



SAIS'23

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CONFLUENCE40



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26th SEPTEMBER 2023

Please note that this is a curated invitation event

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BROUGHT TO YOU BY: **RIIS** FROST & SULLIVAN ORGANISED BY: **SA INNOVATION SUMMIT.**

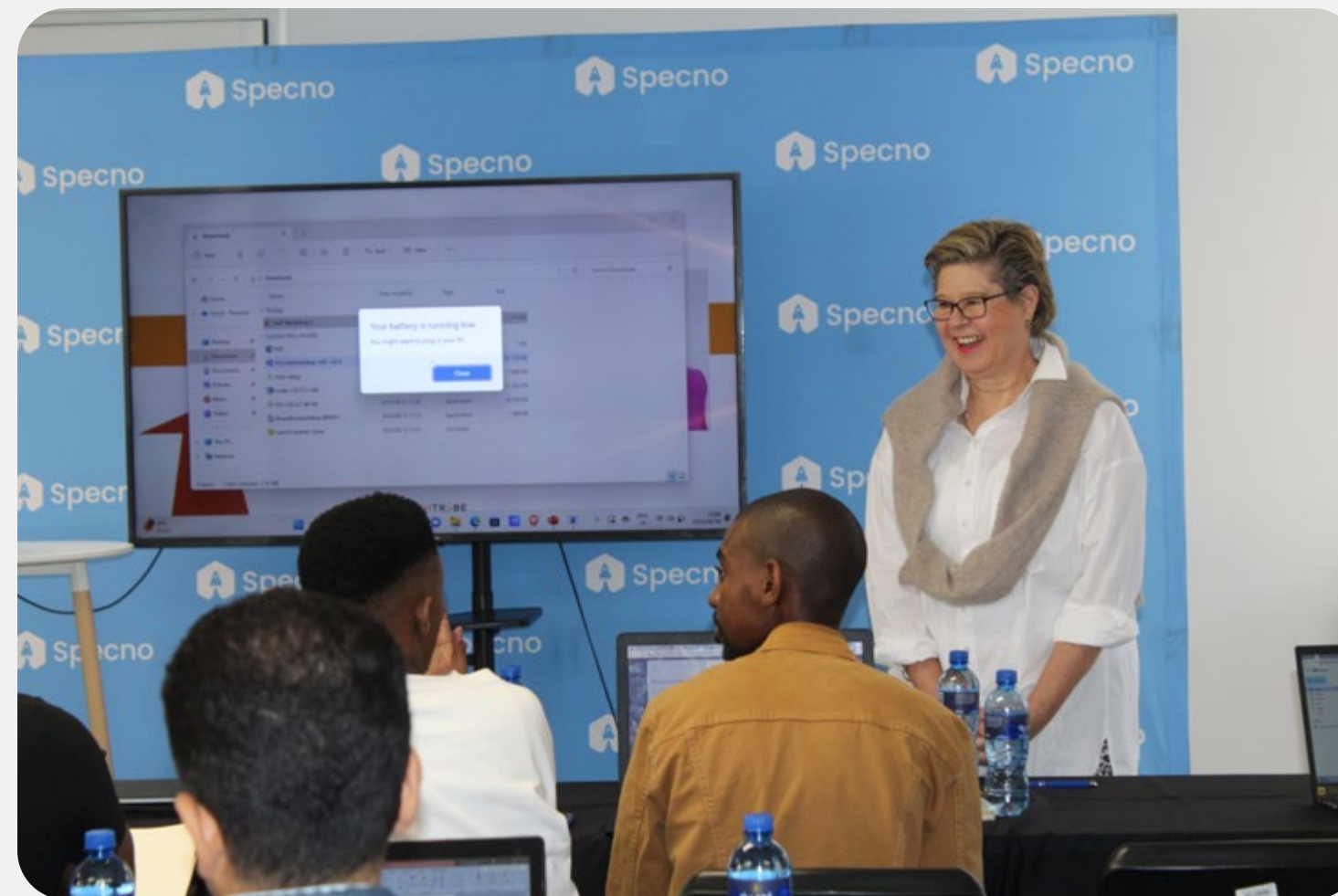
CONfluence40 brought together South African thought leaders and innovators from diverse fields in an “unconference” format, exploring key themes introduced by specialists. The event aimed to address pressing challenges in the ever-evolving landscape of technology, industry, and society, with the goal of shaping a better future. This initiative was made possible through a partnership between RIIS and Frost & Sullivan, uniting innovation leaders to make an impact in the face of challenges and disruptions.



