

Smart and Future Facilities Management Symposium 2025

'Service excellence through innovation and collaboration'



TOPIC	Fourth Industrial Revolution
JOB POSITION	Chief Digital Officer, Information Systems and Technology
ORGANISATION	City of Cape Town

Andre Stelzner

Chief Digital Officer, Information Systems and Technology, City of Cape Town

André Stelzner is a Civil Engineering graduate from the University of Cape Town (1986). He transitioned from municipal engineering to IT to drive public sector transformation through technology.

As a key director in the 2002 implementation of the SAP-ERP system for the City of Cape Town, he played a pivotal role in delivering one of the largest ERP systems in local government globally. This project was recognised by SAP as a model for service delivery in local government, and won the prestigious Computerworld Honors 21st Century Achievement Award in Washington, D.C., in 2004.

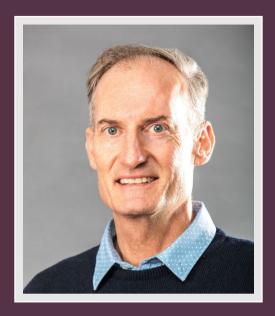
André was appointed as Chief Information Officer (CIO) at the City in 2009, where he leveraged his project and change management expertise to ensure Information and Communication Technology (ICT) systems effectively supported service delivery and business transformation.

In 2016, he expanded his international experience as IT Advisor for the Municipal Department of Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, where he led the modernisation of IT systems, focusing on automating the entire real estate value chain for one of the region's fastest-growing emirates. His leadership drove both technological advancements and significant organisational change. He returned to the City as IS&T Chief Digital Officer in August 2024.

A strong advocate for the power of ICT, André continues to champion technology as a catalyst for meaningful transformation in public sector organisations.



BREAKAWAY ZONE SPEAKER: ASSET LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT



TOPIC	Asset Lifecycle Management
JOB POSITION	Chief Director: Immovable Asset Management
ORGANISATION	Western Cape Government

Brett Blackburn

Chief Director: Immovable Asset Management,
Western Cape Government

Brett Blackburn is a senior manager in the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure. He leads the Immovable Asset Management team, whose purpose is to develop, implement and maintain the institutional strategy and systems for asset management and development as the custodian of immovable assets in the province.

He is a Professional Architect and holds a postgraduate qualification in Property Studies from the University of Cape Town (UCT). He has 25 years' professional built environment experience, working in both the private and public sector within South Africa and the United Kingdom.

His professional expertise is in portfolio planning, design and delivery of infrastructure programmes and projects in a wide range of sectors, including healthcare, education, residential housing, commercial, retail, hospitality and mixed-use developments.





TOPIC	Fourth Industrial Revolution
JOB POSITION	General Manager for Al and Services
ORGANISATION	Pinnacle ICT

Jacques Visagie

General Manager for AI and Services at Pinnacle ICT

Jacques Visagie is a dedicated professional with 27 years' experience in the ICT industry. He is known for his strong networking and storage experience during his career spend at numerous original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), while consistently providing innovative solutions and thought leadership for both established organisations and start-ups.

In his current role as General Manager for Al and Services at Pinnacle ICT, he manages a creative and innovative team of talented individuals to drive organisational growth and provide guidance for companies on how to adopt and start their journey with enterprise Al solutions and services. His customer-centric approach and passion for technology adoption underpins his commitment to delivering measurable results.

He holds numerous certifications in the AI and networking space and firmly believes in continuous learning and development. He values collaboration, and his leadership style focuses on empowering team members to innovate and excel.



FACILITIES SECURITY BREAKAWAY SPEAKER



TOPIC	Facilities Security
JOB POSITION	Head Engineering Innovation Unit, C3PM
ORGANISATION	City of Cape Town

Kyle Thebus

Head: Engineering Innovation Unit, Corporate Project, Programme and Portfolio Management (C3PM), City of Cape Town

Kyle Thebus is a goal-driven, highly skilled engineer with over eight years' experience in the Southern African utilities and energy industry. Known for his out-of-the-box thinking, he has successfully navigated complex engineering challenges, bringing innovative solutions to large-scale projects.

As an emerging leader, Kyle has a strong ability to manage cross-functional project teams, balancing both technical and business perspectives throughout various project life cycles. His expertise spans engineering management, design, and procurement, with a focus on optimising technology functions for high-impact engineering initiatives.





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JOB POSITION	Chief: CAR Audits, Corporate Digital Governance
ORGANISATION	City of Cape Town

Lindiwe Ndaba

Chief: Corporate Application Refresh (CAR) Audits, Corporate Digital Governance, City of Cape Town

Lindiwe Ndaba is an experienced governance professional with over 25 years' experience, specialising in internal control implementation, strategy, and planning. With 15 years in management and leadership roles, she has developed a strong track record in guiding organisations toward effective governance practices.

Her expertise extends internationally, providing her with a broad perspective on governance frameworks and best practices. A skilled public speaker, Lindiwe is adept at articulating complex governance concepts to diverse audiences.

She also has over a decade's experience serving as a non-executive board member and contributing to board committees, bringing strategic insight and oversight to corporate decision-making. She is committed to building lasting relationships, spearheading impactful projects, and making a difference in the ICT landscape.



