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# 2025 API SUMMIT AGENDA

18 - 19 SEPTEMBER 2025  
THE WESTIN, CAPE TOWN



07:00-8:00

ARRIVAL | REGISTRATION

08:00 (45min)

**SPEED NETWORKING**

09:00 (5min)

**WELCOME ADDRESS**

**Marlene Pillay**, Global Head Real Estate Finance, Investment Banking, Standard Bank

9:05 (15min)

**INVESTMENT & CAPITAL FLOWS OVER THE PAST 24 MONTHS:** Where the money is going in Africa & what's next?

**PRESENTED BY:** **Taimur Khan**, Head of Research MEA, JLL

9:20 (35min)

**CONSOLIDATION & EXITS IN AFRICA: CREATING A SUSTAINABLE PLATFORM AS THE MARKET RISES.** A buyers' market and why leading players are leveraging resources and balance sheets to consolidate and grow in Africa

**MODERATOR:** **Taimur Khan**, Head of Research MEA, JLL

**PANELISTS:**

**Adeniyi Adeleye**, Head: Real Estate Finance, Africa

**Thomas Reilly**, CEO, Lango Real Estate

**Ram Lokan**, Managing Director Investments, Kasada Capital Management

**Cheick Sanankoua**, Managing Partner, Rocklane Capital Partners

9:55 (20min)

**SECURING YOUR INVESTMENT:** Navigating Climate Risks in African Real Estate & Empowering Investors with Resilience Strategies for a Climate-Smart Future.

**MODERATOR:** **Michelle Farrell**, Senior Operations Officer, Climate Business - Buildings, IFC

**PANELISTS:**

**Naz Beykan**, Senior Operations Officer, The Global Center on Adaptation

**Julien Fouilliart**, Regional Building & Infrastructure Growth Director, Bureau Veritas

10:15 (15min)

**AFRICA'S YOUTH DIVIDEND & REAL ESTATE:** Exploring demographics, cultural trends and shaping future urban development.

**PRESENTED BY:** **Wayne Godwin**, CEO, JLL Africa

10:30 (40min)

**CROWDING IN CAPITAL IN AFRICA: GOING FURTHER TOGETHER:** A Look at capital raising: the role of banks, domestic (pension funds), green capital, DFIs and more.

**MODERATOR:** **Simon Gouweloos**, Head Real Estate Finance, South & Central Africa, Standard Bank

**PANELISTS:**

**Nnema Byrd**, Managing Director, Real Estate, Infrastructure

**Kamogelo Mowaneng**, CEO, Letlole La Rona

**Olumide Oyetan**, CEO, Stanbic IBTC Pensions

**Saurav Chatterjee**, CEO, Care Ratings Africa

**Ken Osei**, Principal Investment Officer, IFC

11:10 (15min)

**UNLOCKING CLIMATE BUSINESS:** IFC's Integrated Solutions for a Resilient Future: How IFC's Climate Platforms Empower Real Estate, Hospitality, and PropTech Leaders.

**PRESENTED BY:** **Diep Nguyen-Van Houtte**, Senior Manager: Innovation and Business Development, IFC

**11:25 (35MIN)**

**NETWORKING BREAK**

12:00 (35min)

**REAL ESTATE AS A PENSION PLAY:** Overcoming Deployment Barriers in Scale, Liquidity, and Structure

**MODERATOR:** **Tola Akinhanmi**, Head: Real Estate Finance, West Africa, Stanbic IBTC

**PANELISTS:**

**Butete Kaliye**, Head: Real Estate, NAPSA

**Abdulqadir Dahiru**, Head of Investments, The National Pension Commission

**Charles Kanugi**, Property Services Manager, Britam



12:35 (40min)

**BANKABLE PROJECTS IN HOSPITALITY IN KEY MARKETS:** Exploring transactions and opportunities in Africa and key markets: KZN, Zanzibar, East Africa and Vic Falls?**MODERATOR:** Daniel Trappler, Senior Director, Development, Radisson Hotel Group**PANELISTS:****Katlego Mphahlele**, Senior Dealmaker, IDC**Pooja Goel**, Senior Industry Specialist – Tourism, IFC**Vumi Nyamazana**, Regional Head: Commercial Property Finance, KZN, Absa CIB**Willie Scholtz**, Director, Turner & Townsend**Guido R. Giachetti**, Founder & Executive Director, RDC Property Group

13:15 (60MIN)

