



8th Annual

Regenesys Women in Business and Leadership Conference

5 August 2026

***Women in AI & Business: Empowering Change,
Innovation and Inclusive Leadership***

Venue: Regenesys Campus, 165 West Street, Sandton

Time: 08h00 for 09h00 – 13h00

Supported by the IITPSA Women in IT Chapter (WIIT)



Draft Programme Agenda

07h30 – 09h00

Registration & Networking

Photo opportunities, and informal networking

09h00 – 09h15

Opening and Welcome Address by Programme Director:

Indherani Reddy, Head of Regenesys Group for Africa, Regenesys Education

09h15 – 09h30

Opening Keynote Address

Her Voice, Her Leadership: Building on a Legacy of Women Driving Change in the Age of AI

Chiphra Chisha, Chief Executive Officer, Graça Machel Trust (GMT)

09h30 – 09h45

Government Keynote Address

Transforming Government, Business and Society through AI: Positioning Women at the centre of the AI Revolution for Economic Inclusion

Speaker: Hon Ms Kedibone Diale-Tlabela, MEC for Roads and Transport, Gauteng, South Africa

09h45 – 10h00

Presentation 1

Ethics, AI, and Leading Responsible Business Transformation

Speaker: Denise Mukozho, Digital and Product Delivery Leader, Bizmod and Chairperson, IITPSA Women in IT Chapter (WIIT)

10h00 – 10h30

Comfort Break & Refreshments

Entertainment

10h30 – 10h45

Presentation 2

From Influence to Impact: Women Redefining Leadership in the Future of Business

Speaker: Sthembiso Dlamini, Group Chief Executive Officer, Gauteng Growth & Development Agency (GGDA) and CEO, Gauteng Tourism Authority

10h45 – 11h45

Table Discussion

Empowering and Mentoring the Next Generation of Women Leaders to Drive Transformational and Inclusive Leadership

Proposed Focus:

This roundtable explores how inclusive leadership, mentorship, and empowerment can be leveraged to transform the pipeline of future women leaders. The discussion will focus on practical approaches to developing leadership capability in a rapidly evolving digital economy, the role of mentorship in breaking barriers to advancement, and how organisations can build cultures that actively support and sustain women in leadership pathways. Participants will share insights on what it takes to meaningfully shape, support, and accelerate the next generation of women leaders. Each of the 20 tables will be hosted by a table host.

Table hosts:

Candice Hartley, Group Chief People Officer, Eskom

Dr Pulane Modiha, Chief Operations Officer: Home & Structured Lending, FNB
Nthatisi Moraloge, International Trade & Investment Promotion Regional Manager, DTI
Mbali Motanyane, GM: Corporate Strategy Development & Integration, Exxaro Resources
Buhle Nomabunga Hanise, National Head of Business Restructuring Services, BDO
Dr Antoinette Ngwenya, Chief Financial Officer, Commission for Gender Equality
Dr Anelisa Hlongwane, Snr Manager: Human Capital, Multichoice Group
Yosheen Padayachee, Group Chief Information Officer, SAICA
Angela Lundie, Director, Solution Engineering & AI Business Solutions, Microsoft
Dr Khensani Xivuri, AI Lab Research Lead, Vodacom
Juanita Clark, Founder & CEO, Digital Council Africa
Prema Tina Arunajalam-Head of Data Culture, Talent & Ethics, Absa Group
Malebu Makgalemela Mogohloane, Group Executive-Enterprise Risk Management, Security, Forensics & Insurance, Telkom
Pragashani Reddy, Chief Commercial Officer, DSG
Brenda Talazo, Vice President & Head of HR and Business Enablement, SAAB
Mankoana Nhlebelo, Head of Information Security GRC & Program (General Manager), MTN
Keagile Makgoba: Head of Global Communications, Sub-Saharan Africa, Tik Tok
Connie Simunyu, Secretary, IITPSA Women in IT Chapter (WIIT)
Thelma Madzikanda, Treasurer, IITPSA Women in IT Chapter (WIIT)
Kholofelo Halefose, Events Co-Ordinator, IITPSA Women in IT Chapter (WIIT)
Jeanette Morwane, Deputy- Director General: Media and Content- Department of Communications and Digital Technologies

11h45 – 12h45

TWO Parallel Break-Away Sessions: From Dialogue to Impact

Proposed Focus:

This breakaway session takes participants from conversation to action by focusing on how ideas shared during the conference can be translated into meaningful, real-world impact. Attendees will collaborate in groups to explore practical initiatives, identify areas of need within communities and industries, and develop actionable concepts that can be taken forward beyond the event. The session is designed to inspire collective responsibility, encourage solution-driven thinking, and activate commitments that turn dialogue into sustainable impact.

Charmaine Houvet, Senior Director Africa, CISCO

**Rionna Roni- Senior Manager, Process and Business Analysis & Group Technology,
Nedbank**

12h45 – 13h30 Interactive Debate

Will AI Accelerate Gender Equality in Leadership, or Deepen Existing Bias?

This session will feature a dynamic debate between two opposing viewpoints, with a certain number of participants representing each side. Guided by an experienced moderator, the discussion will explore the topic from multiple perspectives, encouraging robust engagement and critical thinking. At the conclusion of the debate, the audience will cast their votes to determine which side presented the most compelling and persuasive argument.

Storme McDonald, Chief Operations Officer, RMB

Prisca Soko, Chairperson, African Women in Business

13h30-13h40

Course Give- Away

13h40-14h00

Closing Remarks & Call to Action

14h00

Luncheon and Networking

Entertainment
