

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2026

DAY 1: 23 JUNE

Strategy Stream - Room 1

08:30 Registration & Exhibition Viewing

09:00 Opening Remarks

ADCA Chair (Invited)

09:10 Keynote Address: How South Africa's data centres blueprint is strengthening the continent's future

Siya Madyibi, Head CELA South Africa, Microsoft

09:40 Panel Session: Mapping investment trends and opportunities for 2026 and beyond

Moderator: Mtho Xulu, President, South African Chamber of Commerce

Panellists: Paul-Francois Cattier, MD, Africa Data Centres Association • Muhammed Munshi, Investment Principal, STANLIB

10:20 Panel Session: Why power infrastructure is a driving force for site selection across Africa

Moderator: Heath Andersen, Independent Consultant, DC Design Africa

Panellists: Justin Wimbush, MD, Kambuku Consulting • Marc Matthews, Director of Engineering, OADC • Julia Power, Partner, Bowmans Law • Thulani Ncube, Independent Consultant

11:10 Exhibition Viewing

11:40 Africa's critical infrastructure landscape - the role of data centres



12:10 Panel Session: How data centre design is changing to match individual country needs

Moderator: Paul Schonborn, CEO Madagascar, Stellarix

Panellists: Henning Rassmus, MD, Datascape • Robert Marston, Director Infrastructure Data Centres, NTT Nigeria • Lars Johannisson, CEO, Rack Centre • Gregory Burke, Head of Site Selection, Africa Data Centres • Shaun Versfeld, Associate Director, Mission Critical Facilities, Atana

12:50 Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

13:50 Panel Session: Creating a natural resources supply chain to bolster future data centres

Moderator: Mark Acton, Director, Acton Consulting

Panellists: Methembeni Moyo, Head Africa Practice, NSDV • Snehar Shah, CEO, IX Africa

14:30 Panel Session: PPAs - navigating the yellow tape

Moderator: TBC

Panellists: Mandy Hattingh, Director, NSDV • Grant Ralph, Envusa Energy • Alex Felekis, Partner, Bowmans Law

15:10 Panel Session: Is AI distracting us from the real benefits and uses of Colo's?

Moderator: Mark Acton, Director, Acton Consulting

Panellists: Eben Owen, Director of Sales, The Uptime Institute • Nils Gerstle, Director, Collaboretix • Ryan Holmes, Chief Revenue Officer, Raxio • Mike Meyer, Managing Director, Portman Partners

16:00 Panel Session: Accessibility for the masses - the interconnectivity challenges across Africa

Conference Room 2

Moderator: TBC

Panellists: Jesse Machill, Commercial Director, ONE80 • Carlos De Almeida, Sales Director - South Africa, WIOCC • Emilie Wilson, Director, Rising Advisory Africa

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17:00 Networking and Drinks Reception

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Operational Stream - Room 2

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09:10 Keynote Address: How South Africa's data centres blueprint is strengthening the continent's future

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09:40 Panel Session: The Impact of Evolving Chip Cooling Requirements on Data Centre Operations and Design

Moderator: Mark Acton, Director, Acton Consulting

Panellists: Garid Glenn, Senior Technical Manager, Baltimore Air Coil • Milan Radia, CEO, Connected compute

10:20 Panel Session: Data centre maintenance in an AI era - how AI is supporting maintenance strategies

Moderator: Nkosinathi Ndlovu, Journalist, Tech Central

Panellists: Nicolas Hamel, Business Development Manager Africa, Codra • Edwin Thompson, Chief Technology Officer, PAIX Data Centres • Timi Fadeyi, Head of Data Centre, Galaxy Backbone • Rich Farrell, Director APAC, Eaton

11:10 Exhibition Viewing

11:40 Presentation: Mitigating the future deficit of copper in data centres - considerations

Rosemary Katz, Senior Associate, Metals & Mining, Bloomberg NEF

12:10 Panel Session: 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 • Confirmed Representative from ENGIE

12:50 Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

13:50 From megawatts to gigawatts : modular strategies for future-proof data center infrastructure



Moderator: Michael Byrne, Head of Data Centre Design & Engineering EMEA, Eaton

14:10 Panel Session: Why synchronising cooling efficiency with fluctuating workloads is a must for ALL data centres

Moderator: Nkosinathi Ndlovu, Journalist, Tech Central

Panellists: Jonker Bester, Director, Spoomaker & Partners • Daikin

14:50 Panel Session: Getting your data centre certified - how and why?

Moderator: Paul Schonborn, CEO Madagascar, Stellarix

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09:00 Fireside chat: Let's talk reality - insights and considerations for the African data centres market

Moderator: Mark Acton, Director, Acton Consulting

Panellists: Snehar Shah, CEO, IX Africa and Dan Kwach, Deputy CEO, Stellarix Madagascar

09:40 From Training to Hiring: A Smarter Talent Pipeline for Data Centres



11:40 Women in STEM - helping to grow the data centres career pathway

Hosted by Nancy Maina, Founder, WiSSA (Women in Sustainable STEM Africa)

12:00 Presentation: Turning potential into professional readiness

Jesse Machill, Commercial Director, ONE80

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Moderator: Emilie Wilson, Director, Rising Advisory Africa

Panellists: Carlyn Lewis, Consultant - Natural Resources and Environment, ENS

12:00 Panel Session: Can existing data centres manage Quantum computing?

Moderator: Mark Acton, Director, Acton Consulting

Panellist: Mike Meyer, Managing Director, Portman Partners • Confirmed Representatives from South African Quantum Technology Initiative (SA QuTI)

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