, cybersecurity professionals, and those with an interest in cybersecurity issues are invited to make submissions. Abstracts should be no more than 500 words and submitted by 20th June 2023. If accepted, full papers will be expected by 15th July 2023. Submissions will be peer-reviewed by a committee of experts in the field.

Accepted papers will be presented at the conference and published in the conference proceedings. Submissions should be made through <u>info@mwcert.mw</u> with the subject line, "Paper Submission: Women in Cyber Conference 2023. For more information or inquiries regarding the Papers contact Magodisi Dozola at <u>Magodisi.dozola@macra.mw</u>

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