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### FINAL PROGRAMME AS AT 4 JUNE 2025

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## DAY 1 PROGRAMME | WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2025

Master of Ceremonies: Africa Melane

07h30 – 08h30	<b>Registration and Refreshments</b> with Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by <b>EFG Engineers, Nedbank CIB</b> and <b>SVA International</b>   <b>EXHIBITION OPEN</b>
08h30 – 10h00	<b>DAY 1 KEYNOTE</b> enabled by <b>Garden Cities NPC (RF)</b>
	WELCOME BY MC, <b>Africa Melane</b> , Host of <i>Early Breakfast</i> , 702 and CapeTalk
	OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS: <b>What does Western Cape Government expect from the property development and construction industry?</b> <b>Premier Alan Winde</b> , Western Cape Government
	INDUSTRY RESPONSE: <b>Deon van Zyl</b> , Chairperson, Western Cape Property Development Forum (WCPDF) and Managing Director, VORTO Q&A with Speakers, facilitated by <b>Africa Melane</b>
10h00 – 10h30	<b>Refreshment Break</b> with Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by <b>EFG Engineers, Nedbank CIB</b> and <b>SVA International</b>   <b>EXHIBITION OPEN</b>
10h30 – 12h30	<b>SESSION 1: UNDERSTANDING WHO HAS SKIN IN THE GAME</b> This Session is enabled by <b>ASAQS</b> Understanding the current resource constraints on the public sector, how do we “State Proof” ourselves, and which national, regional, and municipal entities yet understand they also need to have “skin in the game”? It’s becoming increasingly evident that all spheres of government need to renegotiate their place at the table, especially when their own income streams can no longer be guaranteed.
	WELCOME BY MC, <b>Africa Melane</b> and introduction to session facilitator, <b>Deon van Zyl</b> , WCPDF Chairperson and Managing Director, VORTO

	PRESENTATION: <b>Professionalising built environment professionals</b> <b>Robert Launscher</b> , Manager, Engineering Management Branch, City of Cape Town
	PRESENTATION: <b>Effectively cutting the Red Tape</b> <b>Michelle Ellis</b> , Director: Western Cape Government Red Tape Unit
	PRESENTATION: <b>Development collaboration and facilitation</b> <b>Geraldine Liebenberg</b> , Manager: Planning and Property Development Facilitation, Office of the Executive Director: Spatial Planning and Environment, City of Cape Town
	PRESENTATION: <b>Skin in the Game – A Private Sector Perspective</b> <b>Ryan Ravens</b> , CEO, Accelerate Cape Town
	<b>Q&amp;A between Facilitator and Panellists, followed by Q&amp;A from delegates</b>
<b>12h30 – 13h30</b>	<b>Networking Buffet Lunch</b> sponsored by <b>Growthpoint Properties</b>   <b>EXHIBITION OPEN</b>
<b>13h30 – 15h30</b>	<b>SESSION 2: RECALIBRATING SUSTAINABILITY TO SUSTAIN DEVELOPMENT</b> This Session is enabled by <b>dhk Architects</b>  There is no question that building sustainably for the future is critical, especially in the face of infrastructure constraints. But it also needs to make rands and ‘sense’ to budgets in both the private and public domains. This session highlights the importance of experimentation and innovation, from wastewater treatment and package plants to wheeling energy. But it also goes beyond - to sustainability among social constructs, once the cranes are gone.
	Welcome by MC <b>Africa Melane</b> and introduction to session facilitator: <b>Liezel Kruger-Fountain</b> , Principal Professional Officer – Urban Sustainability Unit, Urban Planning and Design, Spatial Planning and Environment Directorate, City of Cape Town PRESENTATION: <b>The Potsdam Sustainability Campus</b>
	PRESENTATION: <b>Working with municipalities</b> <b>Gerhard Cronje</b> , CEO, Maskam Water
	PRESENTATION: <b>The role of battery storage as part of an energy savings solution</b> <b>Francois van Themaat</b> , Managing Director: Large Projects, Sustainable Power Solutions (SPS)
	PRESENTATION: <b>V&amp;A Waterfront Wastewater Treatment Project</b> <b>Emma Muller</b> , Founder/CEO, KaacKai
	PRESENTATION: <b>Maintaining the sustainability of the social construct</b> <b>Kirsten Wilkins</b> , Founder, ContestedSpaces
	<b>Q&amp;A between Facilitator and Panellists, followed by Q&amp;A from delegates</b>
<b>15h30 -16h00</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b> with Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by <b>EFG Engineers, Nedbank CIB</b> and <b>SVA International</b>   <b>EXHIBITION OPEN</b>
<b>16h00 – 17h15</b>	<b>SESSION 3: THE ROLE OF CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS IN CREATING INVESTOR-FRIENDLY CENTRES</b> The success of City Improvement Districts in South Africa remains unique to the City of Cape Town, falling as they do under the CID Bylaw and Section 22 of the Municipal Property Rates Act. With each CID operating in a special rating area (SRA), CIDs are able to offer complementary services to those of the City. With the number of CIDs climbing year-to-year as ratepayers vote them into operation, how have these contributed to investor confidence? And, more importantly, how much more could they offer if given the mandate to do so?
	Welcome by MC <b>Africa Melane</b> and introduction to session facilitator <b>Simon Nicks</b> , Managing Member, CNdP africa

