

THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE 2018

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Inaugurating the Future of Technology

The Information Technology Association of South Africa (ITA) hosted the inaugural 'Future of Technology' Conference on 17 May 2018 at Futurespace, Sandton.

Attendees of this unique one-day experience included high level decision makers involved with ICT procurement and the future of technology in their respective public, private and NGO organizations. The conference received the generous support of the following companies: Altron, Click Media Productions, Dake Solutions, Empire Technologies, EOH, Internet Solutions, IT News Africa, SAP, Tech Mahindra and Touch of Makhadi Global Media. The SABC had a team onsite for prime time coverage and the conference made its breaking news.

Attendees included Private & Public Sector

- South Africa's leading ICT Companies
- CIO's from Government, Parastatal, the Private Sector
- SME Business Leaders and Community Leaders
- Leading Industry Bodies: , Black Business Council, SACCI, Black IT Forum, IITPS

“Let me take a moment and congratulate you and the President of the ITA, Mr Sunil Geness, for putting together what I thought was an amazing conference with the right quality and level of attendee. You can be proud for having started something.”

Mncedisi Mayekiso, Group Executive: Internet Solutions



Gauteng Finance MEC Barbara Creecy outlining Gauteng's Vision for e-Government

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Sunil Geness, President of the ITA outlining the Future of Technology Series

DEAL TO CREATE 75K JOBS OVER 3 YEARS SEALED

The Jobs Summit initiative has signed an agreement with the Information Technology Association (ITA) to support an aspirational goal of creating 75,000 jobs in the IT sector in the next three years.

The initiative was launched last year by then deputy president Cyril Ramaphosa.

This year, President Ramaphosa committed the government to work with the private sector to fight youth unemployment.

The Jobs Summit Initiative's Stefan Lauber says there has been an agreement with members of the ITA that they hire unskilled young people who will then be trained.

"We've come up with an initiative called Each One Hire One. The small companies will take in a learner to work alongside them because they need skilled people."

Learners can then progress from this programme to become young entrepreneurs and work from the Job Summit's "Gig Hub" or they can choose to enter the corporate world through the "Career Mobility" programme.

He says companies are coming together to come up with new approaches to create 100,000 jobs.

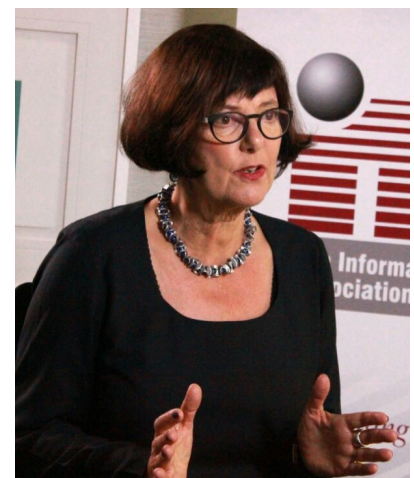
The Nelson Mandela Foundation's Sello Hatang attended the conference, saying that in creating jobs the youth should be trained to use technology so that they fit in well in the developing world.

Gauteng Ready To Thwart Cybersecurity Threats

Gauteng government has set a cybersecurity centre to thwart any attempts to hack into its network or infect it with malware, MEC for Finance Barbra Crecy said on Thursday in Sandton

Crecy who was speaking at an Information Technology Association of South Africa conference said a part of its mandate the Department of e-Government has developed a GPG cybersecurity policy and strategy; implemented a Security Operations Centre and also developed a range of cybersecurity detection and prevention tools.

MEC Crecy said: "We have set up government security centre, it deals with all internet traffic of government, yes, there have been attempts to hack into the system, I don't have the statistics with me but I do know that over a recent couple of years there have been several attempts to install malware and there have been attempts to hack into government system. Once you build a network that connects all government institutions."



Gauteng Finance MEC Barbara Crecy

What Delegates had to Say

“Just a note to say THANK YOU for the invitation. The conference content was very informative and encouraging. The last speaker Hendus Venter was very refreshing. It was humbling to hear one of the big corporates (Internet Solutions) volunteer to host the next event.”

Martina Letsoalo, Shide

“Thanks so much for inviting me to participate on the Job Creation panel last week. I enjoyed the interaction and also learnt a lot.”

Joe Manchu

CEO Manchu Group

“Thank you for an amazing ITA conference yesterday. I gained so much value out of it and I'm grateful to you and your team for hosting me .”