BREAKAWAY ZONE SPEAKER: ASSET LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT



TOPIC	Asset Lifecycle Management
JOB POSITION	Director Environmental Sustainability
ORGANISATION	University of Cape Town

Manfred Braune

Director: Environmental Sustainability, University of Cape Town

Manfred Braune currently holds the position of Director: Environmental Sustainability at the University of Cape Town (UCT). He leads the strategy and implementation of environmental sustainability across all spheres of the university, including operations, learning, research, governance and social responsiveness. He also serves as a non-executive director of the Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA) in a voluntary role.

Manfred's background is as a professional electrical engineer, having worked at WSP Group for over 10 years, designing and project managing the delivery of various large design and construction projects. He also started and led WSP's green building business for three years. After this, Manfred worked at GBCSA for just under 10 years, directing all technical and training-related matters, and also served as an executive director on the board.

Manfred has spoken at various local and international conferences in South Africa and the USA. He has also been involved extensively in supporting other green building councils across the African continent to assist them in establishing their green building initiatives. Manfred is well connected in the property and green building industry, both locally and globally, where he has engaged extensively with senior staff and leading industry stakeholders of various leading organisations in this sector.





TOPIC	Fourth Industrial Revolution
JOB POSITION	Co-founder and CEO
ORGANISATION	IoT Concepts

Mohamed Mukadam

Co-founder and CEO of IOT concepts

Mohamed Sarif Mukadam is a South African entrepreneur, technologist, and community leader dedicated to innovation and social impact. As co-founder and CEO of IOT Concepts, he drives the development of solutions like NSIGHTSTM and DIDEYETM, enhancing business efficiency and compliance.

With over 30 years' experience, he has held leadership roles at DirectAxis (Chief Information Officer), BP Angola (Head of IT Operations), and Woolworths (Head of IT Governance, Risk and Compliance), spearheading global digital transformation and cybersecurity initiatives.

Mohamed hosts Al Mustaqbal (The Future) on Radio 786, exploring the Fourth Industrial Revolution, sustainability, and disruptive change. He also serves as Chairperson of Planet Mercy South Africa and supports land restitution efforts.

He holds an MBA from Stellenbosch Business School and a Bachelor of Social Science from the University of Cape Town (UCT), along with certifications in Information Security, Fintech, and Digital Transformation.



BREAKAWAY ZONE SPEAKER: FACILITIES SECURITY



TOPIC	Facilities Security
JOB POSITION	Project Sales Manager
ORGANISATION	Hikvision

Niell Taljaard

Project Sales Manager, Hikvision

Niell began his career in the security industry in 2007 as an installer. Over the years, he has advanced through various roles at different organisations, gaining extensive experience and expertise.

For the past four years, Niell has been serving as the Project Sales Manager at Hik Vision SA. Niell is responsible for managing and overseeing sales projects related to Hik Vision's security and surveillance solutions, which include CCTV and network surveillance systems. His position involves coordinating with clients, understanding their security needs, and providing tailored solutions using Hik Vision's products and technologies.





TOPIC	Fourth Industrial Revolution
JOB POSITION	Consultant
ORGANISATION	HXGN EAM

Sandra Strydom

Consultant, HXGN EAM

Sandra Strydom is a Solutions Architect with 13 years' experience in asset management and maintenance, specialising in facilities management and manufacturing.

She helps clients enhance efficiency, minimise downtime, and extend asset lifespan through effective management solutions. Sandra collaborates closely with organisations to implement and support asset management systems, ensuring seamless integration into daily operations.

In addition to system implementation, she develops reports, dashboards, and automated updates, providing clear insights that drive informed decision-making.

As a certified HxGN EAM Consultant, Sandra is passionate about solving technical challenges and delivering practical, value-driven solutions.



BREAKAWAY ZONE SPEAKER: ASSET LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT



TOPIC	Asset Lifecycle Management
JOB POSITION	Managing Director
ORGANISATION	CBRE Excellerate FM SSA

Sashen Moodley

Managing Director, CBRE Excellerate FM SSA

Sashen Moodley is an innovative, analytical and results-driven business leader with extensive experience directing organisational operations and analysis, business management, and compliance functions.

He effectively spearheads the strategic and operational management of the company's business development, as well as aligning organisational policies and strategies, focused on driving customer-centric service delivery, robust business decision making, and sizable business growth.

Sashen is an ambitious professional with a high level of business acumen, astute at formulating comprehensive commercial business strategies that transform and accelerate business profitability.



BREAKAWAY ZONE SPEAKER: FACILITIES SECURITY



TOPIC	Facilities Security
JOB POSITION	Deputy Director: Security Advisory Services
ORGANISATION	Western Cape government

Vareshni Chapman

Deputy Director: Security Advisory Services, Western Cape Government

Ms Chapman is a seasoned Security Risk Management Advisor with over a decade of dedicated experience in advising government departments and agencies on security by design, fortifying public service security and safeguarding public infrastructure through the application of risk-based methodologies.

Ms Chapman holds a B.Sc Degree from UKZN and a postgraduate BA degree from UWC, complemented by esteemed certifications such as SAMTRAC, HIRA, Risk Management (ISO 31000), and Lead Implementer certifications in ISO Standards for Information Security, Business Continuity.

Over the years she has applied her expertise on information security, physical security, and emergency preparedness, to providing tailored solutions and risk mitigation plans to address unique security challenges that align with complex government regulatory environments and international standards. Her unwavering commitment to service delivery excellence, and her ability to foster operational resilience, and cooperation across spheres of government, has earned her a reputation as a trusted advisor in the field.

