

# Governance as a Digital Catalyst

Steering tech driven innovation

14.08.2026

## AGENDA



4th Annual Conference 2026



From 07:30

Registration and networking

**Conference hosts:**

**Samkele Jack-Pama**

Advisory Project Manager,  
FluidRock Governance Group

**Jeremy Maggs**

Journalist, radio host and television presenter

13:45

*From AI Acceleration to the Future of Governance*

A structured, moderated debate exploring whether exploring how AI is moving rapidly beyond prediction into reasoning, autonomy, and increasingly agentic systems. We are no longer simply talking about productivity tools; we are entering an era where intelligent systems participate in analysis, simulation, decision-support, and potentially governance itself.

**Louise Claassen**

08:30

*Welcome and scene setting  
Governance as a Digital Catalyst in Africa*

**Ronelle Kleyn**

CEO, FluidRock Governance Group

14:30

**Breakaway sessions (Pick one)**

*Option 1*

**Unpacking King V's Principal 10:**

Governing data, information, and technology to enable, sustain and optimize strategy and objectives

*Option 2*

**The right questions to ask about AI and digital strategy:**

Practical oversight guidance for NEDs. Governing AI while enabling innovation and driving sustainable value.

*Option 3*

**AI Use Cases:**

Real-world experience from a transforming organisations.

08:45

*Information as a strategic asset:  
Governing truth, trust and transparency*

**Mandy Weiner**

Journalist, Author, Media Specialist

09:30

**Keynote Dialogue**

*Long-term value creation amid technological disruption*

**Adv. Annamarie van der Merwe**

Executive Chair, FluidRock Group

**Professor Mervyn King SC**

**Ansie Ramalho**

Chair, King Committee

10:15

Refreshments and networking

15:30

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11:00

*Technology as a growth catalyst in Africa.  
How emerging technologies are reshaping business models and board oversight:*

- Artificial intelligence and board accountability
- Blockchain and digital trust
- Cyber resilience and director liability
- Innovation strategy versus operational risk

Featuring senior governance leaders, technology specialists and experienced NEDs.

**Speaker:**

**Mo Barry**

**Moderator:**

**Jeremy Maggs**

Journalist, radio host and television presenter

**Panel:**

**Mo Barry**

16:00

*SA's AI future and algorithmic sovereignty*

**Benjamin Rosman**

Professor, School of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, University of the Witwatersrand

Director: Wits Machine Intelligence and Neural Discovery (MIND) Institute

Director: Robotics, Autonomous Intelligence, and Learning (RAIL) Laboratory

11:45

**Featured Debate**

*"AI should have a formal seat at the Board table."*

A structured, moderated debate exploring whether artificial intelligence should play a direct role in board-level decision-making.

Audience participation and live voting.

**Moderator:**

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16:35

**Closing Keynote**

*Navigating uncharted waters: Leadership and courage in uncertain terrain*

An inspiring close linking disciplined navigation at sea with navigating complexity in governance and leadership.

**Captain Londy Ngcobo**

"The Black Mermaid"

17:15

*Closing remarks and key takeaways*

**Ronelle Kleyn**

CEO, FluidRock Governance Group

12:30

Lunch and networking

17:30

*Champagne cocktail and conversations*