NETWORKING LUNCH

## MAIN PLENARY

HOSPITALITY, HOTELS  
& RESIDENCESWORKSHOPS & INTIMATE  
DISCUSSIONS14:15  
(40min)**FIRESIDE CHAT: URBAN PLANNING:  
REGENERATION, REPURPOSING OF  
ASSETS & NEW CITIES?****FACILITATOR:** Gareth Pearson, Placemaking  
Lead, Mission for Inner City Cape Town**IN CONVERSATION WITH:****Guy Briggs**, Partner, dhk Architects**Rashiq Fataar**, CEO, Our Future Cities**PART 2: PRECINCTS, URBAN DESIGN  
AND OPERATIONS:** Exploring how  
design, planning, partnerships are  
critical in operating successful precincts  
and centers. A LONGKLOOF CASE STUD**PRESENTED BY:**  
**Pierre Swanepoel**, Partner, dhk Architects14:55  
(40min)**LESSONS LEARNT TO DELIVER  
SUCCESSFUL CONSTRUCTION  
PROJECTS****MODERATOR:****Tim White**, CEO, Profica**PANELISTS:****Mikayla Benkenstein**, CEO, Hodari Africa**Caitlin Adair**, Regional Director, Western  
Cape, Turner & Townsend**Roelof van der Westhuizen**, CEO, Equate  
Property Construction Solutions15:35  
(20min)**AHEAD OF THE CURVE: HOW IFC'S  
COUNTRY ADVISORS AND ECONOMISTS  
PREPARE MARKETS FOR CLIMATE AND  
FINANCIAL RESILIENCE****MODERATOR:****Michelle Farrell**, Senior Operations Officer,  
Climate Business - Buildings, IFC**PANELISTS:****Abeer Kamal Shalan**, Senior Operations Officer,  
Country Advisory and Economics, Jordan, IFC**Sakshi Varma**, Senior Operation Officer,  
Uzbekistan, IFC**Reshma Aftab**, Private Sector Development  
Specialist, Pakistan, IFC15:55  
(20min)**DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF  
REAL ESTATE****PRESENTED BY:****Keith Tarr**, Director, The Firefly Company14:15  
(15min)**A REGIONAL OVERVIEW OF THE  
HOSPITALITY MARKET:** What do  
the number say?**PRESENTED BY:****Kirsten Manning**, Senior Associate, HTI Consulting14:30  
(40min)**CAPE EXPANSION: SECURING  
OPPORTUNITIES IN CAPE TOWN  
& WINELANDS:** How can developers,  
capitalize on demand and secure new  
sites? Insights from local leaders,  
financiers, and brands. Can the market  
absorb future supply and will rates hold?**MODERATOR:****Wayne Troughton**, CEO, HTI Consulting**PANELISTS:****Rael Phillips**, CEO & Co-Founder, Totalstay**Deon Van Zyl**, Chairman, Western Cape Property  
Development Forum**Michael Bromley**, Director, STBB**Taryn Landman**, Executive: Studio Head, SVA  
Architecture & Urban Design**Neo Sekhantso**, Acting National Development  
Manager, PIC15:10  
(20min)**F&B AS A CATALYST FOR VALUE  
CREATION IN URBAN, HOSPITALITY  
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT****PRESENTED BY:****Daniel Morgan**, Partner, TGP International15:30  
(40min)**STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH IN  
AFRICA & WHAT'S NEXT:** Acquisitions,  
JVs, and more to grow in Africa?**MODERATOR:****Lee-Anne Singer**, Partner: Middle East & Africa, HVS**PANELISTS:****Bani Haddad**, Managing Director, Aleph Hospitality**Charl Nel**, Development Manager: Middle East &  
Africa Wyndham Hotels & Resorts**Dawid Kriegler**, Chief Growth Officer,  
Newmark Hotels**Allan Wantenaar**, Business Development  
