

# 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, ADCA • Muhammed Munshi, Investment Principal, STANLIB • Tolu Awoyinfa, MD, Argentil Capital Partners (UK)

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 - Commercial Property, 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, Stellarix Madagascar

**Panellists:** Henning Rasmuss, 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 • Alexandru Santau, Operations Director ESS & CPS, Eaton

14:30 **Panel Session:** PPAs – navigating the yellow tape

**Moderator:** Thulani Ncube, Independent Consultant

**Panellists:** Mandy Hattingh, Director and Head of Energy, NSDV • Grant Ralph, Commercial Lead, Envusa Energy • Alex Felekis, Partner - Projects, Energy & Infrastructure, 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:** AI is arriving in Africa before the infrastructure is ready for it - what does that mean for how we build, and who gets left behind?



**Moderator:** Emilie Wilson, Director, Rising Advisory Africa

**Panellists:** Jesse Machill, Commercial Director, One80 Technology Group • Carlos De Almeida, Sales Director – South Africa, WIOCC • Hans-Juergen Niethammer, Architect, Regional Solutions, Data Centres, CommScope

16:45 End of Conference Day 1

17:00 Networking and Drinks Reception

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## Operational Stream - Room 2

### 08:30 Registration & Exhibition Viewing

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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 • Juan-Pierre van Zyl, Data Centre Facility Manager, xneelo

10:20 **Panel Session:** 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 • Rich Farrell, Director APAC, Eaton



### 11:10 Exhibition Viewing

11:40 **Presentation:** Decisions and water accountability: the distance between a promise and a plan

*Denessa Loregnard, Founder, The Loregnard Group*

12:10 **Panel Session:** Unlocking the barriers to Africa's green future

**Moderator:** Emilie Wilson, Director, Rising Advisory Africa

**Panellists:** Lea Giroux, Head of Business Development, ENGIE • Nicola Cencelli, Head of Business Development, JUWI Renewables • Matthew Turner, Head of Innovation, SolarAfrica

### 12:50 Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

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

*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, TechCentral

**Panellists:** Jonker Bester, Director, Spoomaker & Partners • Leon Kleyn, Technical Director: Mechanical, WSP



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

**Moderator:** Paul Schonborn, CEO, Stellarix Madagascar

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15:20 Africa's unique challenges to data centre operation – how we can overcome them



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

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**Moderator:** Mark Acton, Director, Acton Consulting

**Panellists:** Snehar Shah, CEO, IX Africa • Dan Kwach, CEO Holding, Stellarix

**09:40 Presentation: From training to hiring: a smarter talent pipeline for data centres**

Conference Room 1



**Presenters:** Nikki Maritz, CEO, IBTC Data Centre Academy • Lee Perrin, MD, Data Centre Consultancy • Niezaam Hare, Business Development Associate Director, Data Centre Elite

**10:40 Panel Session: Co-creating Africa's data centre workforce – a case study**

Conference Room 1



**Panellists:** Ville Wacklin, Digital Investment Expert, DIF • Lee Perrin, MD, Data Centre Consultancy • Niezaam Hare, Business Development Associate Director, Data Centre Elite • Faith Waithaka, Cloud and Service Provider Segment Sales Lead, Schneider Electric • Mary Kariuki, Marketing Director for Digital Infrastructure, ADCA

**11:40 Presentation: Women in STEM – helping to grow the data centres career pathway**

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

**12:10 Presentation: Turning potential into professional readiness**

Jesse Machill, Commercial Director, One80 Technology Group

### 12:40 Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

**13:20 Panel Session: 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 Session: Data and cloud sovereignty – the African challenge**

**Moderator:** Dan Kwach, CEO Holding, Stellarix

**Panellists:** James Bharuhanga, Director, Roke Cloud • Snehar Shah, CEO, IX Africa • Wiaan Vermaak, Chief Commercial Officer, Digital Parks Africa

**14:45 Panel Session: Africa's digital economy – why data centres need to dominate the conversation beyond 2026**

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**11:40 Panel Session: 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 • Denessa Loregnard, Founder, The Loregnard Group

**12:10 Presentation: 24/7 renewable power for data centres: how wheeling and batteries unlock true clean energy**



Matthew Turner, Head of Innovation, SolarAfrica

### 12:40 Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

**13:20 Panel Session: Can existing data centres manage Quantum computing?**

**Moderator:** Mark Acton, Director, Acton Consulting

**Panellist:** Stephanie Muller, Technical Lead Quantum Applications, IBM • Dr Isaac Nape, Senior Lecturer, University of Witwatersrand (SA QuTI)

**14:00 Presentation: Corrosion Control – data centre applications**

Hossein Mohrsazha, Regional Business Development Manager, MCC Division, Camfil Middle East FZE

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