

Main Stage		Masterclass Zone		Venture Stage	
8:30	<p align="center">OFFICIAL OPENING OF SAIS'23 Africa's Innovation Frontier <i>Embracing the Power of Innovation to Transform Africa's Future</i></p> <p align="center">Speakers: Alderman James Vos: Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Growth, City of Cape Town Patrick Krappie: Acting CEO, Technology Innovation Agency Rapelang Rabana: Founder, Rekindle Learning</p>				
9:50	<p align="center">SETTING THE TONE Redefining Industry and Job Creation: The Exponential Tech Boom The digital industrialisation is firing up the African innovation economy and what tomorrow's jobs mean</p> <p align="center">Moderator: Mthunzi Mdwaba: Founder, TZoro</p> <p align="center">Panellists: Celina Lee: CEO, Zindi Tseliso Mohlomi: Senior Director, TUT Future of Work Catherine Wijnberg: CEO and Founder, Fetola Asnath Mahapa: Airline Pilot, Mountain Reach Technologies Wrenelle Stander: CEO, Wesgro</p>	10:00	<p align="center">WORKSHOP Make It Stick Building your brand and story</p> <p align="center">Facilitator: Abby Stern: Ventures Principal, Holocene Joshua Romisher: CEO, Holocene</p>	10:15	<p align="center">VENTURE STAGE OPENING Paving the way for a series of inspiring pitches that are about to unfold</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Mduduzi Dladla: Accountant Ambassador, Sage</p>
10:50	<p align="center">KEYNOTE The Generative AI buzz, for the best and the worst!</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Nicolas Diacono: Co-Founder, CourtSideClub</p>	10:55	<p align="center">LIGHTNING TALK Building the Sky of Tomorrow The Journey and Vision of AutonoSky</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Amit Ramdath: Founder and CEO, AutonoSky</p>	10:25	<p align="center">PORTFOLIO SHOWCASE TechTribe</p> <p>Explore some of the impressive startups from TechTribe Accelerator's cohorts, showcasing their innovation and potential.</p> <p align="center">Q&A Facilitators: Yusuf Mahomed: Founder, Chart Your Path Ayanda Siboto: Managing Director, Informally Digital Nonkululeko Shongwe: Programme Manager, TIA</p>
11:20	<p align="center">THINK TANK Energy is Everything: Innovation in the Driving Seat Towards a Just Energy Transition Empowering South African start-ups for economic growth and climate resilience</p> <p align="center">Moderator: Shakira Akbar: South Africa P4G National Platform Liaison</p> <p align="center">Panellists: Nee-Joo Teh: Head, KTN Global Alliance Praveshen Naidoo: Founder and managing director, Ewaste Africa Joshua Romisher: CEO, Holocene Daya Naidoo: Head of Business Unit: Natural Resources/ Energy, Technology Innovation Agency Belvana Abeli: Green Economy Investment Portfolio Manager, Wesgro</p>	11:10	<p align="center">MASTERCLASS What I've Learnt So Far About Advertising Online Online Advertising Insights: Lessons from the Journey</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Michelle Geere: CEO, Adbot</p>	11:15	<p align="center">PORTFOLIO SHOWCASE Brazil</p> <p>Brazilian innovation meets global opportunities, powered by Instituto Jovem Exportador and the Technology Innovation Agency</p> <p align="center">Q&A Facilitators: Sibusiso Msomi: Managing Director, The Sales Enablement Company Donovan Bell: Founder, Silvertree Consultants</p>
		11:55	<p align="center">LIGHTNING TALK Innovation Through Problem-Solving Implementing Design Thinking to Drive Innovation</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Matthew Wate: Head of Client Solutions and Innovation, Human Insights</p>		
