

# 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

08:30

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

**Carina Wessels**  
Chief GRC Officer and Executive:  
Impact Advisory, Alexforbes

08:45

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

- Trust as a governance currency.
- How digital information ecosystems affect stakeholder confidence.
- Media risk mapping for boards.
- Integrating reputational risk into enterprise risk frameworks.

**Mandy Wiener**  
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

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:**  
**Mody-Oury Barry**  
Co-Founder and CEO, TransNumerik

**Moderator:**  
**Jeremy Maggs**  
Journalist, Radio Host and Television Presenter

**Panelists:**  
**Mody-Oury Barry**  
Co-Founder and CEO, TransNumerik  
**Dr Peter Crow**  
Independent Board Director, Advisor  
and Educator

11:45

**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.*

**Moderator:**  
**Jeremy Maggs**  
Journalist, Radio Host and Television Presenter  
**Latcha Walters – arguing FOR**  
Information and Technology GRC Advisor,  
Walters Advisory  
**Sherma Malan – arguing AGAINST**  
CEO, Compliance Institute Southern Africa  
**Kris Dobie – arguing AGAINST**  
Executive: Organisational Ethics,  
The Ethics Institute

12:30

Lunch and Networking

13:30

*AI Business Use Case*  
*How Redefine Properties is using digital  
transformation as a business enabler.*

**Redefine Properties**

14:00

*From AI Acceleration to the Future of  
Governance.*  
*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**  
Co-founder and Managing Director,  
ORBmersive

14:45

**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.

**Mohamed Adam**  
Deputy Chair, King Committee  
**Adv. Annamarie van der Merwe**  
Executive Chair, FluidRock Group

*Option 2*  
**AI Governance as a Digital Catalyst**

**Ronelle Kleyn**  
CEO, FluidRock Governance Group

*Option 3*  
**AI MasterClass.**  
Showcasing the magic of AI tools in action

**Rudolph Pieterse**  
Training Director, Future.AI

15:30

Refreshments and Networking

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

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

**Anda Matwa**  
Company Secretary, Redefine Properties