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

07h30 – 08h30	Registration and Refreshments Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by   EXHIBITION OPEN
08h30 – 10h00	WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane , Host of <i>Early Breakfast</i> , 702 and CapeTalk
	OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Brought to you by  The State We're In 2026: the role of built environments and human connection in an era of AI , Dion Chang , Founder Flux Trends Transition Guide & End of Life Doula
	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

10h30 – 12h30	<p>SESSION 1: THE FUTURE OF MEGACITIES IN THE WESTERN CAPE</p> <p>Brought to you by  GARDEN CITIES BEYOND 100 YEARS</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>
	<p>WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane and introduction to SESSION FACILITATOR: Deon van Zyl, Chairperson, Western Cape Property Development Forum (WCPDF) and Managing Director, VORTO</p>
	<p>PRESENTATION: Cooperation and Collaboration between Municipalities, Minister Anton Bredell, Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Western Cape Government</p>
	<p>PRESENTATION: Transportation: An overview of what the future requires in the Western Cape overall but particularly Cape Town, Professor Marianne Vanderschuren, Deputy Dean Transformation and Social Responsiveness, Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, University of Cape Town</p>
	<p>PRESENTATION: Taking rail back station-by-station in Cape Town, Raymond Maseko, Regional Manager, Rail Division, PRASA ; Lindelo Matya, Regional Manager, Intersite (Property Division)</p>
	<p>PRESENTATION: The role of water and sanitation in enabling resilient urban development: a Departmental vision for the future of Western Cape cities Ntombizanele Bila-Mupariwa, Provincial Head: Western Cape Department of Water and Sanitation</p>
	<p>PRESENTATION: The future of Agriculture in the Western Cape, Michael Back, Backsberg Wine Estate</p>
12h30 – 13h30	<p>Networking Buffet Lunch EXHIBITION OPEN</p>
13h30 – 15h00	<p>SESSION 2: THE URBAN DESIGN-LED FUTURE</p> <p>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>
	<p>WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane and introduction to SESSION FACILITATOR: Rudi Botha, Director, URBANSTUDIO architects & urban designers</p>
	<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>
	<p>PRESENTATION: Designing for Safety, Matthew Gray, Founding Member, Matthew Gray Architects & Urban Designers</p>
	<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>
<p>PRESENTATION: Towards a City of Hope and the Value of Urban Design – a public sector perspective, Bobby Gould-Pratt, Manager: Urban Design, Urban Planning and Design, City of Cape Town Spatial Planning and Environment</p>	
15h00 – 15h30	<p>Refreshment Break Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by   EXHIBITION OPEN</p>

15h30 – 17h30	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 will municipalities expand to meet demand, and how will policies need to change? And how do we avoid cyber risk?
	WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane and introduction to SESSION FACILITATOR: Allan Nenguke , Development Executive, V&A Waterfront Holdings
	PRESENTATION: Extending Municipal Boundaries to meet future demand – the Drakenstein Example , Seraj Johaar , Executive Director: Corporate and Planning Services, Drakenstein Municipality
	PRESENTATION: Building an infrastructure pipeline to enable future development , Dr Katherine Hyman , Head: Infrastructure Planning, City of Cape Town
	PRESENTATION: What needs to change in policy thinking and policy making to ensure the future production pipeline? Nick Graham , Nick Graham & Associates
	PRESENTATION: Securing the property development and infrastructure ecosystem against cyber risk , Steve Fountain , Cyber Security Strategist, CyberQ Group
17h30 – 19h30	DAY 1 NETWORKING EVENT brought to you by 

DAY 2 PROGRAMME THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2026 Master of Ceremonies: Africa Melane	
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
	PRESENTATION: Public-Private Partnerships: Driving Urban Transformation , Alderman Eddie Andrews , Executive Deputy Mayor and Mayoral Committee Member for Spatial Planning and Environment, City of Cape Town PANELLISTS: Gerhard Cronje , CEO, Maskam Water Bruce Wilson , Founder, Bruce Wilson Architects Mmotlana Kehosiste , Development Manager, Citra
09h30 – 10h30	DAY 2 KEYNOTE
	WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane , Host of <i>Early Breakfast</i> , 702 and CapeTalk
	OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Exploring the South African Political Landscape , Dr Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh , Department of International Relations, Wits University South African author, scholar, media innovator, musician, speaker and broadcaster 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	
	PRESENTATION: <i>National Treasury's Cities Support Programme: rental housing and inner-city revitalisation</i> , Seth Maqetuka , National Treasury	
	PRESENTATION: <i>Planning Catalytic Projects: Cape Winelands Airport</i> , Nick Ferguson , Executive Managing Director, RSA Aero Limited	
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 (CASA)	
	PRESENTATION: <i>Beyond development: investing in people to build the future of property</i> , Nkanyiso Mbatha , Development/Asset Manager, Boxwood Property Fund	
15h30 – 16h00	Refreshment Break Barista Coffee Bars sponsored by	 
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16h00 – 17h00	SESSION 6: POLITICAL (FUTURE) HARD TALK	
	Brought to you by  KaacKai	
	WELCOME BY MC, Africa Melane and introduction to SESSION FACILITATOR: Deon van Zyl , Chairperson, Western Cape Property Development Forum (WCPDF) and Managing Director, VORTO; 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 brought to you by 	