2023 SIDE EVENT

ART OF PITCHING

The hands-on, in-person workshop in partnership with Specno and hosted by Louise Mitchell offered the perfect chance for SAIS'23 startups to refine their pitches in preparation for meetings with potential partners, investors, and other important players in the ecosystem.



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VON SEIDELS COCKTAIL AND CONNECT

We kicked off SAIS'23 Innovation Week with a vibrant evening that set the stage for meaningful interactions, fostering collaboration and innovation. This exclusive event brought together the official partners, sponsors, and speakers of SAIS'23 for an evening of mingling and networking.



An event invitation graphic with a blurred background of people. At the top right is the Von Seidels logo, a stylized yellow bird. Below it, the text reads "Von Seidels" and "Is hosting". In the center, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text "Von Seidels Cocktail & Connect" in yellow. Below this, the date and time are listed: "Date: 26 September 2023 | Time: 17:00". The venue is "Venue: Innovation City" and the event is "Invite Only". At the bottom, there are logos for "CITY OF CAPE TOWN" and "Technology Innovation Agency", along with the text "THE IP PARTNER OF SAIS '23" and "SA INNOVATION SUMMIT." with a colorful logo.

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FOUNDERS DEN

Specno hosted a Cocktail event for tech founders, investors, and corporate innovators. Attendees obtained insights from some of the top-performing entrepreneurs in SA. These insights included hot topics, brutal truths, and hard-earned advice that were not typically heard outside of closed doors.



Founders Den x  Specno

The Founders Den

A cocktail event for tech founders, investors, and corporate innovators. An exchange of knowledge, experience, and inspiration.

- Panel discussion and breakout rooms
- Networking

 27 Sept 2023

 18:00-22:00

 Specno HQ, Century City

A photograph of three people on a stage. A man in a black shirt is speaking into a microphone. A woman in a black top is also speaking into a microphone. A man in a plaid shirt is smiling and looking towards the camera.

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VC LP CONNECT

Grindstone Ventures & Anza Capital organized a carefully curated experience that aimed to provide LPs with a firsthand understanding of the significant impact of investing in early-stage startups. The event spanned four unforgettable days, filled with a blend of exciting activities, immersive experiences, and indulgence in fine wine and exquisite cuisine. Amidst these moments of enjoyment, in-depth discussions took place, fostering lasting connections among the participants from different corners of the world.



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TSIBA ACADEMY: LEVEL UP SHOWCASE

A showcase event that gave attendees a glimpse into the innovative world of Tsiba Academy that inspired with their groundbreaking ideas, entrepreneurial spirit and the future they are shaping.



IS HOSTING
LevelUp Showcase
Date: 27 September 2023
Time: 17:30-20:00
Venue: Innovation City

LEVEL UP
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
TSIBA
IGNITION ACADEMY
RCS
BNP PARIBAS GROUP

HOSTED IN: CITY OF CAPE TOWN
POWERED BY: DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AGENCY

OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT OF SAIS'23 SA INNOVATION SUMMIT.



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AGRIFINTECH CONNECT: NAVIGATING CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

An exciting event that dived deep into the intersection of AgriTech and FinTech, focusing on innovative solutions to address the pressing challenges posed by climate change in South Africa. Hosted at the vibrant Toco HQ, this event was brought to you in collaboration with Stellenbosch Network and Toco. Attendees joined in conversation with Prof Guy Midgley (Head of Stellenbosch University School of Climate Studies, Mike Brand (Head Merchant & Product Adoption: Toco) and Angus McIntosh (Farmer Angus).



