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Programme

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08:30 – 09:30 | OPENING SESSION

08:00 – 08:20 | Guest Arrivals

08:20 – 08:30 | Guests Seated

08:30 – 08:34 | National Anthem

- Christopher Monotoe

08:34 – 08:36 | Opening Video

08:36 – 08:42 | Welcome Remarks

- Executive Mayor, City of Johannesburg, Dada Morero

08:42 – 08:52 | Scene-Setting Remarks

- Hon. Lebogang Maile: Gauteng MEC for Education, Sports, Arts, Culture & Recreation

08:52 – 09:08 | Investment Dialogue: *What It Takes to Build a High-Performance Economy: The Gauteng Economic Plan*

- Nozipho Tshabalala & Gauteng Premier Hon. Panyaza Lesufi

09:08 – 09:10 | Introduction of Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa

- Gauteng Premier Hon. Panyaza Lesufi

09:10 – 09:30 | Keynote Address

- Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, Paul Mashatile

09:30 | Moderator Close, Transition & DP Departure Protocol

- Nozipho Tshabalala

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09:30 – 12:30 | PLENARY SESSIONS

This session explores how strategic infrastructure investment can accelerate industrialisation, improve competitiveness, and crowd in private capital. It focuses on building credible, bankable project pipelines, aligning public and private finance, and unlocking large-scale infrastructure delivery as a catalyst for Africa's productive and inclusive economic growth.

09:30 – 10:30

Moderator: Sam Rolland (The Economist)

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Panelists:

- Mameetse Masemola (Infrastructure SA)
- Adv. Michelle Phillips (Transnet GCEO)
- Zitto Alfayo (Afreximbank)
- Paul Dzimiri (AfDB)
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10:30 – 11:00 | High Impact Dialogue: The importance of Investment on the Continent and the role of Diplomatic Leadership in Implementing the AFCFTA

- Minister Parks Tau, DTIC Republic of South Africa

Conversation with Nozipho Tshabalala

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Nozipho
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Plenary 2: Digital Economy, AI & Future Industries

This plenary examines how digital infrastructure, AI, data, and frontier technologies can reshape Africa's economic trajectory. It explores opportunities to position Gauteng as a leading digital hub, strengthen innovation ecosystems, and attract investment in next-generation industries that drive productivity, competitiveness, and inclusive growth.

11:10 – 12:10

Opening Remarks: Hon. Bonginkosi Dhlamini (Gauteng MEC for e-Government)

Moderator: Zinathi Gquma

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Panelists:

- Sandile Dube (Equinix)
- Ziaad Suleman (Cassava Technologies)
- Mark Harris (Tshimologong)
- Serame Taukobong (Telkom)
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12:30 - 12:55 | INVESTMENT COMMITMENT

The "Investment Commitment Moment" represents the pinnacle of the Gauteng Investment Conference, where strategy translates into measurable outcomes. In this flagship segment, the MEC for Economic Development will announce progress on the conversion of 2025 investment pledges into bankable, implementation-ready projects—demonstrating credibility and delivery against prior commitments. This is followed by the official launch of the Gauteng 2026 Investment Book, presenting a curated pipeline of priority opportunities, and the announcement of new GIC 2026 investment pledges. Together, these elements signal sustained investor confidence, execution momentum, and Gauteng's ability to move decisively from commitments to impact.

12:30 – 12:45 | The Gauteng 2026 Investment Book & GIC 2026 pledge commitments

- Hon. Vuyiswa Ramokgopa: Gauteng MEC For Economic Development, Agriculture & Rural Development

12:45 – 12:55 | Closing Remarks (Main Plenary Close)

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12:55 – 14:00 | LUNCH & NETWORKING

14:00 – 15:30 | GAUTENG ACTION DIALOGUES

The Gauteng Action Dialogues are dynamic, sector-focused breakaway sessions designed to generate actionable insights and unlock investment commitments across priority sectors. These fireside-style engagements bring together industry leaders, policymakers, investors, and a dedicated fireside chat with continental Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) CEOs to strengthen cross-border collaboration and investment facilitation. Together, they explore strategic opportunities to accelerate Gauteng's economic competitiveness. Covering critical areas such as infrastructure investment and public-private partnerships (PPPs), advanced manufacturing, transport and logistics, and the creative economy, the dialogues provide a platform for high-impact discussions, investment matchmaking, and policy alignment, positioning Gauteng as Africa's leading investment and trade hub.

