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SMART AND CONNECTED KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) AND CYBER SECURITY SUMMIT

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9ᵗʰ-10ᵗʰ November 2023

TIME: 08:30 – 16:00

VENUE: Durban Exhibition Centre

DAY ONE: THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2023

Time	Agenda	Speaker
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: LUNGA NTOMBELA (VODACOM: PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTS MANAGER)		
09:00 - 09:05	National Anthem	
09:05 - 09:10	Opening and Welcome	**MRS MARTHA LAMOLA** Vodacom Business: Acting Chief Officer
09:10 - 09:25	Remarks and introduction of the Premier	**MR S DUMA** MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
09:25 - 09:50	Address by the Premier	**MS NOMUSA DUBE-NCUBE** Premier of KwaZulu-Natal

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	Digital Transformation and Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)	
09:50 - 10:05	Digital Transformation efforts in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal – modernizing the workplace	**MR NGIBO MPANZA** Acting Chief Director Provincial Information and Communication Technology
10:05 -10:20	Digital Transformation Enablers and opportunities for job creation especially in digitally challenged communities	**DR ABDUL MIRZA** Digital Co-X Vodacom Partner
10:20 - 10:35	4IR Digital Transformation from Huawei	**MR MPOLOKENG RANKAPOLE MARAKALLA** Huawei: 4IR Expert
10:35 -10.50	Harnessing 4IR Capabilities in the Province in our quest for economic transformation	**DR LEON ROLLS** Chairperson of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial 4IR Commission
10:50 - 11:05	Digitizing Government: Identifying opportunities for youth, women and SMME participation	**MR SISEKO MNI** Vodacom: Executive Head: Internet of Things (IOT) Sales Public Sector
11:05 - 11:25	**Discussion**	
11:25 - 11:45	**Tea Break**	
11:45 - 12:15	**Panel Discussion: A digitally transformed KwaZulu-Natal: Identifying and implementing primary 4IR solutions, creating awareness and understanding of 4IR, and its potential impact on society**	
	Moderator	**MS POPPY SHABALALA** Vodacom Business: Managing Executive Public Enterprise

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Panel		**MR RODNEY MOLOKO** Vodacom Business Executive Head: Kwa Zulu Natal Region
		MR NGIBO MPANZA Acting Chief Director Provincial Information and Communication Technology
		MS MPOLOKENG RANKAPOLE MARAKALLA Huawei: 4IR Expert
		DR HLONIPHILE SITHOLE MTHETHWA School of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, University of KwaZulu-Natal
12:15 - 12:30	**Discussion**	
12:30 - 13:30	**Lunch and Exhibition**	
	Seamless access to data and applications within our environment to ensure business continuity	
13:30 -13:45	A look at Business Continuity and efficient access to data and applications within the Cloud environment	**MR BRUCE PITSO** Vodacom Business: Business Development Manager iCloud
13:45 -14:00	Ensuring uninterrupted business operations and streamlined access to data and applications within the Local Area Network	**MR BONGANI MOLEFE** Vodacom Business: Business Development Manager Connectivity
14:00 – 14:15	**Discussion**	

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14:15 -14:45	**Panel Discussion: Strategies for leveraging 4IR technology to drive innovation, economic growth, and job creation by establishing connectivity within the province**	
	Moderator	**MS DINAH KHESWA** Vodacom Business: Executive Head – Public Enterprise Partners
	Panel	**MRS ZIMKHITHA HADEBE** Director – Africa Learn ICT Institute
		DR VIRESH MOONASAR Vodacom Business: Manager Solution Architect
		DR CERENE RATHILAL Mathematician/Senior Lecturer: UKZN School of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science
14:45 -15:00	**Discussion**	
15:00 - 15:15	Closing	**MR IMRAN KHAN** Vodacom Managing Executive: KwaZulu Natal Region

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DAY TWO: FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2023

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PROGRAMME DIRECTOR:		**MS VUMILE MBATHA** **(Vodacom Business: Accounts Manager: Public Sector Enterprise)**
09:00 - 09:05	Opening and Welcome	**MR SBU NGUBANE** Acting Director-General KwaZulu-Natal Province
09:05 - 09:25	Sita Ecosystem Business Strategy	**MR NUTULE TSHENYE** National and Regional Consulting Services State Information Technology Agency
	Our vulnerability emanating from the evolving Cyber Security threats and its potential impact on our operations	
09:25 - 10:45	Cyber Security vulnerabilities, awareness and interventions to mitigate threats	**MS MMABATHO SNYMAN** Cyber Specialist: State Information Technology Agency
10:45 - 11:05	**Discussion**	

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11:05 - 11:30	**Tea Break**	
11:30 - 12:15	**Panel Discussion: How can we effectively raise and sustain cyber security awareness in KwaZulu-Natal in the Fourth Industrial Revolution(4IR), ensuring that individuals, businesses, and government agencies are well-prepared to address evolving cyber threats?** **Assessing the current state of cyber security in the Province, identifying vulnerabilities and formulating recommendations for strengthening cyber security infrastructure and practices in the Province**	
	Moderator	**MS NOMBUSO HLOPHE** ICT Manager uMgungundlovu District Municipality
		MS THULI MKWANAZI CSIR: Cyber Expert
		MR RONALD MAMDOO Cyber Specialist: State Information Technology Agency
		MS REJOICE MTHETHWA Vodacom Business: Senior Solutions Architect
12:15 - 12:35	**Discussion**	
12:35 - 13:00	Resolutions and Closing Remarks	**MR SBU NGUBANE** Acting Director-General KwaZulu-Natal Province
13:00	**Lunch**	