

# SHADRACH ANKRAH

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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An IT Specialist and community organizer with 8+ years of experience building community-driven technology initiatives. My work focuses on community privacy, decentralized infrastructure, and digital inclusion, supporting underserved communities to build and govern their own digital systems. I combine program leadership with hands-on technical and community engagement, with a strong interest in privacy-preserving and open-source technologies.

## EDUCATION

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### Master of Science in Information Technology

University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana | Jan 2026 - Dec 2026

### Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana | Apr 2015 - Nov 2021

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Africa Rural Internet and STEM Initiative (AFRISTEMI), Odomase, Sunyani West, Ghana

Founder & Executive Director | Jan 2023 – Present

- Lead the design, coordination, and delivery of digital literacy and STEM programs serving over 500 young people in underserved and rural communities in Ghana.
- Manage program timelines, facilitators, volunteers, and partners to ensure effective delivery and accountability.
- Coordinate workshops, training sessions, and community engagements, both virtual and in-person.
- Oversee documentation, progress tracking, and outcome reporting for programs and partners.
- Build and maintain partnerships with schools, civil society organizations, community leaders, and international networks.
- Provide mentorship and ongoing support to youth participants and facilitators.

### Lead For Ghana (LFG), Accra, Ghana

ICT Teaching Fellow | Oct 2023 – Present

- Delivered curriculum-aligned instruction integrating digital tools and participatory learning approaches.
- Supported learner development through mentorship and academic guidance.

- Coordinated classroom activities, assessments, and reporting in collaboration with school leadership.

### **Ghana Statistical Service, Accra, Ghana | Sep 2019 – September 2025**

#### **IT Support Specialist (Contractor)**

- Supported large-scale national programs by coordinating field teams, timelines, and technical readiness.
- Trained and supported over 1,000 field enumerators and supervisors across multiple regions in Ghana.
- Maintained operational documentation and reporting for survey activities.
- Contributed to major national exercises, including the 2021 Population and Housing Census.

### **LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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- Lead Facilitator, Internet For Education Special Interest Group (SIG) - Jan 2024 - Present
- Chair, Emergency Telecom Committee, Internet Society Ghana Chapter - Oct 2022 - Feb 2023
- AMS Admin, Internet For Education – Special Interest Group (SIG) - Feb 2022 - Dec 2023
- Board Member, Internet Society Youth Standing Group - Feb 2020 - Dec 2021
- Coordinator, Digital Education Working Group, Project Youth Summit – Jun- Dec 2021
- Technical Support Technician, IGF Secretariat (UNDESA) - Dec 2021
- Community Manager, Digital Grassroots (DIGRA) Program - 2019

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- The role of the Internet in building climate-resilient communities – Mozilla Festival, Barcelona, Spain, Nov 2025
- Beyond the Hype: Ethical Considerations for AI in Education - MozFest House, Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia, Nov 2024
- Building Emergency Networks to Serve Communities Affected by Crises - Digital Rights and Inclusion Forum (DRIF), Nairobi, Kenya, Apr 2023
- Connectivity at the Critical Time: During and After Emergencies - 17th Annual Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Nov 2022
- Data Privacy Gap: The Global South Youth Perspective - 17th Annual Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Nov 2022
- Point of Action, Project Youth Summit - Digital Education Working Group Coordinator, 16th Annual Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Katowice, Poland, Dec 2021

### **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

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- Open Social Media Incubator (Remote) - University of Colorado Boulder | Nov 2024 - Apr 2025
- DWeb Fellowship - Internet Archive, California, USA | Aug 2024
- ICANN77 Fellowship - ICANN, Washington, D.C., USA | Jun 2023
- NASIG23 Fellowship - American University, Washington, D.C., USA | Jun 2023
- Outstanding Volunteer Award - Internet Society Ghana, Accra, Ghana | Dec 2022

- AFRINIC-31 Fellowship - AFRINIC, Luanda, Angola | Dec 2019
- Hackathon@AIS Fellowship - Internet Society, Kampala, Uganda | Jun 2019