Gauteng Action Dialogue 1: African IPA CEO Roundtable

This session brings together African finance and trade ministers to advance intra-African investment, strengthen sub-national platforms, and accelerate AfCFTA implementation, with a focus on cross-border capital mobilisation and improved investment facilitation. A complementary roundtable of leading investment promotion agencies will align investment pipelines, enhance cross-border coordination, and drive AfCFTA-aligned, corridor-based development across integrated African markets.

Key Note Address: H.E Ambassador of the State of Eritrea, Salih Omar Abdu, Dean of Diplomatic Corps

Moderator: Fifi Peters

Panelists:

- Gaorekwe Gaorekwe Director International and Business, BITC
- Antonio Macamo Director General APIEX Mozambique
- Neville Matjie CEO, Brand SA
- Sthembiso Dlamini Group CEO GGDA

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Gauteng Action Dialogue 2: Tourism, Creative Industries & Cultural Economy

This dialogue explores opportunities to scale Gauteng's tourism, creative, and cultural industries as drivers of inclusive economic growth. It examines investment in creative infrastructure, film, music, and cultural precincts, while unlocking youth employment, entrepreneurship, and global market access through creative value chains.

Moderator: Palesa Mofokeng

Key Note Address: Judi Nwokebi, Chairperson Gauteng Tourism Authority, Founder Free Women Films

Palesa Mofokeng

Speakers:

- Nosipho van den Bragt (Chocolate Tribe)
- Joel Phiri CEO, Known Associates Entertainment
- Dawn Robertson (Jozi My Jozi)
- Prof. Peter Baur (UJ)
- Kagisho Bapela (IDC)
- Tshifhiwa Tshivhengwa – CEO of Tourism Business Council of South Africa

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Gauteng Action Dialogue 3: Gauteng GBS Roundtable

This session focuses on positioning Gauteng as a leading destination for global business services. It examines skills development, digital services, youth employment, and investment opportunities in outsourced services, aiming to strengthen competitiveness, expand employment pathways, and embed GBS as a key growth sector.

Moderator: Zanele Morrison

Key Note Address: Reshni Singh (CEO BPESA)

Speakers:

- Eugene Letlojane (Four Square Group)
- Jarryd Bands (Etapath)
- Shobana Maikoo (TransUnion)
- Tshepiso Kadiaka (GDED)

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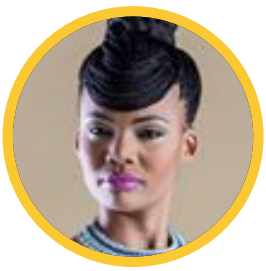

Tshepiso Kadiaka
(GDED)

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Gauteng Action Dialogue 4: Transport, Logistics & Mobility
This dialogue examines how modern, integrated transport and logistics systems can strengthen trade, enhance regional connectivity, and support economic growth. The discussion explores infrastructure investment, public–private partnerships, logistics innovation, and corridor development as enablers of industrialisation and improved regional competitiveness.

Opening Remarks: Hon. Kedibone Diale-Tlabela(Gauteng MEC Roads & Transport)

Moderator: Prof. Francois Fouche

Speakers:

- Rampa Rammopo (Lanseria)
- Andile Africa (AIDC)
- Lutando Maboza (City of Johannesburg)
- Yolisa Kani (Transnet)
- Agnes Nkosi Standard Bank

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Gauteng Action Dialogue 5: Smart Cities, Urban Regeneration & Property Investment

This session explores the future of urban development through smart infrastructure, property investment, and regeneration strategies. It highlights opportunities to attract institutional capital, modernise urban spaces, integrate digital technologies, and position human settlements as a key enabler of socio-economic mobility, supporting resilient, inclusive, and sustainable cities.

Opening Remarks: Hon. Tasneem Motara (Gauteng MEC for Human Settlements)

Moderator: Nastassia Arendse

Participants:

- Allistair Langson (Calgro M3)
- Musa Makhunga (JPC)
- Mahadi Buthelezi (RB Property Group)
- Andrew Robinson (Standard Bank)
- Hilton Carty (Aperture Properties)

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Gauteng Action Dialogue 6: Rebuilding Local Manufacturing Action Dialogue
This dialogue focuses on strengthening domestic manufacturing, promoting localisation, and enhancing industrial competitiveness. It examines strategies to rebuild productive capacity, support supplier development, reduce import dependency, and drive export growth, positioning Gauteng as a leading manufacturing and industrial hub in Africa.

Opening Remarks: Motlatjo Moholwa (HoD, Gauteng Department of Economic Development)

Moderator: Arabile Gumede

Speakers:

- Doran Subiah (Textile Industry)
- Eustace Mashimbye (Proudly SA)
- Tjaart Kruger (Tiger Brands)
- Thandiwe Ngcobe (GIDZ)

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