12:15	<p align="center">THINK TANK Unlocking South African Innovation: A Year in Review Case Studies from the Innovation Fund: Purposeful Capital Deployment and its Impact on Development</p> <p align="center">Moderator: Buntu Majaja: CEO, SA Innovation Summit</p> <p align="center">Panellists: Koni Rashamuse: Chief Director: Innovation Priorities and Instruments, DSI Lindsay Petersen: COO, Mediclinic Precise Tishanya Naidoo: Principal, 27Four Tasneem Karodia: Co-Founder and COO, NewForm Foods Luyolo Sijake: Founder, Qwili Zane Stenning: Co-Founder, MIA Health</p>	12:10	<p align="center">WORKSHOP Mapping Your Success: Navigating the Ecosystem Unraveling the Layers of Understanding and Identifying Your Position</p> <p align="center">Facilitator Bennie Anderson: Chair, Da Vinci Institute</p> <p align="center">Speakers: Henra Meyer: CEO, Innocentrix Paseka Lesolang: CEO, WHC Talifhani Banks: CEO, Analytics Advertising Africa</p>	12:15	<p align="center">PORTFOLIO SHOWCASE Anza and Grindstone</p> <p>An exclusive opportunity to witness early-stage startups from Anza Capital and Grindstone Ventures pitch their groundbreaking ideas and innovations. These startups are ready to showcase their potential to take Africa to the world!</p> <p align="center">Q&A Panellists: Van-Lee Gunyere: Chief Investment Officer, Anza Capital Thaheer Mullins: Partner, Savant Vuyisa Qabaka: Partner, Hybr Group</p>
13:10	<p align="center">FIRESIDE CHAT Leverage Startups to Diversify African Economies</p> <p align="center">Speakers: Dino Ballotti: MSME Development, Innovation & Acceleration, Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board Linda McLeod: Startup and Scale, Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board Christina von Doderer: Chief Investment Officer, Business Financial Solutions Kristofine Ekandjo: Founder, Tulande Online Boris Urban: Professor, University of the Witwatersrand</p>	13:00	<p align="center">MASTERCLASS Why Your Marketing is Not Working and How To Fix It for Greater Results Reset for Customer Growth and Revenue Boost</p> <p align="center">Speaker: KK Diaz: CEO & Chief Strategist, A-Game Business</p>	13:35	<p align="center">PORTFOLIO SHOWCASE Tsiba Academy</p> <p>Join us for an exclusive glimpse into the innovative world of Tsiba Academy as we present three of their promising startups. Get ready to be inspired by their groundbreaking ideas, entrepreneurial spirit, and the future they are shaping!</p> <p align="center">Q&A Facilitators: Marisa Naidoo: South Africa Country Lead, Innovate UK KTN Will Green: Founder and CEO, Co.lab Talifhani Banks: CEO, Analytics Advertising Africa</p>
		13:50	<p align="center">LIGHTNING TALK From Scrappy to Post Revenue</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Zanele Matome: Founder, Welo Health</p>		
14:00	<p align="center">Unveiling Africa's Investment Realities Navigating the African Investment Landscape for Mutual Benefit and Sustainable Growth</p> <p align="center">LIGHTNING TALK Speaker: Zachariah George: Managing Partner, Launch Africa Ventures</p> <p align="center">THINK TANK Moderator: Thandeka Xaba: Managing Partner, Digital Africa Ventures</p> <p align="center">Panellists: Sam Clarke: Founder, Skynamo Audrey Verhaeghe: CEO, Anza Capital Duval van Zijl: Venture Principal, Holocene</p>	14:10	<p align="center">MASTERCLASS Unlocking Africa's Future Blockchain Opportunities and Challenges for Startups</p> <p align="center">Speakers: Anda Ngcaba: Innovation Director, UCT Financial Innovation Hub</p>	14:15	<p align="center">Africa Earth Observation Challenge</p> <p>Get ready for an exhilarating experience as we bring you exciting startups at the forefront of earth observation innovation. Our ten finalists have been handpicked from a pool of exceptional talent, and they're about to take the stage to showcase their groundbreaking solutions that are set to reshape Africa's future.</p> <p align="center">Judges: Pauline Okeyo: Solution Engineer, Esri Davis Cook: CEO, RIIS Phoebe Oduor: PoC AfriGEO Secretariat, RCMRD Martin Vermeulen: Senior Associate, Von Seidels Farrah Naidoo: Program Manager, Digital Earth Africa</p>
