

## **Mr Hanniel Hamisu Jafaru's Profile**

Hanniel H. Jafaru stands as one of Africa's most inspiring voices in technology-driven community development, cybersecurity advocacy, and youth empowerment. His initiatives have empowered hundreds of young Africans with future-proof digital skills and continue to shape Africa's transition into a sustainable digital economy. In 2024, Hanniel was nominated as an Outstanding Cybersecurity Individual, a recognition that underscores his leadership in promoting cybersecurity awareness, digital resilience, and responsible technology use across Africa. Beyond technical excellence, he channels his expertise into transformative community impact—bridging the gap between talent and opportunity through inclusive tech education.

Through the HTC Academy's 100,000 Tech Career Apprenticeship and Mentorship Program (Tech CAMP), which he initiated and runs completely free of charge, Hanniel has created a continent-wide digital empowerment movement. Currently, 424 learners are being trained in five specializations—Backend Development, Frontend Development, Ethical Hacking, Data Analysis, and Product Design—with a long-term goal to expand into at least 30 career specialization tracks. His model ensures that anyone, regardless of background, can access high-quality mentorship and hands-on tech training. Hanniel also founded the Tech Mentorship Series, designed to prepare aspiring tech enthusiasts with the essential mindset, awareness, and strategic insight to succeed in the rapidly evolving global tech landscape.

His sessions—delivered through YouTube and Discord—have inspired thousands to transition from interest to impact in their technology journeys. As an author and thought leader, Hanniel has written two influential books: *Cyberspace Chronicles* — a visionary advocacy work calling for the establishment of a Cyber Police framework in Nigeria to strengthen national digital security; and *Becoming a Tech ExpertPreneur* — a practical guide that helps readers evolve from tech enthusiasts into experts and entrepreneurs, bridging technical mastery with leadership and innovation.

Hanniel's thought leadership extends beyond written words. He has appeared on several national television programs, defending and proposing constructive alternatives to address the potential job loss due to Artificial Intelligence (AI). His proactive stance led to the creation of the HTC 100,000 Tech CAMP initiative, ensuring that those displaced by automation can remain relevant through AI-immune digital skills. Through all these, Hanniel H. Jafaru embodies the principles of innovation, inclusion, and impact. His passion for education, his advocacy for cybersecurity, and his commitment to creating digital career opportunities reflect a rare blend of technical mastery and humanitarian leadership. His work continues to echo across Africa—empowering the youth, transforming mindsets, and redefining community development for the digital age. For these reasons and more, Hanniel H. Jafaru truly deserves the Africa Community Development Award.