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1 CITIZEN ONE SERVICE DELIVERY JOURNEY -

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION.

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PROGRAMME

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10 SEPTEMBER 2025

FROM UNDERSTANDING TO ACTION

CYBERSECURITY: PILOTS, SCALING & LAUNCH

START	SESSION TITLE	SPEAKERS
	CYBERSECURITY: PILOTS, SCALING & LAUNCH	
09:00 - 09:15	**Recap & Industry Perspective:** Building Momentum from Day 01	Knowledge Partner
09:15 - 10:00	**Scaling Secure DPI Platforms Nationwide** - Industry Playbook	**Richard Dewing** - Managing Director - Cibecs
10:00 - 11:00	**Stress** -Testing the Interoperability Security Blueprint	**William du Preez**' - General Manager at Introstat
11:00 - 11:15	**TEA BREAK**	
11:15 - 12:00	**Platter of Case Studies:** Cyber Security Considerations in DPI Integration Projects	**Thulani Mavuso** - Dept. of Home Affairs, Mandla Ngcobo - Dept. of Public Service Administration
12:00 - 12:30	**SMMEs as Custodians of Data Sovereignty:** A Local Advantage Over Multinationals	ICT Chamber-Siphokazi Simandla
12:30 - 13:00	**Securing Local Govt. (DDM):** Considerations for Cybersecurity in a Fragmented Government	Flip Erasmus, BDM, Liquid C3
13:00 - 13:15	**Endorsement & Launch:** Pilot Cyber Security Seal of Trust & 100-Day Action Plan	Knowledge Partner + supported by co-chair

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DIGITAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TRACK: FROM UNDERSTANDING TO ACTION		
09:00 - 09:45	**Fireside Chat –** Planning for Delivery of Digital Government Service – How to incorporate the voice of the citizen in our measurement of success	Panel of Representatives of Citizen Facing Departments
09:45 - 10:30	**Digital Government Service** – How to incorporate the voice of the citizen in our measurement of success	**Dipika Prasad** - Google Cloud Product Lead, Tarun Rao - Enterprise Account Leader - Google
10:30 - 11:00	**Plenary** - Building Digital Trust, Access, and Affordability	**Walter Thamaha** - Senior Partner
11:00 - 11:15	**Use Case Deep Dive** - Social Protection Integration	Development Manager at Microsoft
11:15 - 12:00	**TEA BREAK**	
	Digital Transformation (TBA)	Huawei

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	DATA AND AI ECONOMY TRACK: DESIGNING AFRICA'S AI ECONOMY TOGETHER	
09:00 - 09:45	**Keynote 02:** Data Sovereignty & African Innovation Models	**Prof Mpho Primus** - (PhD Computer Science) **Founder and Director**: Primus Tech Hub
09:45 - 11:00	**Panel Discussion:** Skills for the AI Economy	Associate Professor and Co-Director (Institute for Artificial Intelligent Systems, UJ)
11:00 - 11:15	**TEA BREAK**	
11:15 - 12:00	**Keynote 03:** National AI Policy - Discussion	**Ms Gugu Sema** - Senior Manager 4IR (MICTSETA), Dr Unéné Gregory- Project Manager (TUT), Tebogo Makgatho- Chief Executive Officer (Netcampus)
12:00 - 13:00	**Panel Discussion:** Building an Inclusive and Responsible Data and AI Future	**Dumisani Sondlo** - Deputy Director - Communications and Digital Technologies
13:00 - 13:15	Insights Consolidation Plenary	**Prof Willem Fourie (SUN); Dr Happy Sithole** - NICIS Centre Manager (CSIR); Hein Badenhorst (Head of Commercial AI Cassava) Knowledge Partner + Co-chair

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CLOUD SERVICES AND CONNECTIVITY TRACK: VALIDATING AND LAUNCHING THE FRAMEWORK		
09:00 - 10:00	**Cloud Migration Lessons:** What Government Can Learn	**Microsoft Expert Panel** • Didier Ongena - Global VP Pulic Sector • Navin Indurjeeth - Security Specialist • Tiara Pathon - AI Skills Director"
10:00 - 11:00	**Regulation & Innovation Panel:** Balancing Regulation and Innovation Managing Data with Global Providers	**TIA Chairperson** - Loyiso Tyira, Adv Collen Weapond - Information Regulator, Sabelo Dlamini- SANReN Director CSIR, Hamilton Kgatliso - Director: Solution Support and Incubation at Centre for Public Service
11:00 - 11:15	**TEA BREAK**	
11:15 - 12:15	**AI & Cloud Integration Debate:** AI in the **Cloud:** Innovation Engine or Job Disruption? Edge-to-Core Connectivity for Rural	**Ashley Jacobs** - Cisco
12:15 - 12:45	**Gov-Services:** Satellite, 5G, Fibre & Fixed-Wireless	**Dr Sunil Piyarlall** - Executive for Network Architecture and Modelling - Telkom, Mothibi Ramusi - ICASA, Viresh Moonasar- Principal Solution Architect - Vodacom, Tebogo Leshope -Chief Executive Officer Sentech
12:45 - 13:15	**The Future of Public Service:** Navigating AI's Impact with an Agile Approach	**Liandra Nxongo** - Stratventure

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CLOSING PLENARY - NASTASSIA ARENDSE		
12:00 - 14:00	**LUNCH**	
14:00- 14:05	Arrival & Recap After Lunch and Close of the Tracks	MC / Programme Lead
14:05 - 14:25	**Commitment Feedback Session** – From Tracks to Action	Track Champions + Selected Voices (SMMEs, CIOs)
14:25 - 14:35	**Closing Keynote** – What Comes After Commitment	**Mr Gopal Reddy** - Acting Managing Director - SITA
14:35 - 14:55	Inspiring Action and Commitment	**Donald Valoyi** - e-commerce pioneer
14:55 - 15:00	MC Wrap-Up & Pledge Activation	MC

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