Alexandra Flusk, Student at Wits University

“Great event yesterday, congratulations to you and Sunil. Could I request you forward us the membership forms.”

Abbey Matlala

Executive BYTES ALTRON



Mncedisi Mayekiso, Executive Business Development at Internet Solutions

Highlights of the Conference

The plenary sessions included the following speakers:

- **Sello Hatang, CEO of the Nelson Mandela Foundation** talked about the centenary year of Nelson Mandela & the digital transformation of the Mandela Centre of Memory.
- **Mehmood Khan, SAP Africa:** COO provided perspectives on the future of the digital enterprise.
- **Leslie Moodley, Managing Director Altron Bytes Systems Integration,** spoke about using Technology to impact Communities in meaningful Ways
- **Mncedisi Mayekiso, Executive Business Development at Internet Solutions** addressed the future of the internet of things.
- **Ram Ramachandran, Tech Mahindra,** Executive head: Middle East & Africa, spoke on the future of digitisation.
- **Kirtan Sita, Chief Strategy Officer of EOH International,** discussed why Cities are the Engine Room for Economic Prosperity.

Other speaker highlights included Tashmia Ismail, CEO of the YES initiative, Stefan Lauber CEO of the Jobs Summit and Dr Mlungisi Cele, Acting CEO of the National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI)

The Digital Economy

continues to become an increasingly important driving force for global economic growth. Its role in accelerating economic development, optimising global economic structure, and achieving inclusive and sustainable growth is ever more critical. It is experiencing high growth, rapid innovation and widespread application in the rest of the economy. South Africa has a huge role to play.

Livestreamed across the Continent

The ITA Future of Technology Conference was streamed live in South Africa and the rest of the continent, as a pro bono benefit to the people of South (Africa).

The Word from the ITA President

"I am deeply grateful to MEC Creecy and the various ITA members who have thrown their support to create this platform. The experience and leadership of participating speakers in the sector has allowed for critical and insightful discussions at the event as well the opportunity to create the necessary impetus in the country, to fully embrace the benefits of the digital economy in all spheres of business and society," commented Sunil Geness, President of the ITA South Africa.

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Give us a call to enroll for the 2019 Future of Technology Conference / and become a Member of the ITA

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Trending on Twitter—next to Lionel Messi & FC Barcelona

Coming close to beating Lionel Messi to the fourth top spot on the Twitter Trending Charts, the ITA Future of Technology earned the following metrics over the 28 days of Social Media Campaigning:

- 303k Impressions on Twitter
- 2068 Profile Visits
- 91 FoT ITA Tweets
- 317 Twitter Mentions
- 192 New Twitter Followers

The most popular tweet was the announcement of Gauteng Finance MEC Barbara Creecy as the Keynote Speaker

We are looking forward to making the 2019 ITA Future of Technology Conference trend globally

And are excited to announce that Internet Solutions have offered to host the next edition at the Forum, Bryanston, with a seating capacity of 500 delegates—and a number of surprise guests from around the globe!

Thanks to the great Team of Click Media Productions and their CEO Christian Kazadi

Digital Industry Transformation

Alan Mukoki, Chief Executive Officer of South African Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SACCI), Sello Rasethaba, Chairman of the Black Business Council (BBC), & Mdu Mkhonza of the Black IT Forum (BITF) provided perspectives on digital industry transformation.

Digital Job Creation for the Youth

With the fourth industrial revolution upon us, there are fears that technology will kill jobs. But delegates at the Future of Technology conference underway in Johannesburg heard that more jobs are being created but they are for highly skilled people. The Information Technology Association and the Job Summit have pledged to create 75-thousand jobs over the next three years.

Digital Collaboration across Sectors

The ITA works in close liaison with government, consumers and other specialist organizations. The ITA also has a longstanding commitment to human resource development within the industry. Through its close association with the MICT SETA the ITA promotes the maintenance of high standards of IT industry technical skills in accordance with international trends.

About the ITA

The Information Technology Association (ITA), founded in 1934, merged with the IT Users Council in mid-2000, is the official trade and employer body of the Information Technology Industry in South Africa. The ITA represents more than 200 companies concerned with the supply of information technology equipment, systems, software and services. Prominent members include Microsoft, IBM, SAP, BCX, EOH and ALTRON. More information at www.ita.org.za



The Future of Technology Conference 2018 (brought to you by the ITA) - Audience listening attentively to the Opening Plenary







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