17h15 – 17h30	PRESENTATION: <b>Cape Town's CIDs and the Mayoral Urban Regeneration Programme</b> <b>Executive Deputy Mayor Eddie Andrews</b> , Mayoral Committee Member for Spatial Planning and Environment, City of Cape Town
	VIEWPOINT #1: <b>Facilitating investment in the Cape Town Central City</b> <b>Rob Kane</b> , Chairperson, Cape Town Central City Improvement District (CCID), and Founder/CEO, Boxwood Property Fund
	VIEWPOINT #2: <b>Facilitating investment in the Voortrekker Road Corridor</b> <b>Derek Bock</b> , Chief Operations Officer, Voortrekker Road Corridor Improvement District (VRCID)
	VIEWPOINT #3: <b>How CIDs establish investor confidence</b> <b>Gene Lohrentz</b> , Founder, Geocentric Services
	<b>Q&amp;A between Facilitator and Panellists, followed by Q&amp;A from delegates</b>
	DAY 1 CLOSING: <b>Deon van Zyl</b> – Chairperson, WCPDF and Managing Director, VORTO (Perspective on Day 1) and <b>Nonelela Mtwana</b> , Acting Senior Portfolio Manager Investment Facilitation: InvestSA One-Stop-Shop, Real Estate & Infrastructure, Wesgro - <b>Day 1 Networking Event Sponsor, Wesgro</b>
17h30 – 19h30	<b>DAY 1 NETWORKING EVENT</b> to be sponsored by <b>Wesgro</b>

<b>DAY 2 PROGRAMME   THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2025</b> <b>Master of Ceremonies: Africa Melane</b>	
07h30 – 08h30	<b>Registration and Refreshments</b> with Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by <b>EFG Engineers, Growthpoint Properties</b> and <b>Nedbank CIB</b>   <b>EXHIBITION OPEN</b>
08h00 – 08h30	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WCPDF</b>
08h30 – 10h00	<b>DAY 2 KEYNOTE</b> enabled by <b>Evergreen Lifestyle</b>
	WELCOME AND REFLECTION ON DAY 1: MC <b>Africa Melane</b> , Host of <i>Early Breakfast</i> , 702 and CapeTalk
	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: <b>South Africa 30 years after democracy: Economic challenges and opportunities</b> <b>Professor Haroon Borat</b> , Director, Development Policy Research Unit, School of Economics, University of Cape Town  Q&A between <b>Keynote Speaker</b> and <b>Africa Melane</b> followed by Q&A from delegates
10h00 – 10h30	<b>Refreshment Break</b> with Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by <b>EFG Engineers, Growthpoint Properties</b> and <b>Nedbank CIB</b>   <b>EXHIBITION OPEN</b>
10h30 – 12h30	<b>SESSION 4: THINKING CREATIVELY ABOUT FINANCING</b>  While a handful of banks are starting to think creatively around financing for the affordable market, much work still needs to be done to innovate and allow experimentation within the traditional banking system and its Statutory and Credit Act environment, across the entire property landscape. In the vacuum of system change, private equity, crowd funding, and asset tokenism are making strides to fill the space.
	Welcome by MC <b>Africa Melane</b> and introduction to session facilitator, <b>Dr Allan Davids</b> , Director, Financial Innovation Hub, University of Cape Town
	PRESENTATION: <b>Navigating towards ideas and solutions to property finance within the current statutory and Credit Act environments</b> <b>Gilly Dlamini</b> , General Manager, Banking Association South Africa (BASA)

