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## CONFERENCE DAY 1: MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| 07h30 - 08h30          | Registration and Networking<br>Exhibition Opens  |
| 08h45 - 09h05          | <b>SAOUG Conference 2025 Opening</b><br><i>Nicky Verd, Digital Futurist and Emcee</i>  |
| 09h05 - 09h15          | <b>SAOUG Conference 2025 Welcome Address</b><br><i>Penelope Clarke, SAOUG Chair</i>  |
| 09h15 - 10h00          | <b>Human-Centric AI for Government</b><br><i>Demetris Skourides, Chief Scientist for Research, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Cyprus &amp; Chair of the National AI Taskforce</i>                      |
| 10h00 - 10h45          | <b>Oracle Driving Intelligent Business Transformation with AI</b><br><i>Sandhya Ramdhany, Country Leader and Senior Legal Director, Oracle</i><br><i>Gomedi Makhongoana, Technology DBP Country Director, Oracle</i> |
| 10h45 - 11h15          | REFRESHMENT BREAK  |
| 11h15 - 12h00          | <b>The Future of Data, AI and Application Development</b><br><i>Connor McDonald, Oracle Database Advocate</i>  |
| 12h00 - 12h45          | <b>Extending your Oracle Cloud Fusion Apps with AI (and Other Things)</b><br><i>Debra Lilley, Oracle ACE Director</i>  |
| 12h45 - 13h25          | <b>VOICES OF INNOVATION: Meet Our Global Partners</b><br><i>Chaired by Abe Makwana, CEO, IT News Africa</i>  |
| 13h25 - 14h15          | LUNCH  |
| TRACK SESSIONS (40min) |  |

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| THEME                | ELEVATE<br>Cloud Adoption,<br>Innovation &<br>Modernisation       | AUTOMATE<br>OCI, AI, Database, Data Management, Licensing<br>Compliance & Cost Optimisation                  |   | EMPOWER<br>People Enablement,<br>Change Management &<br>Leadership | PERFORM<br>Enterprise Performance<br>Management   |
|----------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| Room                 | ENGINATICS<br>(Pelindaba 1)                                       | PERFORCE DELPHIX<br>(Springbok)  | FLEXERA<br>(Impala)                                       | UP TIME CONSULTING<br>(Elephant)                                   | BROVANTURE<br>(Lion)  |
| <b>14h20 – 15h00</b> |   |  |   |  |   |
| Topic                | AI in EBS: Exploring<br>What's New & How it<br>Compares to Fusion | Engineering the Future:<br>Unlocking Business Value<br>with Oracle Cloud<br>Infrastructure (OCI)             | Automating Compliance &<br>Cloud Cost Management          | Modern User Adoption<br>Techniques for Oracle<br>SaaS              | EPM Roadmap & ESG:<br>Driving Sustainable<br>Business Practices   |
| Speaker              | Debra Lilley,<br>Oracle ACE Director                              | Brett Primo, Master<br>Principal Account Cloud<br>Engineer,<br>Oracle  | Marco Hollwedel,<br>Solution Engineer,<br>Flexera         | Tony Cook,<br>CEO,<br>Fudgelearn                                   | Andy King, Senior Director<br>& Michel Schoolenaar,<br>Director, Oracle EPM &<br>Sarah Dow, Practise Lead<br>– Financial Close,<br>Brovanture |
| <b>15h10 - 15h50</b> |   |  |   |  |   |
| Topic                | Future of Finance 2026  | Revolutionising Database<br>Deployment with the<br>Oracle Database Operator<br>for Kubernetes                | AI Powered Quality<br>Engineering for Oracle              | Change Leadership:<br>The Human Side of<br>Oracle Implementations  | Exploring IPM Insights &<br>Auto Predictions  |
| Speaker              | Erich Linde,<br>Oracle EPM Lead,<br>Deloitte                      | Ron Ekins,<br>Oracle ACE Director,<br>Director, Field Solution<br>Architecture EMEA &<br>LATAM, Pure Storage | Paul Oelofse,<br>Managing Director,<br>Mediro ICT Connect | Michele De Kreek,<br>Director,<br>Up Time Consulting               | Marc van Kan, Director &<br>Lydia Maksoud, Senior<br>Consultant,<br>Brovanture  |

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### 16h00 - 16h40

| Topic   | Managed Services: Is There a Right Way?   | Transforming Data Operations for Innovation & Compliance  | Everything You Need to Know about Oracle APEX & AI                        | Transformation in Action: Lessons from Complex Oracle Programmes | Streamlined Consolidation: See the Connected Close in Action                                |
|---------|---|---|---|--|---|
| Speaker | Darren Pieterse, Commercial Director, 4S4 | Gary Hallam, Senior Enterprise Account Executive & Stuart Williams, Solution Engineer, Perforce Delphix | Karkuvelraja Thangamariappan, Oracle ACE Pro, Associate VP, Vibhathi Labs | Antoinette Lambe, Director, LearnTo                              | Sarah Dow, Practise Lead – Financial Close & Kim Kannemeyer, SA Country Manager, Brovanture |

