

Governance
as a
Digital Catalyst

Steering tech driven innovation

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From 07:30	Registration and Networking	13:30	AI Business Use Case <i>How Redefine Properties is using digital transformation as a business enabler.</i>
	Conference hosts: Samkele Jack-Pama Advisory Project Manager, FluidRock Governance Group Jeremy Maggs Journalist, Radio Host and Television Presenter		Obey Makhuvele Head of Information and Communication Technology, Redefine Properties Doug Mayne Head of Marketing and Stakeholder Affairs, Redefine Properties
08:30	Welcome and scene setting <i>Governance as a Digital Catalyst in Africa.</i>	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>
	Carina Wessels Chief GRC Officer and Executive: Impact Advisory, Alexforbes		Louise Claassen Co-founder and Managing Director, ORBmersive
08:45	<i>Information as a strategic asset: 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.	14:45	Breakaway Sessions (Pick one)
	Mandy Wiener Journalist, Author, Media Specialist		<i>Option 1</i> 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
09:30	Keynote Dialogue <i>Long-term value creation amid technological disruption.</i>		<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
	Adv. Annamarie van der Merwe Executive Chair, FluidRock Group Professor Mervyn King SC Ansie Ramalho Chair, King Committee		<i>Option 3</i> AI MasterClass. Showcasing the magic of AI tools in action Rudolph Pieterse Training Director, Future.AI
10:15	Refreshments and Networking	15:30	Refreshments and Networking
11:00	<i>Technology as a growth catalyst in Africa. 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>	16:00	<i>Beyond Compliance</i> <i>Governing AI Before AI Governs Us</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	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
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>	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>
	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	17:30	<i>Closing Remarks</i>
			Ronelle Kleyn CEO, FluidRock Governance Group
12:30	Lunch and Networking		