15:00	<p align="center">THINK TANK Unlocking Innovation The 8 Principles of Success</p> <p align="center">Moderator: Bennie Anderson: Da Vinci Institute</p> <p align="center">Panellists: Ndimiso Hadebe: CEO: KH Research Equity Partners Toto Matshediso: Director Global Projects, Department of Science and Innovation Henra Mayer: CEO, Innocentrix</p>	15:00	<p align="center">LIGHTNING TALK Creating Value in an Ecosystem Through Context Digitizing the Taxi industry</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Wesley Dorning: Director, Sebenza Taxi</p>		
15:50	<p align="center">FIRESIDE CHAT Innovating the Future of Water Funding Opportunities and Sustainable Solutions</p> <p align="center">Speakers: Marisa Naidoo: South Africa Country Lead, Innovate UK KTN Kevin Winter: Academic, University of Cape Town</p>	15:30	<p align="center">MASTERCLASS Navigating the Funding Journey: From Seed to Series A Understanding the Transition, Expectations, and Metrics</p> <p align="center">Facilitator: Alex Fraser: CEO, Viridian</p> <p align="center">Speakers: Zachariah George: Managing Partner, Launch Africa Ventures Daniel Novitzkas: CEO, Specno</p>		
16:25	<p align="center">CLOSING Empowering Tomorrow: Uniting for a Brighter Future Reflecting on Day 1</p> <p align="center">Speaker: Buntu Majaja: CEO, SA Innovation Summit</p>				

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9:00	<p>OPENING Innovate, Elevate, and Collaborate <i>Embracing a New Dawn of Possibilities for Day 2</i></p> <p>Speaker: Caitlin Nash: Co-Founder, Loudhailer and GIIG Africa</p>				
9:10	<p>THINK TANK Fuelling Global Competitiveness in a Digital Age Exploring South Africa's Digital Landscape: Risks, Rewards, and Opportunities</p> <p>Lightning Talk Speaker Alfred Mashishi: Chief Director: Information Society Modelling and Forecasting, DCDT</p> <p>Moderator: Nontombi Marule: Director of Innovation and Technology, Department of Trade and Industry</p> <p>Panellists: Nithen Naidoo: CEO, Snode Kegan Peffer: CEO, Adoozy Power Mathabo Sekhonyana: Head of Marketing and Communication, Adoozy Power Mduduzi Dladla: Accountant Ambassador, Sage</p>	9:20	<p>MASTERCLASS EdTech Solutions in Africa Challenges, Opportunities, and Emerging Technologies</p> <p>Speaker: Krista Davidson: CEO, Injini</p>	9:00	<p>SAIS TIA 10x Pitching Competition</p> <p>Our spotlight shines on impact-driven concepts that have the potential to reshape society for the better.</p> <p>Judges: Tshembani Khupane: Senior Programme Manager, TIA Zachariah George: Managing Partner, Launch Africa Ventures Abby Stern: Venture Principal, Holocene Van-Lee Gunyere: Chief Investment Officer, Anza Capital Matthew Sawyer: Trade Mark Attorney, Von Seidels</p>
10:15	<p>THINK TANK The Best Ecosystem for Scaling Startups on the African Continent Exploring the Thriving Startup Landscape, Resources, and Support Systems in Cape Town</p> <p>Moderator: Caitlin Nash: Founder, Loudhailer and GIIG Africa</p> <p>Panellists: Daniel Novitzkas: Founder, Specno Kiemo Kammies: Founder, Innovation City Marietjie Engelbrecht: Head of Marketing & Ecosystem, UVU Africa Maxime Calot: CEO and Founder, Welcome Tomorrow Thembinkosi Siganda: Enterprise Development, Invest SA</p>	10:10	<p>LIGHTNING TALK Data Drives Change The Journey from Data Point to Pivotal Impact</p> <p>Speaker: Priaash Ramadeen: Co-Founder and CEO, The Awareness Company</p>	10:50	<p>BoostUp</p> <p>South African startups go head-to-head on the grand stage, vying for their shot at making it to the finals.</p>