### 16h50 - 17h30

| Topic   | EBS Data Loading & Reporting Made Easy   | Strategic Oracle Licensing: Enabling Agile Cloud Adoption & Innovation | JDE Release 26 – Smarter, Faster, AI-Empowered               | THRIVE: How Leaders can Unlock Digital Transformation, Remain Relevant & Avoid Disruption | The Power of Connection: Planning Without Limits                      |
|---------|--|--|--|---|---|
| Speaker | Bosco Kioko, Finance Reporting Specialist & Alexander Pavlik, Chief Technology Officer, Enginatics | Mohammad Inamullah, Principal, Redwood Compliance                      | Warryck Dromgoole, Senior Functional Consultant, Resolve Red | KK Diaz, Business & Brand Strategist, Dealmaker, Digital Transformation Expert & Author   | Marc van Kan, Director & Lydia Maksoud, Senior Consultant, Brovanture |

18h30

PRE-GALA DINNER DRINKS

19h30

AFRICAN-CHIC GALA DINNER & PARTY

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**CONFERENCE DAY 2: TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER**

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|---------------|---|
| 08h45 - 09h00 | <p><b>Welcome and Day 1 Recap</b><br/><i>Nicky Verd, Digital Futurist and Emcee</i></p>   |
| 09h00 - 09h45 | <p><b>What Does Tech for Humanity Look Like in the Future?</b><br/><i>Demetris Skourides, Chief Scientist for Research, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Cyprus &amp; Chair of the National AI Taskforce</i></p>  |
| 09h45 - 10h30 | <p><b>Beyond Numbers: The Art of Telling Stories and the Crucial Role of Data Literacy in the Oracle</b><br/><i>Dr Abi Giles-Haigh, Oracle ACE Director</i></p>   |
| 10h30 - 11h00 | <p><b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b></p>   |
| 11h00 - 11h40 | <p><b>CUSTOMER INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT: Digital Transformation in African Enterprises</b><br/>Featuring Leaders from Revenue Services Lesotho, Beltone, Blue Turtle Technologies, LearnTo, Tiger Brands, Boundless<br/><i>Chaired by Debra Lilley, Oracle ACE Director</i></p> |

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|----------------------|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Room                 | ORACLE<br>(Expo)                                      | ENGINATICS<br>(Pelindaba 1)  | PERFORCE DELPHIX<br>(Springbok)   | FLEXERA<br>(Impala)   | TRPGLOBAL<br>(Elephant)                                      | A-GAME BUSINESS<br>(Lion)                  |
| <b>11h50 - 12h30</b> |   |  |   |   |  |  |
| Topic                | On-Prem Versus<br>Cloud: The African<br>Conundrum     | A Leading South African<br>Bank: Customised<br>OBIEE Reporting<br>Solution – Success Story | 100% Live Demo!<br>Oracle Database 23ai<br>- Zero Slides, Zero<br>PowerPoint, Zero<br>Marketing | Maximising Value<br>from Oracle<br>Investments:<br>Licensing<br>Compliance &<br>Cost Optimisation | Real-World AI & Risk<br>Management in<br>Oracle Environments | All you Need to<br>Know about Oracle       |
| Speaker              | Dennis Naidoo,<br>CEO,<br>ETS Innovations             | Ken Dixon, Senior<br>Technical Project<br>Manager,<br>iOCO                                 | Connor McDonald,<br>Oracle Database<br>Advocate   | Mohammad<br>Inamullah,<br>Principal,<br>Redwood<br>Compliance                                     | Arun Majumdar,<br>CEO,<br>TRPGLOBAL                          | Debra Lilley,<br>Oracle ACE Director       |

