



Day 1: 23 June 2026

9:00 Room One - Opening Remarks - ADCA Representative

9:10 Room One - Keynote Address - Siya Madyibi, Head of CELA South Africa, Microsoft

**Day 1: 23 June 2026
Room One: Strategy Stream**

- 09:40 Panel Discussion: Mapping investment trends and opportunities for 2026 and beyond**
Moderator: Mthu Xulu, President, Southern African Chamber of Commerce
Panellists:
Paul-Francois Cattier, MD, ADCA
Muhammed Munshi, Stanlib
Will Clarke, Principle Digital Infrastructure, Evermere
- 10:20 Panel Discussion: Why power infrastructure is a driving force for site selection across Africa**
Moderator: Heath Andersen, Consultant (TBC)
Panellists:
Justin Wimbush, MD, Kambuku Consulting
Marc Matthews, Director of Engineering, OADC
Julia Power, Partner, Bowmans Law
Thulani Ncube, Independent Consultant
- 11:40 Panel Discussion: Master Power Technologies** 
Moderator and Panellists: TBC
- 12:10 Panel Discussion: How data centre design is changing to match individual country needs**
Moderator: Mark Acton, Independent Consultant
Panellists:
Henning Rasmuss, MD, Datascape
Robert Marston, Director Infrastructure Data Centres, NTT Nigeria
Lars Johansson, CEO, Rack Centre
Gregory Burke, Head of Site Selection, Africa Data Centres
Shaun Versfeld, Associate Director, Mission Critical Facilities, Atana

12:50 Lunch & Exhibiton Viewing

- 13:50 Panel Discussion: Creating a natural resources supply chain to bolster future data centres**
Moderator: Paul Schnborn, CEO, Madagascar Stellarix
Panellists:
Methembeni Moyo, Head Africa Practise, NSDV
Snehar Shah, CEO, IX Africa
- 14:30 Panel Discussion: PPAs - navigating the yellow tape**
Moderator: TBC
Panellists:
Mandy Hattingh, Director, NSDV
Grant Ralph, Envusa
Alex Felekis, Partner, Bowmans Law
- 15:10 Panel Discussion: Is AI distracting us from the real benefits and uses of Colo's?**
Moderator: Mark Acton, Independent Consultant
Panellists:
Eben Owen, Director of Sales, The Uptime Institute
Nils Gerstle, Director, Collaborotix
Ryan Holmes, Cheif Revenue Officer, Raxio
Mike Meyer, Managing Director, Portman Partners
- 15:50 Room Two - Panel Discussion: Accessibility for the masses - the interconnectivity challenges across Africa**
Moderator: SMART Africa (TBC)
Panellists:
Jesse Machill, Commerical Director, ONE80
Carlos De Alemeida, Sales Director - South Africa, WIOCC
Emilie Wilson, Director, Rising Advisory Africa
Telone (TBC)

**17:00 Drinks Reception
Day 2: 24 June 2026
Room One: Strategy Stream**

- 09:00 Fireside chat: A reality check on the Africa data centres market**
Snehar Shah, CEO, IX Africa
Dan Kwach, Deputy CEO Madagascar, Stellarix
Mark Acton, Independent Consultant
- 11:40 Presentation: Women in STEM - Helping to grow the data centres career pathway**
Hosted by Nancy Maine, Founder, WISSA, Women in Sustainable STEM Africa
- 12:00 Presentation: Turing potential into professional readiness**
Jesse Machill, Commercial Director, ONE80

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- 13:30 Panel Discussion: Training and retention in an AI era**
Moderator: Mike Meyer, Managing Director, Portman Partners
Panellists: Nancy Maina, Founder, WISSA
Emilie Wilson, Director, Rising Advisory Africa
- 14:00 Panel Discussion: TBC**
Moderator and Panellists TBC
- 14:50 Panel Discussion: Africa's digital economy - why data centres need to dominate the conversation beyond 2026**
Moderator: Paul Schonborn, CEO Madagascar, Stellarix
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**Day 1: 23 June 2026
Room Two: Operational Stream**


- 09:40 Panel Discussion: The impact of direct current on data centre operation**
Moderator: Mark Acton, Independent Consultant
Panellists:
Garid Glenn, Senior Technical Manager, Baltimore Air Coil
- 10:20 Panel Discussion: Data centre maintenance in an AI era - how AI is supporting maintenance strategies** 
Moderator: Nkosinathi Ndlovu, Journalist, TechCentral
Panellists:
Nicolas Hamel, Business Development Manager Africa, Codra
Edwin Thompson, Chief Technology Officer, PAIX Data Centres
Timi Fadeyi, Head of Data Centre, Galaxy Backbone (TBC)
- 11:40 Presentation: Mitigating the future deficit of copper in data centres - considerations**
Rosemary Katz, Bloomberg NEF
- 12:10 Panel Discussion: Unlocking the barriers to Africa's green future**
Moderator: Emilie Wilson, Director, Rising Advisory Africa
Panellists:
Astrid-Irene van Etten, Senior Business Development Manager, JUWI Renewables
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Panellists:
Jonker Bester, Director, Spoomaker & Partners
Daikin (TBC)
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- 09:40 Africa Data Centres Association Session, a World Bank Session** 
- 11:40 Panel Discussion: The importance of water in future data centres, considering the global shortage of fresh water is a reality**
Moderator: Emilie Wilson: Director, Rising Advisory Africa
Panellists:
Carlyn Lewis, Consultant - Natural Resources and Environment, ENS
- 12:00 Panel Discussion: Can existing data centres manage Quantum computing?**
Moderator: Mark Acton, Independant Consultant
Panellists:
SA, QuTI (TBC)
CQCtec (TBC)

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