

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2024

DAY 1: 16 JULY - ROOM 1

Pan African Data Centres

08:30	Registration & Exhibition Viewing	
09:00	Keynote address & Opening Remarks <i>Dr Ayotunde Coker, Chairman, ADCA</i>	
09:30	Presentation: Key trends across the African data centres market 2024 <i>Chudi Okoye, Deputy Regional Editor, Oxford Business Group</i>	
10:00	Panel discussion: Investment opportunities African data centre market 2024 Moderator: <i>Mark Acton, Head of Technical Due Diligence, Future-tech</i> Panellists: • <i>Ayotunde Coker, Chairman, ADCA</i> • <i>Menno Parsons, CEO, Master Power Technologies</i> • <i>Juanita Clark, Founder and CEO, Digital Council Africa</i>	
10:40	Panel discussion: The changing drivers for site selection across Africa Moderator: <i>Heath Andersen, Data Centre Consultant</i> Panellists: • <i>Shaun Versfeld, Director South Africa, Royal Haskoning DHV</i> • <i>Greg Burke, Head of Site Selection, Africa Data Centres</i> • <i>Will Clarke, International Head of Site Selection & Development Director, Future-tech</i> • <i>John Michael Davidson, Solution Architect, Data Centre Facility, Huawei</i>	
11:30	Green digital infrastructure, building an intelligent Africa <i>Gang Guo, VP of Huawei Southern Africa Service & Software MSSD, Huawei</i>	
12:00	Panel discussion: Data Centre design - preparing for the future Moderator: <i>Lisa Shaw, Senior Manager, CBRE Excellerate</i> Panellists: • <i>Russell Bartley, Director, Mavin Powercube</i> • <i>Riaan de Leeuw, Country Manager, Sudlows Consulting</i> • <i>Henning Rasmuss, MD, Datascape</i>	
12:40	Case Study Presentation: Monitoring to Improve Sustainability and Reduce Down Time <i>Wabo Majavu, African Data Centres</i>	
13:00	LUNCH & EXHIBITION VIEWING	
13:50	Bee Relevant - Build Data Centres Sustainable for Africa <i>Menno Parsons, MD, Master Power Technologies</i>	
14:20	Presentation: Beyond the Grid: Future of Data Centre Power Supply • <i>Mohamed Zeineldin -EAME Sales Manager GPP- Rental Power Solutions, Caterpillar</i> • <i>Alban Hohmann Schauly Data Center Segment Manager - Africa & Middle East, Caterpillar</i>	
14:50	Fireside Chat: exploring the future of the data centres industry and key technology trends. <i>Mark Acton, Head of Technical Due Diligence, Future-tech and Nabeel Mahmood, MD, Nomad Futurist</i>	
15:20	Importance of using cable cleats in datacentres: An introduction to cable cleats for the African data centre market • <i>Clinton Vieira, Regional Sales Manager Africa, CMP Products</i>	
15:50	Considerations in selecting data centre storage solutions <i>Gerrit Barnard, Director, Sales - EMEA, C&D Technologies</i>	
16:20	Panel discussion: Diversifying the data centre workforce Moderator: <i>Nabeel Mahmood, Managing Director, Nomad Futurist</i> Panellists: • <i>Venessa Moffatt, EMEA Partner Manager, EkkoSense</i> • <i>Nomzamo Xaba, Principal Programme manager, AWS</i> • <i>Roger Shutte, GM, IT infrastructure & Cloud, MTN Nigeria</i>	

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Networking Reception in the Exhibition Hall