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| 12h40 - 13h20 |   |   |   |   |  |   |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| Topic         | The Last Mile of Analytics for Finance & HR: Turning Data into Enterprise Value with AI | Moving Hyperion Workloads to OCI – A Case Study                                   | Break Free from Legacy IT Costs with Oracle Virtualization  | Real-World Success in Licensing & Cloud Cost Control                        | Guardians of the Data - Protecting Oracle Backups from Ransomware & Malicious Intent                                   | Live Hands-On Student Workshop: Oracle Technologies                                   |
| Speaker       | Saefddin Allan,<br>Pre-Sales Consultant,<br>SplashBI                                    | Bruce Viljoen,<br>Country Manager,<br>AMOSCA                                      | Russ Alexander,<br>Regional Lead for<br>Open-Source<br>Technologies (SADC),<br>& Laszlo Ludas,<br>Channel Director<br>(MEA), Oracle | Marco Hollwedel,<br>Solution Engineer,<br>Flexera                           | Ron Ekins,<br>Oracle ACE Director  | Karkuvelraja<br>Thangamariappan,<br>Oracle ACE Pro,<br>Associate VP,<br>Vibhathi Labs |
| 13h20 - 14h00 |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| LUNCH         |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| 14h10 - 14h50 |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| Topic         | Successful AI in Payables   | Reimagining ERP: The Power of Generative AI in JDE                                | Oracle APEX Integrated Framework for Document Querying with RAG   | Game Changers: Python, Video Analysis & Property Graphs in Sports Analytics | Why Testers Love Production Data and what to do about it   | The Humbling Experience of going from a Database Expert to an AI Newbie               |
| Speaker       | Seef Muller,<br>Chief Delivery Officer,<br>APPSolve                                     | Warren Solomons,<br>JD Edwards Technology<br>Architect & Director,<br>Resolve Red | Karkuvelraja<br>Thangamariappan,<br>Oracle ACE Pro,<br>Associate VP,<br>Vibhathi Labs   | Dr Abi Giles-Haigh,<br>Oracle ACE<br>Director                               | Gary Hallam,<br>Senior Enterprise<br>Account Executive &<br>Stuart Williams,<br>Solution Engineer,<br>Perforce Delphix | Connor McDonald,<br>Oracle Database<br>Advocate                                       |

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| Topic   | Building Next-Gen Health Dept Logistics App Live: APEX with AI, Maps, and Bots in 40 Minutes   | EBS Data Loading and Reporting Made Easy – A Tiger Brands Story   | Oracle AI Database 26ai Overview                          | AI Safely in Your Data Centre                | How a Financial Services Major Tackled Regulatory Requirements Adopting to Global Best Practices Using Oracle Risk Management | Step In, Stand Out: Your Journey into the Working World                                 |
|---------|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Speaker | Olushola Khosa, Principal Account Cloud Engineer, Database Platform & Sphesihle Cele, Account Cloud Engineer Intern, Database Platform, Oracle | Ana Brunette, IT Senior Functional Analyst, Tiger Brands & Bosco Kioko, Finance Reporting Specialist & Alexander Pavlik, Chief Technology Officer, Enginatics | Kavi Beeson, Consulting Member of Technical Staff, Oracle | Sanford Edinberry, Systems Executive, Oracle | Arun Majumdar, CEO TRPGLOBAL & Khaled El Deeb, Senior Manager, IT Service Delivery, Beltone                                   | KK Diaz, Business & Brand Strategist, Dealmaker, Digital Transformation Expert & Author |

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| 15h50 - 16h30 |   |   |  |  |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| Topic         | Practical Pathways to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure: Secure, Scalable & Cost-Effective Adoption   | Eclosia HCM Transformation: Driving HR Modernisation & Business Efficiency  | Modern DevX OraOperator + AI Assisted App Development with Oracle Database | AI in Healthcare: Innovation Roundtable  | The Risk Musketeers - Rewired for Resilience Fireside: AI   People Risk   Cloud   Security   Culture of Resilience                  | Early Careers - The Next Generation of EPM Planning Consultants |
| Speaker       | Obakeng Pule, Principal Account Cloud Engineer, Oracle  | Gulshun Munhurun, Oracle ERP Business Lead & Frederic Glenat, Senior Advisor, Spoon Consulting & Marlee Strydom, Payroll Consultant & Tania Upiah, Payroll Solution Architect, Ursula | Kavi Beesoon, Consulting Member of Technical Staff, Oracle                 | Demetris Skourides, Chief Scientist for Research, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Cyprus & Chair of the National AI Taskforce & Debra Lilley, Oracle ACE Director | Arun Majumdar, CEO, TRPGLOBAL & Ron Ekins, Oracle ACE Director & Gary Hallam, Senior Enterprise Account Executive, Perforce Delphix | Mthembeni Soganile & Edzisani Nematoka, EPM Graduates           |
| 16h40 - 17h20 | <b>ORACLE ACE FIRESIDE CHAT: The Future of Tech, Talent &amp; AI in Africa</b><br>Dr Abi Giles-Haigh, Ron Ekins, Sarah Dow, Connor McDonald, Lydia Maksoud, Karkuvelraja Thangamariappan, Ahmed Jassat (Africa)<br>Chaired by Debra Lilley, Oracle ACE Director |   |  |  |   |   |
| 17h20 - 18h00 | <b>CONFERENCE CLOSING &amp; PRIZE-GIVING</b>  |   |  |  |   |   |

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