

CONFERENCE AGENDA — DAY ONE - 27 JANUARY 2027

07:00 – 07:50	**Registration**
07:50 – 08:00	**Opening Remarks** ❖ ***Dr. Zethu Lubisi – Conference Chair***
08:00 – 08:40	**Opening Keynote Address Beyond Harmonisation: Closing SADC's Regulatory Gaps on Synthetic Media, Identity and Data** • Generated likenesses, voices and identities beyond the collection paradigm • Synthetic media harm and the convergence between data protection and cybercrime regulation • Regulatory divergence and the migration of harm across member states • Outdated statutory models and the erosion of regional harmonisation ❖ ***Dr. Nomalanga Mashinini,*** *Project Leader,* ***Wits Image Rights Engagement (WiRE)***
08:45 – 09:25	**Panel Discussion: One Continent, Different Rules: Comparing Africa's Data Protection Laws** • One Region, Different Rules: Key similarities and differences in national legislation, regulatory requirements, and enforcement approaches. • Cross-Border Data Transfers • Strengthening Regional Regulatory Cooperation and Compliance • Opportunities to strengthen regulatory cooperation and reduce fragmentation without compromising national legal requirements. ***Moderator: Anriette Esterhuysen – UN Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Committee*** ❖ ***Nunudzai Mrewa,*** *Data Protection Officer,* ***Datamark*** ❖ ***Dr. More Manda,*** *Director: DIRISA,* ***Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) (South Africa)*** ❖ ***Olamiposi Aluko,*** *Tech Policy Analyst,* ***Tech Hive Advisory (Nigeria)*** ❖ ***Solomon Nwabueze,*** *Founding Managing Partner,* ***CyberLex Africa &*** *Founder & Executive Director,* ***Privacy Hub Africa (Nigeria)***
09:30 – 10:10	**Fireside Chat: Data Breach Response & Cyber Resilience: From Incident to Regulatory Accountability**

	• What happens in the first 72 hours • Regulatory Reporting • Protecting Affected Data Subjects & Minimising Reputational Risk (students, staff and parents) • Forensics, Evidence & Accountability • Lessons learned and strengthening the privacy programme ❖ ***Ntombhana Ntsanwisi,*** *Manager: Data Privacy & Protection,* ***Standard Bank*** ❖ ***Solomon Hlomane, Technical Director, Huawei Technologies***	
10:15 – 10:35	***Mid-Morning Break***	
BREAKAWAY SESSIONS		
	STREAM A	**STREAM B**
	Industry & Business Breakaway	**Education & EdTech Breakaway**
10:40 – 10:45	***Moderator Introduction:*** ***Nomshado Lubisi,*** *Media Tech & Communications Strategist*	***Moderator Introduction:*** ***Dr. Zethu Lubisi,*** *Founder & Managing Director,* ***Mamlakah Holdings***
10:45 – 11:30	**Address: Economics of Data:** Data ownership, monetisation, competition law, data trusts. - How can data create economic value, and who should control that value? ❖ ***Sanisha Packirisamy,*** *Chief Economist,* ***Momentum Investments***	**Fireside Chat: Are Universities Privacy-Ready? Governing Research Data, Ethics & Privacy** • Research Data Accountability • Research Ethics, Consent & Vulnerable Data Subjects. • Data Sharing & Third-Party Access • Emerging Technologies & Research Privacy ❖ ***Prof. Tapiwa Chagonda,*** *Associate Professor & Director, Centre for Data Ethics,* ***University of Johannesburg***
11:35 – 12:15	**Address: Data Privacy in Financial Services: Managing High-Risk Personal Information** • Managing Financial & Sensitive Personal Information • Customer Profiling, Analytics & Automated Decision-Making • Fraud Prevention vs Privacy Rights • Building Customer Trust & Meeting Regulatory Expectations ❖ ***Mandisa Freddy,*** *Data Privacy Lead,* ***Standard Bank***	**Keynote Address: The Future of Data Protection in Digital Education:** Balancing Privacy, Innovation and Emerging Technologies ❖ ***Dr Stanley Mgobansimbi Mpofu,*** *Chief Information Officer,* ***Wits ICT***
12:15 – 12:25	***Insights, Key Takeaways and Closing***	***Insights, Key Takeaways and Closing***
12:30 – 13:30	***Lunch Break***	
13:35 – 14:10	**Address: Four Reviews, One Gap: Who Actually Assures Privacy?** • Rethinking the Three Lines of Defence • Building a Combined Privacy Assurance Map • From Duplication to Effective Assurance ❖ ***Thav Reddy,*** *Group Head: Privacy,* ***Absa Group***	