Manager-Africa, Valor Hospitality Partners**JS Anand**, Founder and CEO, LEVA Hotels14:15  
(60min)**DECARBONIZING AT SCALE:**  
IFC's GRIP Program for Real Estate**MODERATOR:****Alok Singh**, Global Lead: GRIP Program, IFC**PANELISTS:****Christoph Kausch**, Senior Operations Officer**George Petje**, Investment Principal &  
Sustainability Lead, Lango Real Estate**Lerato Kumalo**, Chief ESG and Impact  
Officer, Novare15:30  
(20min)**TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT  
CORRIDORS IN AFRICA - NOW  
OR NEVER** - How trade conflicts are  
reshaping global markets and how  
can Africa respond?**PRESENTED BY:****Shawn Duthie**, Director, Control Risks16:00  
(30min)**DECARBONISING EXISTING  
BUILDINGS AT SCALE WITH EDGE:**  
Challenges, and opportunities for  
industrial and commercial building  
from a global perspective**PRESENTED BY:****Tom Saunders**, Co-founder, Sintali16:15  
(30min)**SCALING SUSTAINABILITY: HOW TO BUILD VALUE THROUGH  
GREEN CERTIFICATION****MODERATOR:****Michelle Farrell**, Senior Operations Officer, Climate Business - Buildings, IFC**PANELISTS:****Shrey Sinha**, Associate Director, Savvy Greens & Savvy Group-India**Kushinga Kambarami**, Green Building Lead, Africa, IFC**David Domínguez Muñoz**, Founder, 3Lotus Consulting-Mexico16:45  
(45min)**RESI- THE AFRICAN BUILD TO RENT MARKET-A NEW INVESTOR  
PRIORITY:** Exploring multi-family and build-to- rent options.  
Understanding the numbers, dynamics and expanding market  
in Africa.**MODERATOR:** Palesa Mkhize, CEO, SAMRRA**PANELISTS:****Samuel Kariuki**, CEO, Mi Vida Homes**Bernard de Jongh**, Head: Asset Management, IHS**Palesa Ryan**, Head: Social, Health and Education Infrastructure, Development  
Bank of Southern Africa**Mncedisi Dumse**, Team Lead; Real Estate Finance-East Africa, Standard Bank**George Phiri**, General Manager-Lending Division, National Housing Finance  
Corporation (NHFC)16:10  
(45min)**TRENDS IN THE FAST-EXPANDING WELLNESS ECONOMY AND  
HOW THESE CAN BE USED TO DRIVE ROI IN RESIDENTIAL AND  
HOSPITALITY DEVELOPMENT****PRESENTED BY:** Tony Payne, CEO, Technogym**HEALTH, WELLNESS & TECHNOLOGY IN ESTATE & HOSPITALITY:  
A NEW FRONTIER****MODERATOR:** Geri Flanagan, Director Development, Banyan Group**PANELISTS:****Tony Payne**, CEO, Technogym**Jacob Wiese**, Director, Invicta Holdings**Christopher Jannou**, CEO, Urban Hotel Group**Sunette van der Merwe**, Group Operations and Business Development Manager,  
Amani Spa & Wellness Group16:55  
(30min)**GROWTH THROUGH ADVENTURE IN AFRICA.** A conversation with  
two global CEOs**FACILITATOR:** Wayne Godwin, CEO, JLL Africa**IN CONVERSATION WITH:****Euan McGlashan**, Global Co-Founder & CEO, Valor Hospitality Partners**Stephen Rushmore, Jr.** CEO, HVS17:25  
(20min)**DRIVING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN AFRICA:** Cluster and Multi-Site  
Hospitality Development for New Destination Development and Secure  
Job Creation**IN CONVERSATION WITH:****Kura Chihota**, Regional Real Estate Manager, eXp Realty**Wesam Okasha**, Head: Global Development- Asia, Greater China & EMEA,  
TUI Hotels & Resorts

