



Confidence Staveley

INFLUENCER

Award-winning Cybersecurity Professional, Awareness and Inclusion Advocate

Confidence Staveley originally hails from Nigeria, a hotbed of cyber-hackers. She's quickly become one of our most in-demand speakers. She has a gift for explaining complex cyber issues in very easily understood terms. She's very energetic and has a way of charming audiences. She's a master at self-promotion on LinkedIn. Has developed an online video series called API Kitchen. Confidence is one of those speakers that will become a force in the business and we have her at the early stage. She also speaks on diversity as a woman of color in the cyber world. She founded the CyberSafe Foundation where they've educated over 24,000 young women in becoming tech and cyber workers. She's a great find!

Confidence Staveley's 2026 Biography

Confidence Staveley is Africa's most celebrated female cybersecurity leader and a globally recognized advocate for diversity, digital inclusion, and innovation. Originally from Nigeria, she has risen to international prominence not only for her technical expertise but for her ability to break down complex cybersecurity topics into engaging stories that inspire audiences of all backgrounds and experience levels.

Known as "The Relatable CyberSecurity Queen," Confidence's impact is evidenced by the numerous accolades she has received, including the 2023 Cybersecurity Woman of the World Award and the Global Achievement Award by ISC2. As the founder of Cybersafe Foundation, she has championed practical digital safety for all, directly educating over 24,000 young women in Africa to pursue tech and cybersecurity careers. She is also a trailblazer in the industry, serving as a member of the Forbes Technology Council and contributing thought leadership at global conferences with organizations like the World Bank and the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council.

What sets Confidence apart is her passion for driving real change—not just in cybersecurity awareness and practice, but in closing gender gaps and ensuring digital access is safe and equitable for everyone. Her sessions go beyond technical jargon to offer fresh perspectives on the future of cybersecurity, the digital economy, and the value of inclusive teams. Her warmth, infectious energy, and practical insights consistently earn rave reviews from audiences worldwide.

If you want a speaker who is a powerful communicator, an inspiring changemaker, and a leader at the forefront of digital transformation and

AVAILABLE FOR

- Guest Appearance
- Panel Participation
- Speaking

CONFIDENCE'S SPEAKING THEMES

- Banking & FinTech
- Cybersecurity
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Risk Management

LANGUAGES: English

diversity in tech, book Confidence Staveley for your next event. Her talks are an unmissable opportunity to learn, connect, and future-proof your organization for the digital age.

Meet Confidence Staveley

“Good, better, best, I will never rest, until my good is better and my better best”

Confidence Staveley is Africa’s most celebrated female Cybersecurity Leader, Talent Developer, Blockchain Security Professional, Global Speaker and Inclusion advocate. She has achieved numerous professional certifications and industry recognitions for her outstanding work.

Confidence is an official member of the Forbes Technology Council, an invitation-only community for world-class CIOs, CTOs, and technology executives. Winner of the 2023 Cybersecurity Woman of the World Award.

Confidence’s superpower? A deep understanding of cyber security fused with great communication skills; enabling her to communicate cyber security best practices in a relatable and engaging way with no jargon, to audiences of all types. Little wonder she has been nicknamed “The Relatable CyberSecurity Queen”.

Cybersecurity Woman of the Year, IFSEC Global Top Influencer in Security & Fire 2021, Top 50 women in Cybersecurity Africa, Meridian Global Leadership Award, etc. She is an alumnus of some of the most prestigious fellowships across the world such as the 2021 Obama Foundation African Leaders, International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP), etc.

Confidence has spoken at conferences around the world, including the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council Meeting in Europe and North America, The World Bank Digital Development Seminar, etc. It is a testament to her global thought leadership and influence.

She is the Founder of CyberSafe Foundation, an NGO improving inclusive and safe digital access in Africa; and Co-Founder of MerkleFence, an Application-Security-As-A-Service consulting company.

Confidence’s upcoming book, API Security for White Hat Hackers, is a comprehensive guide on becoming an API security expert and safeguarding your applications against threats. The guide walks you through uncovering offensive defense strategies and mastering secure API implementation.

Here are a small sampling of the awards Confidence has won over the past 2 years:

- The Global Achievement Award, by ISC2 October 2023
- Cybersecurity Woman of the World, August 2023
- Herconomy Woman of the Year: Innovation and Technology award, by Herconomy June 2022
- Cybersecurity Merit Award: Cybersecurity Woman of the Year, October 2022
- Meridian Global Leadership Award – Global Citizen Award, October 2022
- Cybersecurity Women of the Year – Women Supporter of the Year Award, August 2022
- The Young CISO Network Award, March 2022

Confidence Staveley's 2026 talks & topics

Women and Cybersecurity: Creating A More Inclusive Cyberspace

How can we initiate a global conversation on cybersecurity and gender issues and bring perspectives from different stakeholders to a common platform to:

Look at the relevance of gender disparities/inequalities in cybersecurity and define the need to focus on actionable measures to close the gender workforce and awareness gap;

Highlight current good practices on how women are being included in cybersecurity roles across sectors;

Discuss the various challenges faced by women as cybersecurity professionals and internet users and possible ways to address them;

Outline the advantages of including women in the cybersecurity workforce; and

Define what governments, civil society, and the private sector can do to make this space more diverse, inclusive, and safer.

