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Cyber Dimensions of Organized Crime in Africa

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His expert status and his fine knowledge of the entire ecosystem, including governmental bodies, private actors, and international organizations of reference in the field, have enabled him to be the architect of strong partnerships between the Community of Law Enforcement Forces of Côte d'Ivoire and the International Intelligence Community, notably with the FBI (United States), the Korean Cyber Terrorism Response Unit (South Korea), the French Ministry of Defense (Paris), and Interpol.

He has international experience in managing national security and intelligence operations, as well as being a regular speaker and evangelist at national security conferences such as U.S. Africa Command, Interpol, Afrinic, and various other organizations.

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