	<p>THINK TANK Fostering Township Economic Resurgence: Open Innovation Solutions Empowering TISH (Township, Informal Settlements, and Hostels) in South Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Buti Makama: Area Innovation Manager, eKasiLabs</p> <p>Panellists: Thabang Mpye: Head of Information and Communication Technology, TIA Mpho Mbonani: Manager – Partnerships, The Innovation Hub Nayana Cambraia: Portfolio Manager, NESST</p>	10:25	<p>FIRESIDE CHAT Navigating the Investment Landscape <i>Effective Portfolio Construction for Today's Investors</i></p> <p>Speakers: Sipha Ndawonde: Operator-Investor and Special Advisor, Secha Capital Nick Allen: Managing Partner, Savant</p>		
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12:15	<p>THINK TANK The Business of Influencing</p> <p>Speakers: André J Maré: Commercial and Transactional IP specialist, Von Seidels Christine Strutt: Partner, Von Seidels Nadia Jaftha: Co-founder, Ace Labs Reece Meyer: Co-founder, Ace Labs Chae Francis: Co-Founder, Ace Labs</p>	12:05	<p>UNCONFERENCE Venture Building: Navigating the Path to Innovation and Success Fostering Growth, Collaboration, and Resilience in the Startup Ecosystem</p> <p>Speakers: Vusi Skosana: Acting Executive, TIA Dr Revel Iyver: Director: Technology Transfer & Industry Linkages, CPU Warren La Fleur: Partner, Koya Capital Sakhile Xulu: Managing Partner, Seed South Capital Tebogo Modiba: Deputy Director, Department of Science and Innovation Daniel Novitzkas: CEO, Specno</p>	10:50	<p>BoostUp</p> <p>South African startups go head-to-head on the grand stage, vying for their shot at making it to the finals.</p>
13:15	<p>FIRESIDE CHAT Accelerating Startup Growth Leveraging Digital Technology for Scalable Systems</p> <p>Speakers Jean-Jacques Janse van Rensburg: CAO & Head of Growth, Selfbuiltsystems Buntu Majaja: CEO, SA Innovation Summit</p>	13:55	<p>LIGHTNING TALK Capital is Shy – You Shouldn't Be Navigating the Funding Maze to Power Your Entrepreneurial Dreams</p> <p>Speaker: Vincent Maposa: Founder, Wetility</p>	12:40	<p>Inventors Garage Early-stage trailblazers strut their stuff, showcasing their cool inventions and game-changing innovations!</p> <p>Judges: Samkelisiwe Msewu: Account Manager, IDC Jacques Jordaan: Director and Founder, Specno Mduduzi Dladla: Account Ambassador, Sage</p>
13:50	<p>THINK TANK Unleashing Female Powerhouses The voices of women in tech entrepreneurs in Africa - challenges, opportunities and solutions</p> <p>Moderator: Tamiko Sher: Co-founder and Executive Director, Alfe</p> <p>Panellists: Leole-Ann Francis: Co-Founder and Partner, Akopo Labs Lisle Jenneke: Co-Founder, Element Applications Faith Ngogoyo: Country Lead Kenya, Teesas Carmen Mettler: Founder, Infinite Leadership Haley Pailusseau: Co-Founder, AkopoLabs</p>	14:10	<p>MASTERCLASS Carbon Credits: Transforming Investment Metrics Exploring the Mechanics and Implications of a Sustainable Paradigm Shift</p> <p>Facilitator: Joshua Romisher: CEO, Holocene</p> <p>Speakers: Caitlin Wale: Founder, Kinjani Michael Brand: Head of Merchant Partnerships, TOCO Platform & Technologies Francois van Wyk: Environmental Innovator, Agrifusion</p>	14:00	<p>SA-Swiss Blockchain Innovation Challenge</p> <p>In a remarkable fusion, Swiss and South African impact-driven startups harnessing the power of blockchain technologies unite to deliver their compelling pitches</p> <p>Judges: Thabang Mpye: Head Information and Communications Technology, Technology Innovation Agency Gideon Greaves: Managing Director, CVVC Africa Anda Ngcaba: Innovation Director, UCT Financial Innovation Hub Brandon Paschal: Deputy Director: Spinout Companies and Funds, Stellenbosch University Fabian van der Merwe: Blockchain Lead, Microsoft SA</p>