STELLENBOSCH NETWORK 

IS HOSTING

**AgriFinTech Connect:
Navigating Climate Solutions**

Date: 28 September 2023 | Time: 11:00-13:30
Venue: TOCO HQ, 32 Ryneveld St, Stellenbosch

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2023 SIDE EVENT

ENERGY EXCHANGE: UK-SOUTH AFRICA ENERGY SYMPOSIUM

Welcome to the 23/24 FY Connected Innovation Symposium: Advancing Energy Solutions in South Africa! Attendees joined in forging Innovation Networks to facilitate collaborative research, innovation, and funding solutions in the pivotal energy sector. They explored partnership opportunities and aligned strategies for a sustainable, clean energy future.



The banner features logos for UKRI, Innovate UK, and UK International Development (Partnership | Progress | Prosperity) at the top. The main text reads: 'IS HOSTING: Energy Exchange UK-South Africa Energy Symposium'. Below this, it lists the date as '28 September 2023', time as '09:00 - 12:00', and venue as 'Century City Conference Centre'. At the bottom, it identifies the event as the 'OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT OF SAIS'23' and part of the 'SA INNOVATION SUMMIT'. Logos for the City of Cape Town, Department of Science and Innovation, and the Technology Innovation Agency are also present.



2023 SIDE EVENT

SA STARTUP POLICY: COFFEE CHAT



The poster features a blue background with a white rounded rectangle at the top left containing the 'South Africa STARTUP ACT' logo. Below this, it says 'IS HOSTING' and 'SA Startup Act Movement Policy Breakfast' in a green bar. The date 'Date: 28 September 2023' and time 'Time: 08:00' are listed. The bottom section includes logos for the City of Cape Town, Department of Science and Innovation, and the Technology Innovation Agency, along with the text 'OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT OF SAIS'23' and 'SA INNOVATION SUMMIT.' A photograph of three people in a coffee chat is on the right side of the poster.

Attendees joined the SA Startup Act Policy Breakfast to explore policy solutions for boosting South Africa’s startup ecosystem. They discussed how we can support high-growth tech startups, promote economic growth, and create jobs through policy reform. Join the movement for entrepreneurial policy change!

