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# PROGRAMME

## DAY 1 ➤ UNPACKING THE PLATFORM ECONOMY AND REGULATORY IMPLICATIONS

### OPENING & MORNING PLENARY SESSIONS - HALL 1

- 09:00 - 09:05 Opening Act
- 09:05 - 09:10 GovTech Introduction Video
- 09:10 - 09:20 Welcome Message - *Ms Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Premier of KZN*
- 09:20 - 09:40 SITA Strategic and GovTech Overview - *Mr Kiruben Pillay, Board Chairman, SITA*
- 09:40 - 10:10 Keynote address by *Mr Mondli Gungubele, MP - Minister of the Department of Communications & Digital Technologies*
- 10:10 - 10:30 Trends on Digitisation and Digitilisation - *Mr Christopher Geerdts - Managing Director, BMIT*
- 10:30 - 10:50 Mid-Morning Tea Break and Official Exhibition Opening

### PLENARY SESSIONS - HALL 1

- 10:50 - 11:05 The Importance of AI, and Big Data in Digital Transformation - *Mr Zhao Qing, Huawei*
- 11:05 - 11:50 Panel Discussion: Unpacking the Digital Economy in South Africa, What Is Working and Not Working - Panelists: *Mr Wanda Matandela – Chief Commercial Operations Officer, MTN ; Mr Mlamli Boo – CEO, Sentech ; Mr Matis Pellerin, VP Global Government Affairs, Oracle ; Mr Clayton Naidoo - Senior Director, Cisco ; Mr Kalane Rampai - MD, Microsoft ; Mr Saurabh Kumar - CEO, In2IT*  
*Moderator: Mr Loyiso Tyira - MICT SETA, Board Member & Chairperson of ICT Steering Committee*
- 11:50 - 12:25 Panel Discussion: The Role Legislation and Regulation play in Promoting Digital Economy for the Benefit of Public Service, Business and The Citizens - Panelists: *Mr Phila Ndarana - Office of the Auditor General ; Mr Shabeer Khan - DG (Acting), DTI ; Mr Tshagofatso Radinku - Snr Analyst, Competition Commission ; Mr Mogomotsi Mokoka – ICASA*  
*Moderator: Ms Nastassia Arendse*
- 12:25 - 12:55 Speech by *Mr Mzi Khumalo - MEC for Finance and e-Government*
- 12:55 - 13:15 Africa's Digital Transformation and Platform Business Consideration - a Must for Improvement in Public Service Delivery - *Mr Grant Morgan - Managing Director, SeaCom Business*
- 13:15 - 13:45 Innovation and Digital Skills - *Dr Blade Nzimande, MP – Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology*
- 13:45 - 14:30 Lunch Break

# DAY 1 ➤ UNPACKING THE PLATFORM ECONOMY AND REGULATORY IMPLICATIONS CONTINUED

## AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSIONS (HALL 1)

- 14:30 - 15:10 DG Cluster Panel: Challenges Stifling Service Delivery and What Can Be Done by Government and Private Sector to Drive Digital Transformation for Inclusive Growth - Panelists: *Ms Nonkqubela Jordan-Dyani – DG, DCDT ; Mr Duncan Williams - National Treasury ; Dr Granville Whittle – DDG, DBE ; Ms Yoliswa Makhasi – DG, DPSSA ; Mr Robert Nkuna – DG, DPME*  
*Moderator: Ms Varaidzo Audrey Mureriwa, Accenture*
- 15:10 - 15:30 Afternoon Tea Break

## AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 15:30 - 17:00 Side Bars - Sponsors Technical Presentations (Exhibition Hall)
- 15:30 - 17:00 Business Presentations (Room 22)
- 16:00 - 17:30 Closed Executive Session - SOC CEO's to lead conversation with the Minister  
*Moderator: Mr Vukani Mngxati - CEO, Accenture (Room 12)*

