



5 to 7 November 2025 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre

PROGRAMME 2025

CONFERENCE DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 05 NOVEMBER 2025

TIME	OPENING PLENARY
14h00 - 15h30	<p>Opening & Welcome, Dr Harry Malila, Director-General: Department of the Premier, Western Cape Government (5 min) Institutional Welcome and Summit Objectives</p>
	<p>Welcome to the City by, Alderman James Vos:– Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Growth, City of Cape Town (5 min) The City as a key partner in driving investment into the Western Cape</p>
	<p>Address: Dr Ivan Meyer, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism (10 min) Provincial Economic Context and G4J Strategy</p>
	<p>Address: Mr Dean Macpherson Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure of South Africa (15 min) South Africa as an investment destination</p>
	<p>Ms Valérie Péresse, President of the Regional Council of Île-de-France (10 min) Strengthening Regional Partnerships to Attract Global Investment</p>
	<p>Premier’s Strategic Vision Keynote Address: Mr Alan Winde, The Premier of the Western Cape Province (15 min) The eight growth opportunity sectors and the investment readiness of the Province</p>
	<p>Economic Outlook: Africa’s Place in the Future Economy (20 min) Speaker: Dr Anthony Costa, Head of Secretariat for B20 South Africa Africa’s competitive positioning</p>
	<p>Fireside Chat: Positioning the Western Cape as Africa’s Investment Gateway: Commitment towards unlocking investment into SA and the Western Cape (45 min)</p> <p>High-level dialogue exploring how the Western Cape can achieve its investment target. Focus on creating an enabling environment, aligning with national priorities, and tapping into global capital trends to unlock growth across the province’s eight priority sectors.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Wrenelle Stander, Wesgro CEO Panellists: Mr Dean Macpherson, Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure of South Africa Mr Neville Matjie, CEO Brand SA Alderman James Vos, Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Growth, City of Cape Town Dr Ivan Meyer, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism, Western Cape Government Mr Alan Winde, The Premier of the Western Cape Province</p>
15h30 - 15h50	TEA BREAK

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TIME	PLENARY 2
15h50 - 17h00	<p data-bbox="384 499 1437 526">Address: Investing in Tomorrow: Trends Shaping Capital in Emerging Economies (20 min)</p> <p data-bbox="373 557 1449 611">Global Capital Flows into Emerging Markets: Africa & SA Outlook Speaker: Mr Vuyo Ntoi, Co-Managing Director at African Infrastructure Investment Managers</p> <p data-bbox="379 992 1445 1046">Panel Discussion: “From Pipeline to Portfolio: Making Projects Investment-Ready” (45 min) Theme: “What Makes Projects Investable?”</p> <p data-bbox="379 1079 1485 1247">Moderator: Ms Siham Salie-Abrahams, Partner at HKA Panellists: Mr Eugene Booyesen, CEO Cape Town Stock Exchange, Ms Saphira Patel, Director - SSP Consulting, Anthea Gardner, (MD) Cartesian Capital, Private investment, asset management, and transformation Ms Amina El Zayat, Principal Country Officer International Finance Corporation, World Bank Mr Vuyo Ntoi, Co-Managing Director at African Infrastructure Investment Managers</p> <p data-bbox="612 1574 1211 1628">Strategic Transition (5 min) Day 2 preview: Deep sector dives and deal-making</p> <p data-bbox="584 1659 1241 1742">Dr. Rashid Toefy Deputy Director-General: Economic Operations Department of Economic Development and Tourism and</p> <p data-bbox="584 1774 1241 1886">Ms Ilse van Schalkwyk - Acting Deputy Director General: Strategic Economic Accelerators & Development Department of Economic Development and Tourism Western Cape Government</p>
17h00 – 20h00	WELCOME COCKTAIL FUNCTION

CONFERENCE DAY 2 – THURSDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2025