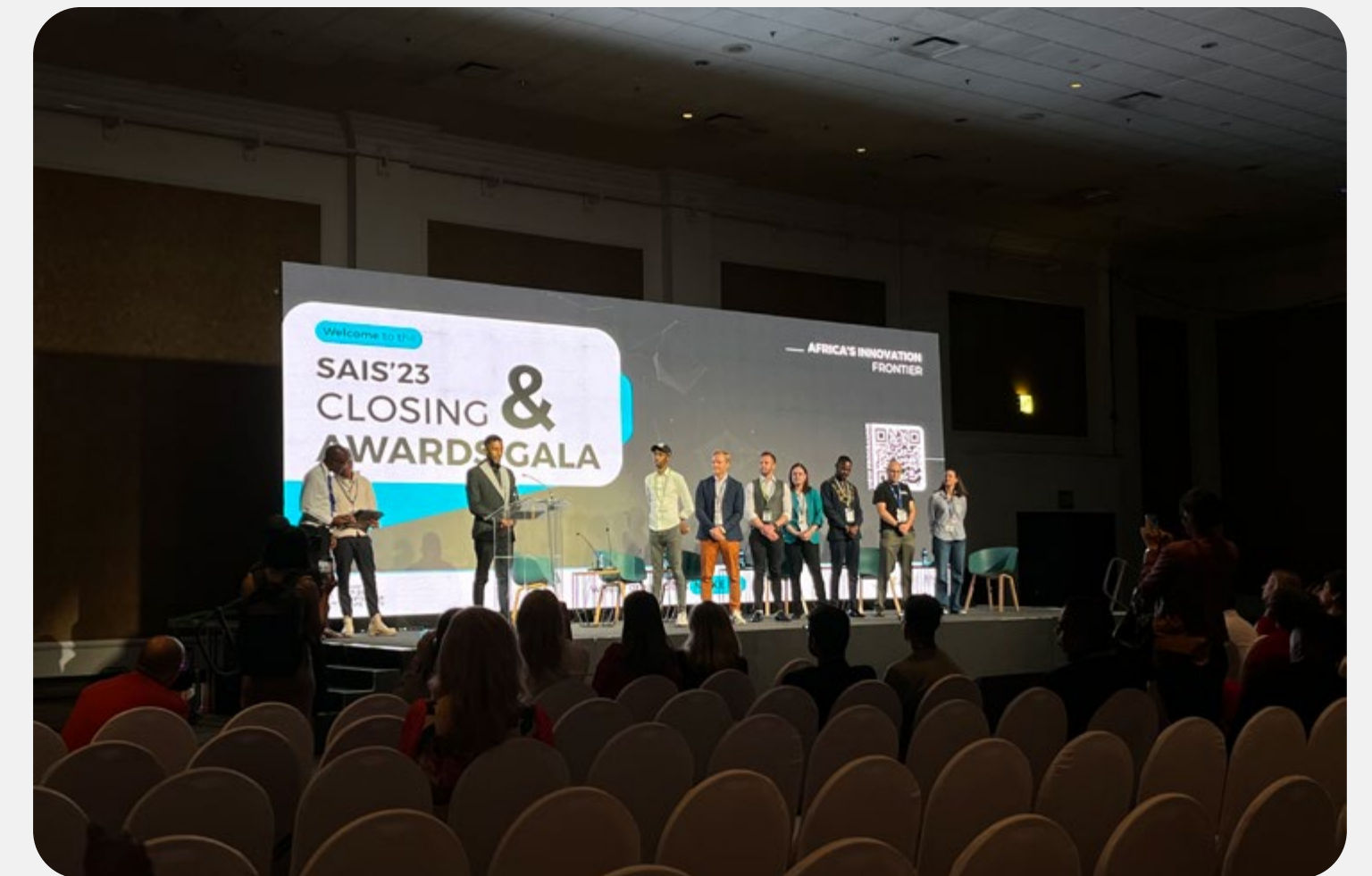


2023 SIDE EVENT **SAIS'23 AWARDS**

A celebration of the brightest minds and groundbreaking innovations in the industry. The SAIS'23 Awards showcased the outstanding achievements of individuals and organizations that have made a significant impact on the summit's theme.



The banner features the SA Innovation Summit logo at the top left, which consists of a grid of colorful squares. Below it, the text 'SA INNOVATION SUMMIT' is displayed. In the center, it says 'IS HOSTING' above a bright green bar containing the event title 'SAIS'23 Awards & Afterparty'. To the right is a circular photo of a man and a woman smiling. Below the title, the event details are listed: 'Date: 28 September 2023 | Time: 16:00' and 'Venue: Sun Exhibits, Grand West'. At the bottom, logos for the City of Cape Town, the Department of Science and Innovation, and the Technology Innovation Agency are shown on the left, and the text 'OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT OF SAIS'23' and 'SA INNOVATION SUMMIT' are on the right.



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KHAYELITSHA BANDWIDTH BARN TOUR

Attendees embarked on a journey of inspiration as UVU Africa introduced them to the heart of innovation in Khayelitsha. They witnessed firsthand the brilliance of local entrepreneurs as they presented their ventures, products, and services that are reshaping the landscape of Township Tech.



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**Khayelitsha Bandwidth
Barn Tour**

Where Innovation and Community Thrive!
Date: 29 September 2023

HOSTED IN: CITY OF CAPE TOWN
POWERED BY: Technology Innovation Agency (TIA)
OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT OF SAIS'23 SA INNOVATION SUMMIT.



2023 SIDE EVENT

FOUNDERS DAY

Founders Day was a vibrant celebration of knowledge and innovation, where top-notch speakers graced us with their wisdom, imparting invaluable insights to our visionary founders. This event marked the finale of an innovative week, concluding with a networking session. The event was jointly organised by SAIS and UVU Africa.



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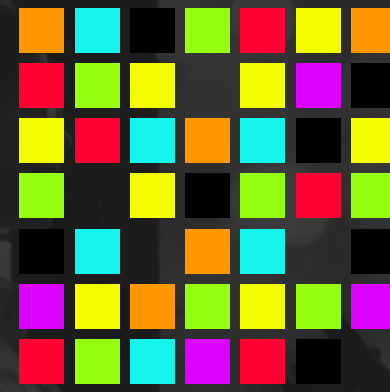
Founders Happy Hour

Date: 29 September 2023
Time: 15:00
Venue: TBC

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