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 PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

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DAY 1 PROGRAMME | WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2026
Master of Ceremonies: Africa Melane

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| 07h30 – 08h30 | Registration and Refreshments Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by   EXHIBITION OPEN |
| 08h30 – 10h00 | DAY 1 KEYNOTE |
| | WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane , Host of <i>Early Breakfast</i> , 702 and CapeTalk |
| | OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The state we're in: the trends that speak to political, economic and social aspects of cities , Dion Chang , Founder, CEO & Doula, Flux Trends INDUSTRY RESPONSE: Deon van Zyl , Chairperson, Western Cape Property Development Forum (WCPDF) and Managing Director, VORTO Q&A with Speakers, facilitated by Africa Melane |
| 10h00 – 10h30 | Refreshment Break Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by   EXHIBITION OPEN |

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| <p>10h30 – 12h30</p> | <p>SESSION 1: THE FUTURE OF MEGACITIES IN THE WESTERN CAPE Brought to you by  GARDEN CITIES <small>BEYOND 100 YEARS</small></p> <p>As our cities grow ever closer together throughout South Africa and transform into megacities, what do we want for the Western Cape? We can either set a Masterplan now for the future, or risk the rise of unworkable monsters.</p> <hr/> <p>WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane, Host of <i>Early Breakfast</i>, 702 and CapeTalk</p> <hr/> <p>PRESENTATION: Cooperation and Collaboration between Municipalities, Minister Anton Bredell, Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Western Cape Government</p> <hr/> <p>PRESENTATION: The future of Agriculture in the Western Cape, Michael Back, Backsberg Wine Estate</p> |
| <p>12h30 – 13h30</p> | <p>Networking Buffet Lunch EXHIBITION OPEN</p> |
| <p>13h30 – 15h00</p> | <p>SESSION 2: THE URBAN DESIGN-LED FUTURE Why is urban design so important in South Africa now, and how can we ensure it will be profitable - not only in short-term economic gains but long-term legacy?</p> <hr/> <p>WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane and introduction to session facilitator TBC</p> <hr/> <p>PRESENTATION: The Future City: Urban Design – A driver for investment in social infrastructure, Dr Luyanda Mpahlwa, Adjunct Professor, UCT African Centre for Cities</p> <hr/> <p>PRESENTATION: Designing for Safety, Matthew Gray, Founding Member, Matthew Gray Architects & Urban Designers</p> <hr/> <p>PRESENTATION: The Public Realm Dividend: The Public Realm as economic infrastructure and why urban design matters now, Barbara Southworth, Urban Design Director, V&A Waterfront Holdings</p> <hr/> <p>PRESENTATION (TBC): Bobby Gould-Pratt, Manager: Urban Design, Urban Planning and Design, City of Cape Town Spatial Planning and Environment</p> |
| <p>15h00 – 15h30</p> | <p>Refreshment Break Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by   EXHIBITION OPEN</p> |
| <p>15h30 – 17h30</p> | <p>SESSION 3: BUILDING A PRODUCTION PIPELINE FOR THE FUTURE What’s next in global trends, and how will this affect the future of the production process and, in particular, contracting consultants? How fast will AI evolve building plan approval? How will we insure projects, and how do we avoid cyber risk?</p> <hr/> <p>WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane and introduction to session facilitator TBC</p> <hr/> <p>PRESENTATION: Securing the property development and infrastructure ecosystem against cyber risk, Steve Fountain, Cyber Security Strategist, CyberQ Group</p> |
| <p>17h30 – 19h30</p> | <p>DAY 1 NETWORKING EVENT</p> |

DAY 2 PROGRAMME | THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2026
Master of Ceremonies: Africa Melane

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| 07h30 – 08h30 | Registration and Refreshments Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by   EXHIBITION OPEN |
| 08h00 – 08h30 | The AGM of the WCPDF |
| 08h30 – 09h30 | OPENING INTERVIEW DAY 2 – FUTURE (HARD) TALK WITH THE INDUSTRY |
| 09h30 – 10h30 | DAY 2 KEYNOTE |
| | WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane , Host of <i>Early Breakfast</i> , 702 and CapeTalk |
| | OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS: TBC |
| | Q&A with Speaker, facilitated by Africa Melane |
| 10h30 – 11h00 | Refreshment Break Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by   EXHIBITION OPEN |
| 11h00 – 13h00 | SESSION 4: FUNDING THE CITIES OF THE FUTURE |
| | What new revenue streams will power local and regional growth? And where will global investors place their bets – on urban or rural areas, or both? |
| | WELCOME BY MC and Session Facilitator, Africa Melane |
| | PRESENTATION: <i>Where are Foreign Investors looking to invest in the property world?</i> Eugene Booysen , CEO, Cape Town Stock Exchange |
| | PRESENTATION: <i>The future of Municipal Finance</i> , Kevin Jacoby , Chief Financial Officer, City of Cape Town |
| 13h00 – 14h00 | Networking Buffet Lunch EXHIBITION OPEN |
| 14h00 – 15h30 | SESSION 5: REBUILDING OUR CAPACITY TO BUILD FUTURE CITIES |
| | People power the industry – but do we have the skills to match our ambitions? How are education, industry and government working to rebuild the talent pipeline for the future? |
| | SESSION FACILITATOR: Petra Devereux , Executive Director, Master Builders Association Western Cape (MBAWC) |
| | PRESENTATION: <i>Rebuilding our capacity: an academic perspective</i> , Prof Kathy Michell , Director of the Sustainability + Cyber Oriented Research Unit for the Built Environment, Department of Construction Economics and Management, Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, University of Cape Town |
| | PRESENTATION (TBC): John Matthews , Group CEO, Garden Cities NPC (RF) and past-President, Construction Alliance South Africa |
| | PRESENTATION (TBC): Rudolf Murray , Acting Regional Manager Southern Region/ Acting Financial Manager, SAFCEC |
| | PRESENTATION (TBC): Nkanyiso Mbatha , Development/Asset manager, Boxwood Property Fund |

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| 15h30 – 16h00 | Refreshment Break Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by   EXHIBITION OPEN |
| 16h00 – 17h00 | SESSION 6: POLITICAL (FUTURE) HARD TALK with Premier Alan Winde , Western Cape Government and Cape Town Executive Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis |
| 17h00 – 17h30 | DAY 2: CLOSING REMARKS Deon van Zyl , Chairperson, Western Cape Property Development Forum (WCPDF) and Managing Director, VORTO |
| 17h30 – 19h30 | DAY 2 NETWORKING EVENT |