14:15 – 14:55	**Panel Discussion: PAIA in Practice: Balancing Access to Information with the Right to Privacy** • PAIA vs POPIA: Balancing information access with privacy obligations • Third-Party Data Risks: Managing personal information shared with service providers and external parties • Access Requests & Exemptions: Navigating refusals, third-party information, and record-keeping • Integrated Compliance: Strengthening the role of Information Officers across PAIA, POPIA and third-party obligations ❖ ***Nozuko Mpina,*** *Group Deputy Privacy Officer,* ***Discovery Limited*** ❖ ***Sasha Leigh Moodley,*** *Data Protection and AI Governance Expert.* ❖ ***Mandla Mbasane,*** *Chief Information Security Officer,* ***National Housing Finance Corporation (NHFC)*** ❖ ***Sadia Rizvi,*** *Senior Associate - Corporate & Commercial,* ***Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Inc***
15:00 – 15:10	***Afternoon Break***
15:15 – 15:45	**Address: Privacy by Design:** Moving Privacy from the Legal Team into Technology ❖ ***Muvhango Sipho Steven Livhusha, Digital Transformation Strategist and AI Evangelist***
15:50 – 16:30	**Panel Discussion: From Compliance to Trust: Protecting Health & Insurance Data in a Digital Age** • Responsible Stewardship of Sensitive Health and Policyholder Data • Consent, Transparency and Ethical Data Practices • Fraud Prevention and the Lawful Sharing of Personal Information Between Providers • Insurance Profiling, AI and Automated Decision-Making • Privacy by Design and Third-Party Data Sharing • Balancing Innovation and Personalisation with Privacy Rights and Consumer Trust ❖ ***Kegomoditswe Magobe,*** *Chief Legal Officer,* ***Mammoth Health*** ❖ ***Lize De La Harpe,*** *Senior Legal Advisor: Regulatory Unit,* ***Sanlam*** ❖ ***Annelize De Bruyn,*** *Deputy Information Officer & Specialist: Risk and Compliance,* ***Altron HealthTech***
16:35 – 16:40	***Closing Conference – Day 1***



CONFERENCE AGENDA — DAY TWO – 28 JANUARY 2027

08:00 – 08:50	**Registration**
08:50 – 09:00	**Opening remarks – recap of day 1**
09:00 – 09:45	**Opening Keynote Panel Discussion: When AI Writes the Rules. Who Governs AI-Assisted Policy & Decision-Making?** • Can We Trust AI-Generated Policy and Regulatory Content? Examining the legal, human rights, and policy implications of AI-assisted decision-making. • Human Oversight & Accountability: Who Signs Off When AI Does the Drafting? • Transparency & Public Trust: Should the Use of AI in Government Be Disclosed? • From South Africa to Africa: What Governance Standards Should Apply? ***Moderator**: **Nadine Mather,** Partner: Data Protection & Employment Law, **Bowmans Law*** ❖ ***Rachel Magege,** Data Privacy Counsel, **Challenge Law Firm*** ❖ ***Nkosikhona Nkosi,** Chief Information Officer, **Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA)*** ❖ ***Nkanyiso Ngqulunga,** Senior Legal Researcher & Advocacy Expert, **Campaign for Free Expression*** ❖ ***Pieter Steyn,** Chief Information and Technology Officer, **Luxaviation Group***
09:50 – 10:20	**Address: Generative AI & Personal Information**: Are Employees Creating a New Privacy Risk? ❖ ***Dr. Xolile Sibande,** Chief Information Security Officer, **RCS BNP Paribas Personal Finance South Africa***
10:25 – 10:50	**Address: Building National Cyber Resilience in SA** • SA - Current national challenges & collaboration initiatives • Cybersecurity landscape & improvement plan • Next steps & input into ideas ❖ ***Craig Rosewarne,** Managing Director, **Wolfpack Information Risk***
10:55 – 11:10	***Mid-Morning Break***

11:25 – 12:05	**Fireside Chat: Data Retention & Secondary Use: Balancing Business Value with Privacy Obligations** • How long is too long? • When secondary use becomes a privacy concern • Third-party access: What happens when retained data is shared with vendors, processors, or other external parties? • Who Decides When data has reached the end of its useful life? • Business Value vs Privacy Risk: Where should organisations draw the line? ❖ ***Thandoluhle Khumalo,*** *Data Protection Manager (Global)****, Robert Walters*** ❖ ***Lucinda Steenkamp,*** *Deputy Information Officer & Senior Legal Advisor,* ***Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)***
12:10 – 12:40	**Address: From Compliance to Capability - Engineering Privacy and Security into Africa's Digital Transformation** • Data as strategic infrastructure, not just a compliance artefact • From governance frameworks to operating models • AI, digital trust and board-level accountability ❖ ***Solomon Hlomane,*** *Technical Director****, Huawei Technologies***
12:45 – 13:00	**Brain Teaser: From Awareness to Action — What Are Your Thoughts?** An interactive reflection spanning both conference days, inviting delegates and speakers to challenge assumptions, share perspectives, and explore practical solutions to Africa's evolving data privacy and protection challenges. From regulatory harmonisation, privacy rights and data breaches to research, AI governance and accountability, what must organisations do differently to move beyond awareness and build responsible, trusted data practices? **Facilitator:** ***Nomshado Lubisi,*** *Media & Tech Communications Strategist*
13:05 – 13:10	***Closing remarks and Lunch***

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