Data Protection and Cyber Security in the Growing Digital Economy

Given the rapid growth in cyber-attacks and digital crime vis-à-vis the current acceptance of digital trading, this session will seek to answer the following questions;

How effective are our cyber security measures? How can data protection impact the digital economy? Cybercrime is one impediment to a thriving digital economy. How can professionals utilize international, regional, and private sector cooperation to address the cybercrime pandemic? How could developing countries build capacities, including skills, to use new and emerging technologies such as big data analytics and artificial intelligence to grow the digital economy?

The Payment Threat Landscape: Today and Tomorrow

As the world becomes more digitally connected and the drive for financial inclusion grows, the payment threat landscape has also expanded. In this session, we explore the payment threat landscape throughout the world, showcasing creative ideas for driving user-centric cybersecurity awareness campaigns and signposting predictions for the future of payments globally.

Boosting Digital Transformation - Data As A Development Enabler

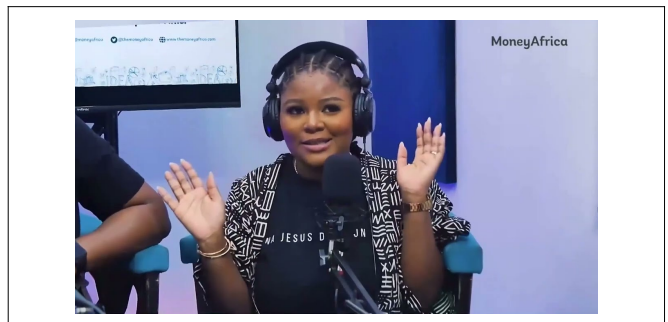
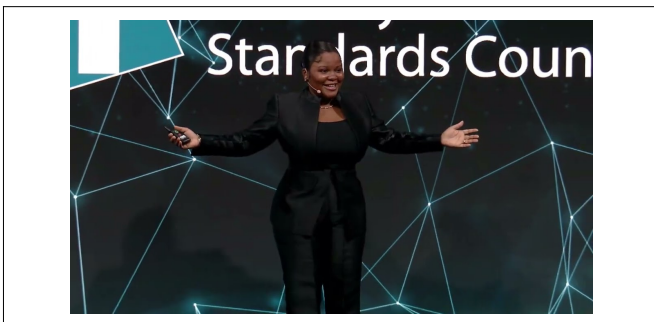
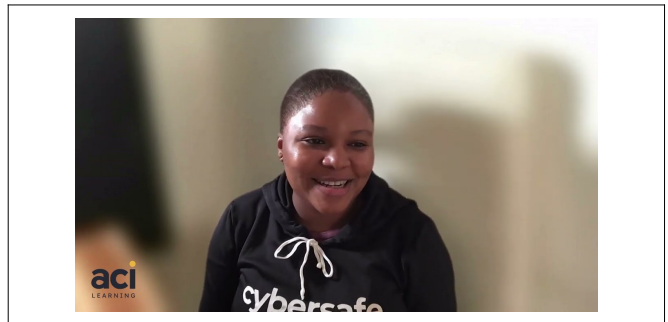
The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on the global economy, bringing to the fore both the critical role data plays in creating growth opportunities and solving development challenges as well as the existing global data inequalities. How do we tap the full value of data, ensuring equitable access for all, including less advantaged people? What reforms are needed in data governance to protect individuals, businesses, and societies from risks or harm? Data's transformative role in digital transformation is being debated globally.

Japan aims for a human-centered society called "Society 5.0", where physical and cyberspace are closely

integrated, and everyone can lead a comfortable, energetic, and high-quality life and the aim is also to realize this in developing countries. In addition, the value of data by free flow with trust becomes increasingly important to create innovations and new business models for the aimed society. Toward this goal, the Government of Japan through the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) and JICA is supporting to development of the ICT infrastructure and promote utilizing digital technologies and data in African countries and other regions.

Similarly, the World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives explores the tremendous potential of the changing data landscape to improve the lives of less advantaged people, while also acknowledging its potential to open back doors that can harm individuals, businesses, and societies. To address this tension between the helpful and harmful potential of data, this report calls for a new social contract that enables the use and reuse of data to create economic and social value, ensures equitable access to that value, and fosters trust that data will not be misused in harmful ways. Using these three principles, the report offers an aspirational vision of an Integrated National Data System (INDS) supported by effective data governance frameworks, a way for countries to realize the full potential for data to improve lives, especially of the most vulnerable of the world.

Confidence Staveley's Videos



What Confidence Staveley's clients say

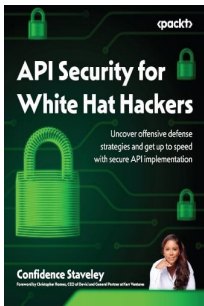
Your keynote was so great! We loved hearing from you and meeting you. Terrific job!

VP, Education & Engagement Officer, PCI

Our thanks all go to you! It was an honor to have you as part of our program. You not only lived up to your reputation but to your name as well.

CEO, Virtual Inc.

CONFIDENCE'S LATEST BOOKS



API Security for White Hat Hackers: Uncover offensive defense strategies and get up to speed with secure API implementation