



CIO Leadership Programme

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Introduction

The CIO Leadership Programme is a C-suite readiness programme designed for senior IT managers aspiring to executive leadership roles. It brings together both local and international expertise to deliver a globally informed yet contextually relevant learning experience.

Through this programme, participants develop the ability to integrate key management concepts and best practices, strengthening their strategic thinking and leadership capabilities. They also gain a holistic understanding of the business landscape, enabling them to lead with impact in an increasingly digital and dynamic environment.

Why

In the digital era, businesses have no choice but to digitally transform and adapt certain technology practices in order to survive and have a competitive edge. For companies, a digital business strategy is viewed as a means of transforming their business, streamlining their processes, and making use of technologies to enhance their interaction with customers and employees and deliver excellent customer experience.

For enterprises to successfully adapt to digital transformation, they need leaders who are skilled and equipped to implement the right digital technologies and the right business models related to Information Technology.

For this reason, CIOs, CTOs and CSOs need a deep understanding of Information Technology in order to provide effective leadership for their organisations.

Programme Objectives

✔ Develop an IT Leadership Mindset

Equip participants with the mindset and capabilities required to lead effectively in dynamic, technology-driven environments.

✔ Build C-Suite Readiness

Prepare participants to operate at the executive level by strengthening strategic thinking, decision-making and executive presence.

✔ Enable Strategic IT Alignment

Empower participants to formulate and align ICT strategies with broader organisational goals to drive business value.

✔ Build Digital Transformation Capabilities

Provide participants with the skills and knowledge to leverage digital transformation in reimagining business models and developing innovative products and services.

Target Audience

1. Chief Data Officers (CDO)
2. Chief Security Officers (CSOs)
3. Chief Information Officers (CIOs)
4. Chief Technology Officers (CTOs)
5. Strategy and Innovation Officers
6. Chief Digital and Innovation Officer (CDIO)
7. Chief Digital Transformation Officer (CDTO)
8. Individuals in senior IT management who aspire to be promoted to any of the positions listed above in the near future.
9. Individuals in executive-level position in companies or other entities whose profession is focused on scientific and technological advancement within the organisation dealing with current ICT technologies.
10. Board Members who oversee IT functions in companies.

Expected Learning Outcomes

✔ Develop a Strategic IT Leadership Mindset

Participants will demonstrate a strong understanding of the evolving role of the IT leader and adopt a forward-thinking, leadership-oriented mindset.

✔ Achieve C-Suite Readiness

Participants will build the executive presence, strategic perspective, and decision-making capabilities required to effectively operate and influence at the C-suite level.

✔ Align IT Strategy with Organisational Goals

Participants will be able to design and implement IT strategies that drive business value and support overall organisational objectives.

✔ Drive Digital Innovation and Business Transformation

Participants will apply digital transformation capabilities to reimagine business models and develop innovative products and services.

Application Requirements

Updated CV
Reference letter (from employer)
2 passport size photographs

Applications are accepted throughout the year and should be received no later than two months before the start date.

To get more details on the program start date and the cost implications, contact the Executive Education Department through email on:



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CIO Leadership Program Curriculum

Module

1

Self-Leadership and the Business Landscape

1. Developing Self-Awareness: Understanding the Me Ltd.
2. Transitioning to the CIO Role: The Path to C-suite
3. Emerging Trends in Technology and the future of IT
4. Driving Cost Optimisation: Methods and Frameworks
5. Building a Digital Transformation Strategy

Module

2

Leadership and Decision Making

1. IT Governance – Standards, Policies and Processes
2. Building and Managing a Strong IT Workforce
3. Securing the Enterprise
4. Crisis Management in IT
5. Best Practices in IT Budgeting

Module

3

International Module

1. Digital State Architecture and Transformation in the Information Society
2. Next Generation Service Design and Digital Transformation
3. Information Security in the Information State
4. Digital Identity and its Management: Surviving in the Digital World
5. Interoperability and Data Exchange

This module will be delivered in Europe. Air Travel (Economy) and accommodation are included in the course fees.

Module

4

IT Strategy & Management: Business Alignment

1. Align Technology to Business Strategy
2. Value Creation, Cost Reduction
3. Gain a Market Competitive Advantage

Mode of Delivery

The programme is structured into four separate Modules - including an international module—to be delivered over a period of 8 months. Each module consists of 5 intensive days (full-time).

Content delivery approach includes but not limited to the following:

- a. Thought-provoking lectures.
- b. Live video-conferencing sessions.
- c. Use of real-world case studies.
- d. Visits to leading international companies (International Module).
- e. Learning enhanced through Strathmore University's eLearning platform.

Competitive Advantage of the CIO Programme



Locally Relevant Curriculum

Tailored content addressing the unique needs and dynamics of East African industries



High-Impact Executive Networking

Engage with senior industry leaders and experts in digital transformation, emerging technologies and global and regional tech trends



Exclusive CIO Alumni Network

Lifelong access to a trusted peer community



Advanced Leadership Masterclasses

Discounted access to CIO-focused programs by @iLabAfrica



Quarterly CIO Roundtables

Alumni-led forums on trends and challenges



Peer Mentoring & Mastermind Groups

Ongoing collaboration and support



Exclusive Events Access

Priority invites to Strathmore University and partner events



Leadership Visibility

Alumni spotlight features across official platforms



Corporate Partnership Perks

Benefits through @iLabAfrica Research Units



Global Exposure Opportunities

Access to international CIO study tours (self-sponsored)

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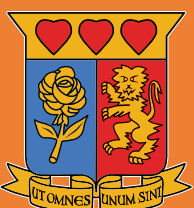
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