TIME	PLENARY 3
08h30 - 10h30	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Framing: Vision To Execution (10 min) Speaker: Alderman James Vos, Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Growth, City of Cape Town Municipal investment Facilitation Commitment</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote Address: Building the Western Cape of Tomorrow: Catalytic Infrastructure as the Engine of Inclusive Growth (30 min) Speaker: Mr Tertuis Simmers, Western Cape Minister of Infrastructure</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">National Investment Framework Alignment (15 min) Speaker: Mr Ben Kodisang, Founder and CEO of ALT Capital Partners National investment priorities and policy coherence and Provincial-national strategy integration</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation: Mr Maoto Molefane: Special Advisor for Special Economic Zones, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (15 min) Theme: “Catalysing Inclusive Growth: The Role of Trade, Industry and Competition Policy in Unlocking Investment Opportunities in South Africa and the Western Cape”</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Strategic Panel: Industrial Clusters, SEZ and Investment Ecosystems (35 min) Moderator: Ms Jo-Ann Johnston, Head of Department: Department of Economic Development and Tourism Panellists: Mr Xola Sithole, Interim CEO of Saldanha Bay IDZ Mr Matthew Cullinan, CEO of Atlantis SEZ Mr Thomas Roos, Principal Research Engineer, CSIR Ms Mpumi Mpofo, CEO of ACSA Ms Yolisa Kani, Chief Business Development Officer of Transnet</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Why the Western Cape (35 min) Theme: “Positioning the Western Cape on the Global Investment Map International brand strategy and perception, Investment marketing and competitive positioning, Global investor confidence building Moderator: Dr Rashid Toefy, Deputy Director-General: Economic Operations Department of Economic Development and Tourism Panellists: Mr Rico Basson, CEO SA Wine, Mr David Green, CEO of V&A Waterfront, Ms Pumela Salela, CEO Invest Global Ms Jean Scheltema, Chief Commercial & Trade Officer, Wesgro</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Testimonial Presentation Amplify5, Sebastian James, (12 min) Investment Announcement & Pledge Programme</p>
10h40 - 11h00	TEA BREAK

CONFERENCE DAY 2 – THURSDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

TIME	GROWTH OPPORTUNITY DIALOGUE SESSIONS 1		
11h00 - 12h10	Session A	Session B	
	City of Town - Doing Business in Cape Town	Technology & Digital Innovation	DEAL ROOM
	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 8.1 & 8.2	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 9	
	Session Chair: Clayton Barnes	Session Chair: Olivia Dyers	DEAL ROOM MEETING SESSIONS
	<p>Welcome by Mr Africa Melane</p> <p>Keynote Address by Ald James Vos, Cape Town on Course to Becoming the Easiest Place to Do Business in Africa</p> <p>Address by Ms Ruby Gelderbloem, Executive Director for Economic Growth, on the City's Ease-of-Doing-Business Index and Commitment</p> <p>Investing in Digital Transformation – A Game Changer for Service Delivery, Mr Africa Melane in conversation with the City's Chief Digital Officer, Mr Andre Stelzner, on the impact of digital transformation initiatives on service delivery in the City</p> <p>The State of the City Economy, an update by the City's Chief Economist Mr Paul Court</p>	<p>Beyond the Buzz: Real Reasons to Invest in Western Cape Tech Sector</p> <p>1: A First Look at the WC Tech Ecosystem report 2025 Mr Quentin Pavitt - UVUAfrica Mr Joshin Raghubar - UVUAfrica</p> <p>2: Panel discussion: Unlocking Tech & Innovation Investment in the Western Cape</p> <p>Moderator: Kiemo Kammies Panellists: Ms Antonia Bothner, Capital Lead, Endeavor SA Mr Tim Parle - Chief Director, Digital Economy DEDAT Ms Tracy-Lee Smith - UK-SATech Hub Mr Vuyisa Gabaka, Partner SNDBX International Mr Amit Ramdath, CEO, Autonosky</p>	
Presentation by Ms Annelise de Bruin, Manager: Metro Spatial Planning & Growth Management, showcasing Cape Town's most economical business locations	Property & Retail Investment		
Q&A Session with all Speakers and the City's Ease-of-Doing-Business Team	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 9		
	Session Chair: Rehana Boolay		
12h10 - 13h10	Signing of the We Mean Business Bill of Rights	Theme: Property and retail investment in a changing global context: How can the Western Cape build on its value proposition and adapt to the change	
	Closing remarks and thanks by Mr Africa Melane	<p>Opening Context and Objectives: The Western Cape is navigating a rapidly evolving global investment landscape shaped by economic realignments, climate imperatives, urban innovation, and shifting consumer behavior.</p> <p>Panel Discussion: -Strategic Realignment: Positioning Western Cape Property & Retail for Global Capital Flows -Infrastructure as Catalyst: Unlocking Commercial Viability and Scalable Delivery: Moderator: Mr Deon van Zyl, Chairperson of the Western Cape Property Development Forum. Panelist: Mr Quintin Rossi Role: CEO and Co-Founder, Spear REIT; Ms Amanda Dilima, Asset Manager, Growthpoint; Mr Kevin Roman, Director, DeeKeV; Prof. Francois Viruly Role: Director, Urban Real Estate Research Unit (URERU), University of Cape Town</p>	
13h10 - 14h10	LUNCH BREAK		

