

## **Research by Positive Technologies: targeted attacks make up 68% of all attacks in Africa**

Positive Technologies analyzed the 2022–2023 cybersecurity threatscape in Africa. The results of the research will be presented at the second Russia–Africa Summit in Saint Petersburg on **July, 27 at 2.00 pm** at Pavilion H, press point 2 (in front of the press centre).

According to Positive Technologies experts, the financial sector in Africa suffers most from cyberattacks (almost 18% of attacks on organizations in the region), with cybercriminals being mainly driven by direct financial gain and theft of confidential information. Apart from hacktivists, organized hacker groups are also active in the region, motivated by cyberespionage in addition to financial gain.

Most of the attacks were targeted. Financial organizations are one of the most attractive attack targets in Africa. In most cases, criminals are focused on financial gain. Financial organizations store large amounts of customer data, including payment information, which allows attackers to use stolen information for further attacks on users. Telecommunications is the second most attractive industry for cybercriminals (13%). The five most frequently attacked sectors also included government (12%), retail (12%), and industry (10%).

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