	PRESENTATION: <b><i>Affordable housing finance: lessons from South Africa and the African continent</i></b> <b>Paul Jackson</b> , CEO, TUHF
	PRESENTATION: <b><i>How private equity is stepping into the gap</i></b> <b>Friedrich Meisenholl</b> , Regional Investment Manager, BusinessPartners
	PRESENTATION: <b><i>The Enterprise Development Property Fund: crowd funding and asset tokenisation</i></b> <b>Nigel Adriaanse</b> , Chief Empowerment Officer, EDPF
	<b>Q&amp;A between Facilitator and Panellists, followed by Q&amp;A from delegates</b>
<b>12h30 – 13h30</b>	<b>Networking Buffet Lunch</b> sponsored by <b>BetterBond   EXHIBITION OPEN</b>
<b>13h30 -15h30</b>	<b>SESSION 5: TAKING PRODUCT WESTERN CAPE TO THE WORLD</b> This Session is enabled by <b>Similan</b> Which international stages exist for presenting Product Western Cape? Where are the latest world-wide trends revealed and through which platforms? Where and how should we be aspiring to present our own projects to attract international investment? This session will speak to investment agencies to find out what they're doing, private property developers who have attended the international MIPIM event in France, and those in the AI space.
	Welcome by MC <b>Africa Melane</b> and introduction to session facilitator <b>Wrenelle Stander</b> , CEO, Wesgro
	PRESENTATION: <b><i>Marketing Cape Town property and development to the world abroad</i></b> <b>Ald James Vos</b> , Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Growth, City of Cape Town
	PRESENTATION: <b><i>Experiences from MIPIM 2025</i></b> <b>Harold Spies, Pieter du Toit, and Tarquin Geldenhuys</b> , Similan
	PRESENTATION: <b><i>The new world order: marketing property development through AI</i></b> <b>Mike Eilertsen</b> , CEO, Meta-dology
	<b>Q&amp;A between Facilitator and Panellists, followed by Q&amp;A from delegates</b>
<b>15h30 -16h00</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b> with Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by <b>EFG Engineers, Growthpoint Properties</b> and <b>Nedbank CIB   EXHIBITION OPEN</b>
<b>16h00 – 17h15</b>	<b>SESSION 6: RECALIBRATING INFRASTRUCTURE, DENSIFICATION AND FUTURE-PROOFING CAPE TOWN</b> In conversation with <b>Executive Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis</b> , City of Cape Town How do we future-proof Cape Town for the next 20 years, and bring Capetonians along in the conversation? The past year has seen intensified discussions and debate between local government and residents, and between the public and private sector, centred around the concepts of densification, infrastructure and how to secure finance. How integrated with demand realities is the City's planning around Municipal Planning Bylaws and Local Spatial Development Plans plus the associated infrastructure strategies? Where are we on the Budget? Is the GNU working for the City and for private sector investment? With the lessons from this conference, we ask: "Where to from here?" for the property development and construction industry in Cape Town and the Western Cape.
	This session will be facilitated by <b>MC Africa Melane</b> , and joined by <b>Deon van Zyl</b> , WCPDF Chairperson. It will be followed by <b>Q&amp;A from delegates</b>
<b>17h15 – 17h30</b>	<b>DAY 2 CLOSING: Perspective on the conference</b> closing remarks by MC <b>Africa Melane</b> and <b>Deon van Zyl</b> , Chairperson, WCPDF and Managing Director, VORTO
<b>17h30 – 19h30</b>	<b>DAY 2 CLOSING NETWORKING EVENT</b>