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TIME	GROWTH OPPORTUNITY DIALOGUE SESSIONS 2		
14h10 - 15h40	Session A	Session B	
	Red Tape Reduction	Green Economy & Sustainability	DEAL ROOM
	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 8.1 & 8.2	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 9	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 8.3
	Session Chair: Michelle Ellis	Session Chair: Nishen Brijraj	
	<p style="text-align: center;">THEME: ALL OF GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO MAKE IT EASIER TO DO BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion: 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome - Mr Bandile Ngcolomba (5min) 2. Presentation: Red Tape Reduction Unit - Ms Michelle Ellis (10min) 3. Operation Vulindela - Mr Saul Musker (10min) 4. Presentation: Heritage Western Cape - Ms Waseefa Dhansay (10min) 5. Presentation: National Planning Commission - Ms Phumzile Chifunyise (10min) <p style="text-align: center;">6. Panel discussion 2: ALL GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO MAKE IT EASIER TO DO BUSINESS (40min)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Moderator – Mr John Peters</p> <p>Panelist: Mr Kobus Munroe – Director Development Planning, DEA&DP Mr Saul Musker - Chief Director: Private office of the President Mr Benson Mchunu - Regulatory Reform Specialist: DEDAT Ms Phumzile Chifunyise – National Planning Commission Mr Joggie Scholtz – Municipal manager: Swartland Municipality</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Closing Remarks and Thanks (5mins) Mr Bandile Ngcolomba – Deputy Director: Red Tape Reduction Unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker/Presentation: WC Clean Energy Transition Roadmap to 2040, by Dr. Ndivhuwo Segakweng (Meridian Economics) ● Speaker/Presentation: SIDAFF program on municipal infrastructure investment, by Mr Graham Pause (Head of Department DLG) and Mr Raldo Kruger (Green Cape) ● Speaker/Presentation: Other opportunities to unlock catalytic municipal infrastructure, by Mr Stephen van den Bosch (Pegasys) ● Speaker/Presentation: Private sector investment opportunities and Market Intelligence Reports, by Ms Sithobile Khoza (Green Cape) ● Panelist to engage during Q&A: Ms Shirley Robinson, Climate and Public Economics Advisor, DNA Economics. Barriers to investment ● Panelist to engage during Q&A: Ms Lameez Omarjee, Krutham, Infrastructure Financing / JET Advisor. Policy landscape for investment 	DEAL ROOM MEETING SESSIONS
15h40 - 16h00	TEA BREAK		

CONFERENCE DAY 2 – THURSDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2025 (CONTINUED)

TIME	GROWTH OPPORTUNITY DIALOGUE SESSIONS 3		
16h00 - 17h10	Session A	Session B	
	Tourism & Experiential Economy	Agri-Business & Food Systems	DEAL ROOM
	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 8.1 & 8.2	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 9	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 8.3
	Session Chair: Julia Louw	Session Chair: Ruby Swigelaar	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Theme: “Catalysing Tourism Investment: Building the Next Chapter for the Western Cape”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Session Objective: To explore current tourism investment opportunities, trends, and enabling policies driving sustainable tourism development in the Western Cape. The session brings together government, developers and investors to discuss attracting capital, unlocking infrastructure, and positioning the Western Cape as Africa’s premier tourism investment destination.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Key Discussion Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Investment trends and market dynamics in African hospitality ● Provincial tourism ecosystem and priority investment zones ● Financial performance indicators and risk management ● Policy frameworks, incentives, and public-private partnerships ● Sustainability, ESG considerations, and regional inclusivity ● Entrepreneurial capital and local innovation in tourism development <p style="text-align: center;">Session Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tourism as economic recovery engine ● Mobilising private capital through investor confidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainable and community-centred investment ● Regional diversification and infrastructure readiness <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Ms Bronwen Auret – COO at South African Tourism</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panellists: Ms Lee-Anne Singer – Director, HVS South Africa (Hotel valuation & tourism asset advisory) 2. Ms Wahida Parker - Managing Director of the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway 3. Mr Graham Wood - CEO Designate, V&A Waterfront Mr Jerry Mabena – CEO, Thebe Investment Corporation (CEO) of Motsamayi Tourism Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Theme: “Feeding the Future: Innovation, Sustainability & Resilience in the Food & Beverage Sector”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening: Context and Objectives: Given climate change, economic volatility, supply chain disruptions, global geopolitical challenges etc. the session will explore how the Western Cape is positioned and how companies innovate sustainably, localise supply chains, leverage technology, and adapt to ensure food security and growth. All in support of showcasing the Western Cape as the ideal investment destination, even with the challenges faced.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion: Geopolitics & Competitiveness: supply chains, input costs, market diversification, policy/regulatory risk, energy & infrastructure</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Climate-Smart & Localised Value Chains: precision/regenerative agri, water innovation, traceability, packaging/waste reduction, SME/ agri-tech scale-up</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Interactive Audience Dialogue (15 min) Moderator: Mr Theo Boshoff, CEO, Agbiz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panellists: 1. Mr Brandon Paschal, Deputy Director: Spin-out Companies and Funds, Innovation and Commercialisation, Stellenbosch University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2. Dr Mogale Sebopetsa, HoD: Agriculture at Western Cape Government</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3. Mr Eric Leong Son, Heineken Beverages: Head of Sustainability</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4. Ms Jolanda Andrag, Agri SA COO</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">DEAL ROOM MEETING SESSIONS</p>
19h00 - 22h30	GALA DINNER		

