Autumn General Institutional Meeting 2026 Agenda

Event Theme: *Collaboration in the Digital Era*

Date: 25 & 26 March 2026

Location: Stellenbosch Business School – Van Der Horst (SPL Building) – Carl Cronje Drive, Bellville, 7530

HEITSA Annual Board Meeting – Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Venue: Van Der Horst (SPL building) - Lecture Room 105

Attendees: HEITSA board members and primary representatives only

12:00 – 13:00	***Lunch***	[1 hour]
13:00 – 17:00	***Annual Board Meeting***	[4 hours]

Autumn General Institutional Meeting Day One – Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Venue: Van Der Horst (SPL building) - Lecture Room 102

08h30 – 10h00	***Registration & Refreshments***	
10h00 – 10h05	**Welcome** Dr Stanley Mpofu – Chairman – HEITSA	[5 min]
10h05 – 10h15	**Opening Address** Dr Antoinette van der Merwe – Chief Director – Information Technology – Stellenbosch University	[10 min]
10h15 – 11h00	**Keynote Address** Jean-Pierre Murray-Kline - Entrepreneur, Digital Architect & Scenario Planner, Author and Keynote Speaker	[45 min]

11h00 – 11h30	**The art of fostering collaboration as a way of doing and not thinking** – Chantel Coetzee – Director Institutional Architecture – University of Stellenbosch	[30 min]
11h30 – 12h00	**Platinum Sponsor – Ndende Technologies**	[30 min]
12h00 – 12h10	***Group photo***	[10 min]
12h10 – 13h10	***Lunch***	[1 hour]
13h10 – 13h30	**Gold sponsor – Collaborative Defence-in-Depth: Strengthening Cyber Resilience Across HEITSA Institutions** ***From cybersecurity baseline to SOC maturity and seamless platform consolidation - Built for impact*** Darren Fisher – Regional Sales Manager - Khipu Networks & Nicole Kotton – Strategic Account Manager – Palo Alto Networks	[20 min]
13h30 – 13h50	**Smart Campus Implementation – Lessons Learnt Early in the Game…** Gert Benadé – Technology Engineer – North-West University	[20 min]
13h50 – 14h10	**North-West University's High-Performance Cluster** Martin Dreyer - IT Research Analyst – North-West University	[20 min]
14h10 – 14h30	**Advancing the Use of AI While Mitigating Cybersecurity Threats** Nicromano Liebenberg - CISO Deputy Director Cybersecurity and IT Governance - Sol Plaatje University	[20 min]
14h30 – 14h50	**Gold Sponsor – VMware in 2026 and Beyond**	[20 min]

	Sarel Du Plessis Wagner – Solutions Engineer – MBCOM Technologies	
14h50 – 15h20	***Refreshment break***	[30 min]
15h20 – 15h40	**Gold Sponsor – AI adoption, the risks we face and how they can be mitigated** Hendrik De Bruin – Head of Security Consulting – Africa – Check Point Software Technologies	[20 min]
15h40 – 15h50	**ALI Presentation**	[10 min]
15h50 – 16h00	**CSSA Presentation**	[10 min]
16h00 – 16h10	**Dinner Sponsor – Nutanix**	[10 min]
16h10 – 16h15	**Closing remarks**	[5 min]
16h15	**Campus Tour**	
18h00	***Networking Dinner – Bell's Restaurant – Stellenbosch Business School Bellville Park Campus – Sponsored by Nutanix***	

Autumn General Institutional Meeting Day Two – Thursday, 26 March 2026

Venue: Lecture Room 102

08h00 – 09h00	***Arrival refreshments***	
09h00 – 09h05	**Welcome** Dr Eldridge van der Westhuizen – Acting CEO - HEITSA	[5 min]

09h05 – 10h05	**The need for a South African solution to AI's challenge to Higher Education** Professor Anné Verhoef - Professor in Philosophy & Director of the NWU AI Hub – North-West University	[60 min]
10h05 – 10h25	**How Collaboration leads Innovation to Enhance Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** Dr Zenobia Davidse – Director: Shared Services, Governance & Risk Management & Mr Regan Janari – Microsoft System Administrator - Stellenbosch University	[20 min]
10h25 – 10h55	***Refreshment break***	[30 min]
10h55 – 11h15	**Immersive technology as a collaboration medium in learning and research** Wouter Klapwijk – Director: Library Information Technology Services & Wielligh Lambrechts - Lead Technology Solution Architect - Stellenbosch University	[20 min]
11h15 – 11h35	**TENET** Duncan Greaves – CEO - TENET	[20 min]
11h35 – 13h05	**TENET CIO Forum:** Cybersecurity has been identified as one of the highest shared risks facing the higher education and research sector, with TENET's Board reaffirming its commitment to developing shared platforms and prioritising this work in 2026. Establishing a sector-wide CSIRT cannot be done in isolation. SANReN and TENET are already delivering critical elements of cybersecurity capability and will remain integral to any sustainable solution. This session of the CIO Forum is intended to create a space for collective discussion within the Higher Education community. It will provide CIOs with an opportunity to contribute to a practical,	

	collaborative approach to a shared CSIRT that reflects real operational needs and shared accountability across the sector.	[90 min]
13h05 – 13h10	**Sponsor prize giveaway**	[5 min]
13h10 – 13h15	**Closing remarks**	[5 min]
13h15	***Takeaway lunch***	

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