

Career Development Advice for Network Engineers across the Pacific

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Agenda



Your IKIGAI, Values, and Career planning



Vendor certifications



Learning to be a team leader



Transitions to management



Should you do an MBA?



Should you migrate to somewhere with more opportunity?

What Are Your Personal Values?

Altruism

Dependability

Integrity

Generosity

Courage

Gratitude

Well-being

Sustainability

Family

Self-respect

Adaptability

Uniqueness

Assertiveness

Support

Open-mindedness

Personal growth

Flexibility

Frugality

Improvement

Self-reliance

Vendor ~~Lock-ins~~ Certifications (1)

- Vendor certifications?
- Match your career goals.
- Some popular vendor certifications for network engineers include:
 - Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)
 - Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP)
 - Juniper Networks Certified Professional (JNCIA)
 - Juniper Networks Certified Specialist (JNCIS)



YOU MANAGE THINGS;
YOU LEAD
PEOPLE

~ Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper

Should You Migrate to Somewhere with More Opportunity?

- Whether or not to migrate to somewhere with more opportunity is also a personal decision.
- There are many factors to consider, such as your family situation, your financial situation, and your career goals.
- If you are considering migration, it is important to do your research and talk to people who have already migrated to get their perspective.



Stopping a Brain Drain?

- Local investment in
 - Economy
 - Education
- Creation of
 - Businesses
 - Career pathways
- Valuing strongly
 - Local culture
 - Equity and inclusion

Happily, there's a reversal of the brain drain occurring in Ghana now. We're seeing a lot of - actually in Africa - we're seeing a lot of African professionals, you know, returning to the continent to contribute their quota.

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Conclusion

- There are many things you can do to develop your career as a network engineer across the Pacific.
- Set career goals, play your strengths, network with other network engineers, and consider getting vendor certified.
- Learn how to be an effective team leader and develop your leadership skills.
- If you are interested in a management role, start building relationships with key stakeholders and communicating effectively with both technical and non-technical audiences.
- Consider whether or not an MBA is right for you.



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Further Reading

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