CONFERENCE DAY 3 – FRIDAY 07 NOVEMBER 2025

TIME	GROWTH OPPORTUNITY DIALOGUE SESSIONS 4		
08h30 - 10h30	Session A	Session B	
	Logistics & Warehousing	Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth	DEAL ROOM
	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 8.1 & 8.2	Meeting Room: Hall 9	Meeting Room: Exhibition Hall 8.3
	Session Chair: Glen Steyn	Session Chair: Labeeqah Schuurman	DEAL ROOM MEETING SESSIONS
	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Mr Glen Steyn Topic: Recent investments in the logistics sector:</p> <p>Presentations: 1). TNPA Western Region (TBC) (10mins)</p> <p>2) TPT WR, Mr Oscar Borchards (10mins)</p> <p>3) TFR (TBC) (10mins)</p> <p>4) Belcon Update, Mr Lubalalo Mtya (Maersk) (10mins)</p> <p>5) Grindrod Salt River Update, Mr Kwazi Mabaso (10mins).</p> <p>6) Air Cargo, Mr David King, Wesgro (10mins)</p> <p>7) DP World, Keith Domoney</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Session discussion Concluding remarks</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Ms Labeeqah Schuurman, Deputy Director-General: Human Settlements Presenters:</p> <p>1. Mr Tertius Simmers, Western Cape Minister of Infrastructure - Setting the scene: Western Cape Infrastructure Framework (WCIF 2050), Western Cape Infrastructure Strategy (WCIS 2050) and Western Cape Infrastructure Implementation Plan (WCIIIP 2050)</p> <p>2. Ms Deidre Baartman, Western Cape Minister of Finance - Setting the Scene: Alternative Blended Finance Framework</p> <p>3. Adv Chantal Smith, Head of Department, Department of Infrastructure & Ms Labeeqah Schuurman, Deputy Director-General: Human Settlements</p> <p>- WCIF 2050 – The Framework Overarching framework for a sustainable, inclusive and resilient future</p> <p>- WCIS 2050 – A mission-oriented strategic blueprint for infrastructure-led growth</p> <p>- WCIIIP 2050 – The Implementation Plan Operation roadmap for a SINGLE Infrastructure Pipeline</p> <p>4. Ms Julinda Gantana, Head of Provincial Treasury - Alternative Blended Finance Framework</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Question and Answer session</p>	
10h30 - 10h50			
TEA BREAK			
TIME	CLOSING PLENARY		
10h50 - 13h00	<p style="text-align: center;">Day 3 Strategic Opening (5 min) Transition to action and concrete outcomes, Days 1-2 synthesis and momentum building</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;">World Bank Feature (20 min) Theme: “The World Bank’s Credit Guarantee Vehicle” Mr Marc Schrijver, Senior Financial Sector Specialist in the Finance, Competitiveness, and Innovation Global Practice, the World Bank</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;">Summit Address - Investor Confidence (25 min) Theme: “Trust Ignited: The Western Cape’s Unbreakable Bond with Tomorrow’s Capital” The summit as a catalyst for sustained partnerships Mr Gareth Ackerman, Former Chairman, Pick ‘n Pay Stores Ltd</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;">Summit Declarations & Pledges Cape Winelands Airport Project, V&A Waterfront, Grindrod, Condor Green, Maersk Logistics & Wesgro investment declarations Investor pledges (10 min)</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;">Strategic Wrap-Up & Next Steps & Closing Address (15 min) (10 min) Dr Ivan Meyer, Western Cape Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism Way forward & Call to Action</p>		
13h00 - 14h00			
LUNCH			
13h30 - 18h00			
SITE VISITS			