14:50	<p>THINK TANK Advancing quality learning outcomes in Africa Exploring the potential and challenges of generative AI in education in Africa.</p> <p>Moderator: Gigi Ngcobo: Venture Scale Lead, Injini</p> <p>Panellists: Gavin Weale: Founder and CEO, Digify Africa Rajesh Pasungili Ramakrishnan: Founder, Resolute Education Gabi Immelman: Founder and CEO, Mindjoy Janet Sawari: CEO and Founder of The AI Review Rapelang Rabana: Founder, Rekindle Learning</p>	15:00	<p>LIGHTNING TALK What is broken with recycling and how to fix it Design, Data, and Circular Economy Solutions</p> <p>Speaker: Gift Lubele: Co-Founder and COO, Kudoti</p>		
15:50	<p>KEYNOTE Harnessing the Power of Technology Clusters Building Innovation Capabilities for Global Competitiveness</p> <p>Speakers: Mothibedi Matshela, Acting Chief Executive Officer, The Innovation Hub</p>	15:15	<p>MASTERCLASS Seeds of Sustainability Demystifying ESG for early-stage businesses and funds</p> <p>Speakers: Louise Gardiner: Co-Founder & CEO, Vukani Impact Collective Robin Gilbert-Jones: Co-Founder & Head of Research and Analytics, Vukani Impact Collective</p>	14:00	<p>SA-Swiss Blockchain Innovation Challenge</p> <p>In a remarkable fusion, Swiss and South African impact-driven startups harnessing the power of blockchain technologies unite to deliver their compelling pitches</p> <p>Judges: Thabang Mpye: Head Information and Communications Technology, Technology Innovation Agency Gideon Greaves: Managing Director, CVVC Africa Anda Ngcaba: Innovation Director, UCT Financial Innovation Hub Brandon Paschal: Deputy Director: Spinout Companies and Funds, Stellenbosch University Fabian van der Merwe: Blockchain Lead, Microsoft SA</p>
16:25	<p>CLOSING Celebrating Excellence: Closing and Awards Gala of SAIS 2023 Honouring Innovation, Collaboration, and Achievements</p>				

DAY 3: 29 September 2023 (FOUNDERS DAY – BRICKFIELD CANVAS)

10:00	Connecting and Collaborating
10:45	<p>OPENING Founders Day 2023 - Unleashing the Potential Nurturing Ideas, Fostering Growth, and Inspiring Success</p> <p>Speaker: Buntu Majaja: CEO, SA Innovation Summit</p>
10:55	<p>KEYNOTE F@#& up and find out</p> <p>Speaker: Michelle Geere: CEO, Adbot</p>
11:25	<p>MASTERCLASS Unlocking Sales Potential Strategies for Success</p> <p>Speaker: Sibusiso Msomi: Managing Director, The Sales Enablement Company</p>
12:15	<p>KEYNOTE How Start-ups Play with Grown-ups A Speed Dating Guide</p> <p>Speaker: Roby Stancel: Board Member, Innovation Architects</p>
12:45	<p>FIRESIDE CHAT Unveiling VC Perspectives: Success Stories that Inspire Unraveling Startup Secrets, Portfolio Metrics, and Realistic Triumphs</p> <p>Speakers: Will Green: Founder and CEO, Co.lab Sarah Dusek: Co-Founder, Enygma Ventures</p>
13:25	<p>MASTERCLASS Culture Eats Strategy For Breakfast Defining and scaling your culture</p> <p>Speaker: Oran Cohen: Founder and CEO, GWork</p>
14:10	<p>MASTERCLASS Unleashing Resources for Success Navigating a Landscape of Funding Instruments for Visionary Ventures</p> <p>Speakers: Xolisa Malemane: Senior Investment Case Specialist, TIA Tshembani Khupane: Senior Programme Manager, TIA</p>
15:00	Happy Hour Hangout