## EVENING PROGRAMME (ARENA)

- 19:00 - 23:00 Gala Dinner and Digital Public Service

## DAY 2 >> AI, INNOVATION AND PLATFORM ECONOMY PARTNERSHIPS

### MORNING PLENARY SESSIONS (HALL 1)

- 09:00 - 09:30 Panel Discussion: Digitilisation, AI and Big Data Analytics – the Role they Play in Facilitating Digital Economy - Panelists: *Mr Gareth Whitaker – Director, SoftwareAG ; Mr Mdu Mkhonza - Khanya Africa ; Mr Althon Beukes – CEO, Openserve*  
*Moderator: Mr Sabelo Dlamini*
- 09:30 - 10:00 The Time Has Come for a Constitutional Convention for AI - To Proactively Encode Principles That Will Steer This Transformative Technologies Toward Justice, Empowerment, and Human Flourishing - *Prof Mpho Primus - Deputy Director, Institute for Intelligent Systems, University of Johannesburg*
- 10:00 - 10:30 Panel Discussion: Building Collaborative Ecosystems: Public-Private Partnerships for Advanced Government Self-Service Solutions - Panelists: *Mr Zaid Aboobaker - Chairperson, GITOC ; Mr Ntutule Tshenye - Executive, SITA ; Mr Tinyiko Ngoben - DDC, DCDT ; Ms Athi Rwexu - Founder, Beta SigmaX Maths App ; Ms Baratang Miya – Founder, Girlhype Women Who Code ; Ms Thuli Manzini - DG (Acting), DSBD*  
*Moderator: Ms Nokky Ndlovu*
- 10:30 - 10:50 NITA Board Chairperson speech
- 10:50 - 11:10 Mid-Morning Tea Break

### PLENARY SESSIONS (HALL 1)

- 11:10 - 11:40 Panel Discussion: Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Startups and the Platform Ecosystem - Panelists: *Dr Leon Rolls - Chairperson, PBICT ; Mr Kganki Matabane - CEO, Black Business Council ; Ms Merishka Harilall – Founder, Spenda Holdings Alter Ego South Africa ; Mr Afrika Mkhangala – President, Youth Economic Alliance*  
*Moderator: Adv Thulani Mtshwene, SITA*
- 11:40 - 12:10 Robust Cyber Security - A Must for Effective Digital Transformation - *Mr Philly Mapulane, MP - Deputy Minister of Communications & Digital Technologies*
- 12:10 - 13:10 Lunch Break



## DAY 2 => AI, INNOVATION AND PLATFORM ECONOMY PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUED

### AFTERNOON CONCURRENT TRACK STREAMS

#### TRACK 1: DIGITAL ECONOMY - CHAIR: MS CATHY LESO (ROOM 11)

- 13:10 - 13:30 Will the Platform Business Model Work for Africa? Are there Considerations to be Made? - *Mr Jonathan Lamb - Head of Platform Businesses, Standard Bank*
- 13:30 - 13:50 Digital Insights - *Mr Matis Pellerin - Vice President, Global Government Affairs, Oracle*
- 13:50 - 14:10 The Impact of Digital Skills on the Digital Economy - *Mr Matome Madibana - CEO, MICT SETA*
- 14:10 - 14:30 Digital Skills Enabling Digital Transformation - *Mr Trevor Rammitlwa – CEO, NEMISA*

#### TRACK 2: BIG DATA AND AI - CHAIR: MR BUNTU MANITSHANA (ROOM 12)

- 13:10 - 13:30 Empowering Africa's Languages in AI and Machine Learning: Key in Enhancing Service Delivery in the Digital Economy - *Prof Vukosi Marivate - Associate Professor of Computer Science, University of Pretoria*
- 13:30 - 13:50 The Role of AI in Empowering Citizen-Centric Services - *Mr Pierre Le Roux - Co-Founder, Spatialedge*
- 13:50 - 14:10 Usage of Data and AI to Enable and Enhance Public Service Delivery - *Google*
- 14:10 - 14:30 The Social and Policy Dimensions of AI and Data Analytics - *Ms Nhenna Nwakanma - Board Member, The International Digital Health and AI Research Collaborative (i-DAIR)*

#### TRACK 3: EMPOWERMENT AND SMME'S - CHAIR: MR NORBIT WILLIAMS (ROOM 21)

- 13:10 - 13:30 Building and Scaling a Successful Platform-Based Business in South Africa - *Mr Andrew Pillay - Digital Solutions & eCommerce Specialist, Peach Payments*
- 13:30 - 13:50 Insights Into the Funding Landscape For Platform-Based Businesses - *Ms Karabo Nkoana - Executive, Ditiro Capital*
- 14:30 - 14:50 Afternoon Tea Break

## **DAY 2 => AI, INNOVATION AND PLATFORM ECONOMY PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUED**

### **AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

- 14:50 - 15:50      Conversation with the Deputy Minister on Engagement with SMME's - *DCT SOC's ; Small Business SEDA ; DRI* (Hall 1)  
*Programme Director: Mr Terry Vandayar*  
*Moderator: Ms Zine Nkukwana*
  - 14:50 - 15:50      Side Bars - Sponsors Technical Presentations and Business Presentations (Exhibition Hall)
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- 15:50 - 17:30      Pitching Sessions - SMME and Start-Ups Pitching their Solutions with Comments Provided by Entrepreneur and Innovation Coaches (Hall 1)  
*Chair: Ms Tshavhu Mukhodobwane*
  - 15:50 - 17:30      Side Bars - Sponsors Technical Presentations (Exhibition Hall)
  - 15:50 - 17:30      Business Presentations and Launching of Solutions / Products (Room 21)

