

South African Internet Governance Forum ZAIGF

2025 South African Internet Governance Forum (ZAIGF) Agenda

6 - 8 May 2025

THEME:

**Reviewing South Africa's Internet Governance
Progress in the Context of WSIS+20**





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6 May 2025 : South African Youth in Internet Governance Forum



Empowering the Next Generation: Youth at the Heart of Internet Governance

08:00 – 09:00 | Registration, Networking and Exhibition

09:00 – 09:30 |  **Welcome Address:** Chairperson of ZA Youth IGF - Mr. Luvo Grey

 **Keynote Address:** Youth, Innovation & the Future of the Internet
– Hon. Deputy Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies

09:30 – 10:15 | High-Level Panel 1: "Youth in the Digital Policy Ecosystem"

 Youth involvement in shaping digital laws and rights
 Representation in multi-stakeholder platforms

11:00 – 11:30 | Tea Break & Networking

11:30 – 12:15 | Main Session 1: Digital Literacy for Empowerment

 Digital skills training, safe internet use, and cyber hygiene
 Youth-led digital campaigns

12:15 – 13:00 | Main Session 2: Innovation for Change – Youth Tech Projects

 Showcase of youth-led digital tools solving real-world problems

13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch Break, Music & Creative Expression



14:30 – 15:15 | High-Level Panel 3: "Youth Voices in Global Internet Governance – Road to IGF 2025"

 Building pathways from local action to global representation

15:15 – 16:00 | Youth Declaration Working Session

 Collaborative drafting of the South African Youth IGF Declaration 2025

16:00 – 16:30 | Closing Session

 Present highlights, youth declaration, and commitments
 Cultural performance



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7 May 2025 | Day 1: South African Internet Governance Forum (ZAIGF) **Setting the Stage: South Africa's Role in Global Internet Governance**

08:00 – 09:00 | Registration, Networking, & Exhibition

09:00 – 10:30 | **Ministerial Briefing Session**
Briefing on National Digital Transformation Strategies, WSIS+20, and Global Commitments

-  Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies
-  Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Communication and Digital Technologies
-  Kwa-Zulu Natal Premier
-  Representative from the Presidency (Digital Economy Focus)
-  Chancellor of the University of Durban
-  Board Members and CEO of SOE reporting to the Department of Communication and Digital Technologies
-  CEO of the Moses Kotane Research Institute

10:30 – 11:30 | **Scene Setting:** Chairperson of the ZAIGF Multi-Stakeholder Committee – Ms Latty Thlaka

-  **Welcome Remarks** by Vice Chancellor and Principal of Durban University of Technology – Prof Thandwa Mthembu
-  **Opening Address** by the Kwa-Zulu Natal Premier – Hon Thami Ntuli
-  **Keynote Address** under the title “The Global Context of WSIS+20 and its Relevance for South Africa” by the Deputy Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, Hon. Solly Malatsi

11:30 – 12:15 | **High-Level Panel 1:** WSIS+20 – Where Does South Africa Stand?

-  South Africa's achievements, gaps, and future goals

12:15 – 13:30 | **Main Session 1:** Danger of Mis/Disinformation – Threats to Democracy and Development

-  Tackling misinformation: Regulatory, tech & civil society perspectives
-  Youth and community resilience

13:30 – 14:30 | **Lunch Break & networking**



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14:30 – 15:15 | **High-Level Panel 2:** Emerging Tech – AI, Data & the Internet We Want



Responsible AI, data ethics, and digital inclusion

15:15 – 15:45 | **Main Session 2:** Strengthening South Africa's Multistakeholder Internet Governance Model



Best practices and lessons from local to continental levels

15:45 – 16:30 | **High-Level Panel 3:** Bridging Policy and Practice – Internet Governance for All



How digital governance can support SDGs and inclusive development

16:30 – 16:45 | **Closing Remarks for Day 1**



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8 May 2025 | Day 2: Strategic Priorities for South Africa's Digital Future

09:00 – 09:45 | **High-Level Panel 1: Digital Equity & Closing the Gap**

 Youth, Women, Rural Access & Affordability

09:45 – 10:30 | **Main Session 1: Evolving Regulatory Frameworks**

 Policy innovation to support Internet resilience & openness

10:30 – 11:00 | **Tea Break**

11:00 – 11:45 | **High-Level Panel 2: Internet Governance & South Africa's National Development Plan**

 How the Internet can accelerate Vision 2030 goals

11:45 – 12:30 | **Main Session 2: Connecting the Unconnected – Community Networks & Local Innovation**

 Grassroots solutions to last-mile connectivity

12:30 – 14:00 | **Lunch Breakout & Exhibition Tour**

14:00– 14:45 | **High-Level Panel 3: African Values in Internet Governance – Culture, Ethics & Sovereignty**

 Building African-led digital norms in a global internet

14:45 – 15:30 | **Closing Session: ZAIGF Outcome Report & 2025 Commitments**

 Synthesis of key insights & presentation of ZAIGF outcome document



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