

Governance
as a
Digital Catalyst

Steering tech driven innovation

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AGENDA



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	13:30	<i>AI Business Use Case</i> <i>How Redefine Properties is using digital transformation as a business enabler.</i> Obey Makhuvele Head of Information and Communication Technology, Redefine Properties Doug Mayne Head of Marketing and Stakeholder Affairs, Redefine Properties
08:30	<i>Welcome and scene setting</i> <i>Governance as a Digital Catalyst in Africa.</i> Carina Wessels Chief GRC Officer and Executive: Impact Advisory, Alexforbes	14:00	<i>From AI Acceleration to the Future of Governance.</i> <i>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.</i> Louise Claassen Co-founder and Managing Director, ORBmersive
08:45	<i>Information as a strategic asset:</i> <i>Governing truth, trust and transparency.</i> · 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	14:45	Breakaway Sessions (Pick one) <i>Option 1</i> Unpacking King V's Principles 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 <i>Option 2</i> AI Governance as a Digital Catalyst Ronelle Kleyn CEO, FluidRock Governance Group Nicky Verd Digital Futurist, International Keynote Speaker, and Author <i>Option 3</i> AI MasterClass. Showcasing the magic of AI tools in action Rudolph Pieterse Training Director, Future.AI
09:30	Keynote Dialogue <i>Long-term value creation amid technological disruption.</i> 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	<i>Technology as a growth catalyst in Africa.</i> <i>How emerging technologies are reshaping business models and board oversight:</i> · Artificial intelligence and board accountability. · Blockchain and digital trust. · Cyber resilience and director liability. · Innovation strategy versus operational risk. <i>Featuring senior governance leaders, technology specialists and experienced NEDs.</i> Speaker: Mody-Oury Barry Co-Founder and CEO, TransNumerik, Canada/West Africa Moderator: Jeremy Maggs Journalist, Radio Host and Television Presenter Panelists: Mody-Oury Barry Co-Founder and CEO, TransNumerik, Canada/West Africa Dr Peter Crow Independent Board Director, Advisor and Educator, New Zealand	15:30	Refreshments and Networking
11:45	Debate <i>"AI should have a formal seat at the Board table."</i> <i>A structured, moderated debate exploring whether artificial intelligence should play a direct role in board-level decision-making.</i> Moderator: Jeremy Maggs Journalist, Radio Host and Television Presenter Gordon Hooper – arguing FOR Managing Director, Bateleur Brand Planning Laticha Walters – arguing FOR Information and Technology GRC Advisor, Walters Advisory Sherma Malan – arguing AGAINST CEO, Compliance Institute Southern Africa Kris Dobie – arguing AGAINST Executive: Organizational Ethics, The Ethics Institute	16:00	<i>Beyond Compliance</i> <i>Governing AI Before AI Governs Us</i> Nicky Verd Digital Futurist, International Keynote Speaker, and Author
		16:20	<i>SA's AI future and algorithmic sovereignty</i> 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
		16:50	Closing Keynote <i>Navigating uncharted waters: Leadership and courage in uncertain terrain.</i> <i>An inspiring close linking disciplined navigation at sea with navigating complexity in governance and leadership.</i> Captain Londy Ngcobo "The Black Mermaid"
12:30	Lunch and Networking	17:30	<i>Closing Remarks</i> Ronelle Kleyn CEO, FluidRock Governance Group