## DAY 3 ➤ INCLUSIVITY, CYBER SECURITY AND CITIZEN-CENTRIC DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

### MORNING PLENARY SESSIONS (HALL 1)

- 09:00 - 09:30 Enabling Financial Inclusion through Digital - *Mr Lee Naik – CEO, TransUnion*
- 09:30 - 10:10 Panel Discussion: Catalyzing Women's Leadership in the Digital Economy: Driving Change for Inclusivity - Panelists: *Ms Nyari Samushonga - CEO, WeThinkCode ; Ms Mamela Luthuli - CEO, Take Note IT ; Ms Smangele Nkosi – GM/Country Leader SA, Cisco*  
Moderator: *Ms Leanne Manas*
- 10:10 - 11:00 Asikhulume Session with Deputy Minister and Students on Digital Skills - *with Dr Bongani Mabaso – MD, SITA ; Mr Trevor Rammitlwa – CEO, NEMISA ; Mr Matome Madibana - CEO, MICT SETA ; Mr Tshepo Mokoena - Executive Chairman, In2IT – 235 students sponsored by In2IT and MICT SETA*  
Facilitator: *Samkelisiwe Sibiya from SITA*
- 11:00 - 11:20 Mid-Morning Tea Break

### CONCURRENT TRACK STREAMS

#### TRACK 1: DIGITAL ECONOMY - CHAIR: MR GOPAL REDDY (ROOM 11)

- 11:20 - 11:45 Digital Economy - What are the Legal Implications? - *Ms Priyanka Naidoo - Senior Associate: Technology, Media & Telecommunications, ENS Africa*
- 11:45 - 12:10 Digital Economy Enabling the Digitisation of Government - *Accenture*
- 12:10 - 12:35 Digital Education and the Role of Platforms in Expanding Access to Learning Opportunities - *Ms Rapelang Rabana - CEO, Rekindle Learning*
- 12:35 - 13:00 Are We Ready for Platform Co-ops in South Africa? - *Ms Ratula Beukman - Member of Faculty, University of the Western Cape*

#### TRACK 2: CYBER SECURITY - CHAIR: DR KIRU PILLAY (ROOM 12)

- 11:20 - 11:45 Understanding the Evolving Cyber Risks and Devising Innovative Solutions to Protect Platforms - *Mr Nithen Naidoo - CEO & Founder, Snode Cybersecurity*
- 11:45 - 12:10 Digital Identities, Will they be trusted? How can they be made to be trusted by ALL - *Mr Richard Craig - Practice Lead, Altron Securities*
- 12:10 - 12:35 Fortifying the Digital Economy: Cybersecurity Insights from Africa - *Dr Happy Sithole - Center Manager, National Intergrated Cyber-Infrastructure at CSIR-NICIS*
- 12:35 - 13:00 Cyber Security - *Microsoft*

## DAY 3 >> INCLUSIVITY, CYBER SECURITY AND CITIZEN-CENTRIC DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CONTINUED

### TRACK 3: DIGITALISATION & DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION - CHAIR: MR MLINDI MASHOLOGU (ROOM 21)

- 11:20 - 11:45 The Future of Work in Digital Economy - *Prof Brian Armstrong – Chair of Digital Business, WITS*
- 11:45 - 12:10 Digital Transformation for a Digital Economy (Network Enabling Digital Economy) - *Dr Nkosi Kumalo - General Manager: ICT Products and Capability, MTN*
- 12:10 - 12:45 Digitalisation and Digitisation - Experience in Government and the Strides Made so Far - *Mr Mothibi Ramusi - GITOC ; Mr Thulani Mavuso - COO, Department of Home Affairs*
- 12:45 - 13:10 Future Perspective of Digital Transformation - *Dr Njeri Mwagiru - Senior Futurist, Stellenbosch University*
- 13:10 - 14:00 Lunch Break

### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

- 14:00 - 15:30 GITOC Delegates Service Delivery Engagement – Insights into Challenges and Focus on Solutions (Hall 1)
- 15:30 - 15:50 Afternoon Tea Break
- 15:50 - 16:30 GITOC ENGAGING WITH INDUSTRY:  
SIDE BARS - Sponsors Technical / Business Presentations (Exhibition Hall)