



CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY, 01 OCTOBER 2026

07:00 – 07:50	Registration – Arrival Refreshments
07:50 – 08:00	Opening remarks <i>Zethu Lubisi, Conference Chair</i>
08:00 – 08:40	Opening Keynote: Navigating the Next Frontier: Emerging Threats Shaping Financial Services • Global AI frameworks • Geopolitical risks • Digital transformation and AI disruption • Changing customer behaviour <i>Nkateko Mabaso, Chief Risk Officer, PayInc</i>
AI & EMERGING TECHNOLOGY RISKS	
08:45 – 09:15	Fireside chat: AI Risks in Banking & Financial Services • Generative AI governance • Model risk • Bias & explainability • Responsible AI adoption in financial services <i>Nqabakazi Madalane, Compliance and Responsible Innovation Expert</i> <i>Mpho Chitapi, Head: Legal - Group Technology, Nedbank Limited</i>
09:20 – 09:50	AI, Competition and Economic Inclusion • Competition policy in the era of generative AI. • Intellectual property, data access, and market fairness. • AI's impact on employment and socio-economic inclusion. • Ensuring innovation benefits consumers and emerging economies. <i>Sanisha Packirisamy, Group Economist, Momentum Group</i>
09:55 – 10:10	Tea & Networking Break
10:15 – 10:45	Payments Modernisation: Managing Innovation and Risk • The future of South Africa's payments ecosystem. • Real-time payments, interoperability, and ISO 20022. • Third-party payment providers and ecosystem risks. • Innovation, regulation, and consumer trust
AI-ENABLED FRAUD RISK	
10:50 – 11:20	AI-Driven Fraud & Deepfakes • Executive impersonation

	• Payment fraud • Voice cloning • Synthetic identities and identity theft
11:25 – 12:00	Panel Discussion: Are Financial Institutions Ready for the Next Cyber Crisis? • Ransomware & Banking Infrastructure Attacks • Cloud and third-party concentration risks • Crisis response and operational resilience • Board oversight and cyber preparedness <i>Julie Regairaz, Chief Data and Applied AI Office (CDAIO), Absa Group</i> <i>Nomakholwa Nontenja, Group Fintech Manager, MTN South Africa</i> <i>Qiniso Mthembu, Chief Risk Officer, Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE)</i>
12:05 – 13:05	Networking Lunch REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE RISKS
13:10 – 13:40	The Future of Financial Regulation • Conduct regulation • Cross-border supervision <i>Lerato Lamola, Partner, Webber Wentzel</i>
13:45 – 14:15	AI & Digital Assets Regulation • Regulation of crypto assets and tokenised finance • AI-enabled money laundering typologies • Sanctions screening challenges • Financial crime risks across digital assets <i>Langelihle Nkabinde, Vice President: Compliance, Purple Group</i>
14:20 – 14:35	Afternoon Tea
14:40 – 15:15	Data Privacy & AI Compliance • Privacy-by-design in AI systems • POPIA and emerging global AI regulations • Consumer consent and transparency • Responsible innovation and ethical AI governance <i>Greshen Naidoo, Senior Compliance Officer, VALR</i>
15:20 – 15:35	Closing Interactive Discussion <i>Reflecting on today's discussions, what risks do you believe are currently being underestimated across the financial services sector? Are organisations moving quickly enough to keep pace with AI, cyber threats, and digital transformation? Finally, if you could offer one piece of advice to boards and executive teams, how should they strike the right balance between driving innovation and maintaining effective risk management?</i>
15:40 – 15:50	Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks

° Speaker details and session times are subject to change.