DAY 1: 16 JULY - ROOM 2

Cloud Solutions Africa

08:30	Registration & Exhibition Viewing	
09:00	Welcome <i>Stephane Duproz, Data Centres Consultant</i>	
09:05	Opening Remarks <i>Andile Ngcaba, President, Digital Council Africa</i>	
09:30	Plenary Keynote Address <i>Sandile Dube, MD South Africa, Equinix</i>	
09:50	Discussion: The Importance of the CIO in Driving Digital Success Moderator: <i>Stephane Duproz, Data Centre Consultant</i> Panellists: • <i>Abdul Baba, CIO, Infrastructure South Africa</i> • <i>Duncan Eric Ogonji, CIO, Kenya Vision</i>	
10:30	Innovative Approaches to Mitigating Risks in African Data Centre Deployment <i>Eric Tenkorang, Independent Consultant</i>	
11:00	Case study <i>Mpho Mothapo, Executive Lead Cloud Advisory, BCX Consulting</i>	
11:30	Migrating to the Cloud - Moving the needle in your business through cloud <i>Paul Spagnoletti, Executive Head: Cloud, Security & MSP, Synthesis</i>	
12:00	+AI, Enable the Future of Digital Africa <i>Roc Bai, VP of Huawei Cloud Southern Africa, Huawei</i>	
12:30	Panel Discussion: The Strategic Case for Cloud Investment Moderator: <i>Mtho Xulu, President, South African Chamber of Commerce</i> Panellists: • <i>Sandile Dube, Managing Director, South Africa, Equinix</i> • <i>Mogomotsi Mokoka, CIO, Independent Communications Authority of South Africa</i>	
13:10	LUNCH & EXHIBITION VIEWING	
13:50	Building an Infrastructure to Support Business Continuity • <i>Nabeel Mahmood, Managing Director, Nomad Futurist</i> • <i>Dr Quin Jernigan, Manager, Workforce/Economic Development, AWS</i>	
14:20	Cloud Hosting Customisation - the smart way to meet demands and expectations <i>Eckart Zollner, Business Development, Digital Parks Africa</i>	
14:45	Rethinking Traditional Cloud Models <i>Julie Irms, Head of Sales, Touchnet Telecommunications</i>	
15:10	Innovation in Cloud Architectures <i>Lisa Wright, Assistant Vice President, Ecosystem Partner Management</i>	
15:35	Unlocking Africa's Potential - Defining a Cloud Ecosystem to Empower Tomorrow's Africa Moderator: <i>Abyda Aziz, Head of Strategy, Touchnet Solutions</i> Panellists: • <i>Charly Bahous, CEO, Touchnet Telecommunications</i> • <i>Juanita Clark, CEO, Digital Council Africa</i>	
16:15	Panel session: The True Role of AI in the Digital Evolution Moderator: <i>Mark Acton, Independent Consultant, Acton Consulting</i> Panellists: • <i>Sipho Mtombeni, Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager, Google</i> • <i>Dr Nick Bradshaw, Director, SA AI Association</i> • <i>James Byaruhanga, Managing Director, Roke Cloud</i> • <i>Amit Sharma, Executive Product Manager - Cloud & AI, Huawei</i>	
16:50	The Future of Cloud - an Executive Summary <i>Stephane Duproz, Data Centres Consultant</i>	

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10:30	Presentation: Implementing an African Code of Conduct • <i>Bernard Lecanu, International Consultant</i> • <i>Mark Acton, Head of Technical Due Diligence, Future-tech</i>	
11:00	Panel discussion: Construction best practice; how to mitigate delays and growing costs Moderator: <i>Neels Van Niekerk, Equate Africa</i> Panellists: • <i>Cameron Staude, Director, NSDV</i> • <i>Eduard Bosman, Renewable Energy Engineer, WSP</i> • <i>Heath Andersen, Data Centre Consultant</i> • <i>Marlo Walters, Electrical Team Lead, Royal HaskoningDHV</i>	
11:40	Presentation: A Win-Win: Intentional Approaches to Cloud Infrastructure Employee Development • <i>Dr Quin Jernigan, Manager, Workforce/Economic Development, AWS</i> • <i>Allyson Eastman, Global Public Policy - Economic Development, AWS</i>	
12:10	Real Life AI Video Solutions for Data Centres • <i>Nicolaas Broodryk, New Business Developer Manager, Bosch Security and Safety Systems</i> • <i>Quintin Van Den Berg, Country Business Director Southern Africa, Bosch Security and Safety Systems</i>	
12:40	Presentation: Key Data Center Markets in Africa: South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt, and Morocco <i>Scott Roots, Sales Director EMEA, DC Byte</i>	
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14:00	Panel discussion: Empowering the next generation of data centres talent Moderator: <i>Lee Perrin, Data Centre MEA Director, CBRE</i> Panellists: • <i>Mike Meyer, Partner, Portman Partners</i> • <i>Ayotunde Coker, Chairman, ADCA</i> • <i>Kgothatso Madibogo, Intern Day Plant Operator, CBRE</i> • <i>Nabeel Mahmood, MD, Nomad Futurist</i>	
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10:30	Panel session: The growing role of AI within data centres Moderator: <i>Liam Mc Dermott, Sales Development Manager, Grundfos</i> Panellists: • <i>Sam Chukwukereuba, Data Centre Engineering Solutions, Digital Realty Nigeria</i> • <i>Eben Owen, Senior Business Director for Uptime Institute</i> • <i>Venessa Moffatt, EMEA Partner Manager, Ekkosense</i>	
11:20	Presentation: How AI has an impact on the Rack Power requirements, the Rack Design and Cooling <i>Paul Bekema, Sales Engineer, Legrand Data Centre Solutions</i>	
11:50	Panel discussion: Maintenance strategies and best practice for ageing assets Moderator: <i>Lee Perrin, Data Centre MEA Director, CBRE</i> Panellists: • <i>Sam Chukwukereuba, Data Centre Engineering Solutions, Digital Realty</i> • <i>Mark Acton, Head of Technical Due Diligence, Future-tech</i>	
12:30	Panel discussion: Things are heating up - the growing innovation in cooling solutions Moderator: <i>Jonker Bester, Director, Spoomaker & Partners</i> Panellists: • <i>Argyrios Papadopoulos, Director, AIRCOCFD</i> • <i>Michael Yound, Application Engineer (Thermal), Vertiv</i> • <i>Last Shadaya, Senior Mechanical Engineer, Systemair</i>	
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