17:45 (10MIN)

CLOSING REMARKS

NETWORKING DINNER | API AWARDS



# API SUMMIT AGENDA - DAY 2



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08:00 (45min)

SPEED NETWORKING

	MAIN PLENARY		AFRICA PROPTECH FORUM
9:00 (30min)	<b>SPORTS &amp; REAL ESTATE:</b> A look at arenas and how real estate can rejuvenate an area <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Kyle Schofield</b> , Executive Director & Partner, Zaria Group <b>Fabio Nava</b> , Director: Advisory & Transaction Services, CBRE Excellerate	8:45 (60min)	PROPTECH SHARKROOM
		9:45 (25min)	<b>INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA'S REAL ESTATE MARKET:</b> Risk, Growth and Performance <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Waldo Marcus</b> , Director: Marketing, MRI Software
9:30 (15min)	<b>INVESTMENT REPORT ON DIRECT TRANSACTIONS OVER \$1MILLION</b> <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Pepler Sandri</b> , Director: Capital Markets, JLL Africa	10:10 (30min)	<b>TECH &amp; AI IN RESIDENTIAL:</b> How tech stacks are simplifying and making residential, co-living and student housing more investable.  <b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Eleni Georgopoulou</b> , CEO, YourHost  <b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Carien Storm</b> , Executive: Specialty Projects, City Property <b>Wesley Roos</b> , CEO & Founder, Proply Tech <b>JK du Toit</b> , CEO, The Good People Data Company <b>James Perris</b> , Co-Founder, Preferential
9:45 (30min)	<b>EXPANDING RETAIL IN AFRICA:</b> A look at fuel station, Peri-Urban options and growing convenience offerings <b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Natasha Bruwer</b> , Managing Director: Occupier Services, Broll Property Group <b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Ben Kodisang</b> , Founder & CEO, ALT Capital Partners <b>Tshegofatso Maetle</b> , Head: Network and Engineering, Astron Energy <b>Pieter Swanepoel</b> , Head of Development, Hungry Lion		
10:15 (30min)	<b>AFRICA DATA: SOUTH, EAST &amp; WEST AFRICA MALLS:</b> A Comparative Case Study <b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Jean Eudes Djah</b> , Senior Associate, Rocklane Capital Partners <b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Moses Lutalo</b> , Managing Director, Broll Uganda <b>Bolaji Edu</b> , CEO, Broll Nigeria <b>Sybrand Strauss</b> , Director & Founder, Fernridge	10:40 (15min)	<b>A TRANSBRIDJ PRESENTATION</b> <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Michael Lenz</b> , CEO, TransBridj
10:45 (30min)	<b>FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY:</b> A Look at power & water in RE: How energy provision and models will drive water security for RE. <b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Jannie van der Walt</b> , Chief Investment Officer, Blue Energy Africa <b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Emma Muller</b> , Founder& CEO, KaacKai <b>Mich Nieuwoudt</b> , Executive Chairman, Gaia Fund Managers <b>Lubabalo Luyaba</b> , Senior Water Specialist, Water Resources Group (WRG), World Bank Group	10:55 (15min)	<b>ICT &amp; ELV in PROPTECH:</b> Strategic Planning Before the First Brick - How Early Technology Integration Shapes Smarter, Future-Proof Developments.  <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Gadwel Musyoka</b> , Founder, Bakyson Enterprises Limited

11:15 (30min)

NETWORKING BREAK

	MAIN PLENARY		AFRICA PROPTECH FORUM		WORKSHOPS & INTIMATE DISCUSSIONS
11:45 (30min)	<b>OFFICE FIT-OUTS AND CAPEX:</b> What Occupiers Need to Know <b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Thuli Zulu</b> , Managing Director, INC Solutions <b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Bradley Rudolph</b> , Head of Business Development, Angelshack <b>Nkosinathi Manzana</b> , Head: Group Real Estate Services, Standard Bank <b>Michelle Foster</b> , Head of Workplace: South Africa, Ninety One <b>Tango Matoti</b> , Workplace Strategy Director, JLL	11:45 (40min)	<b>GROWING ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGY BY CORPORATE LANDLORDS:</b> A look at asset management, facilities, leasing, & more. <b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Matthew Marshall</b> , Partner & Co-Founder, REDimension Capital <b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Wayne Berger</b> , CEO, ishack ventures <b>Belinda Clur</b> , Founder, Clur International <b>Yvette du Toit</b> , Head of Operations, Burstone Group <b>Karen Miller</b> , CEO, Quoin Technologies <b>Skye Clark</b> , Director: Sales & Client Experience, MRI Software	11:45 (30min)	<b>THE SPATIAL ADVANTAGE:</b> How AI-Powered Geospatial Data Analysis and Urban Planning Intelligence Transform Property Investment Decisions.  <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Phelelani Mkhize</b> , Business Data Scientist, timbuk2.ai
12:15 (30min)	<b>REITS IN AFRICA:</b> Learnings from experience and different geographies. What's working and what lessons can be shared? <b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Ivan Cornet</b> , Managing Partner, Latitude Five <b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Kisseih Antonio</b> , Managing Director, Sentinel Asset Management <b>Raphael Mwito</b> , CEO, ICEA LION REIT <b>Lesego Keitsile</b> , Head of Investments, Letlole La Rona <b>Bevin Ngara</b> , Managing Director, Fidelity Life Asset Management (Eagle REIT) <b>Kambewu Banda</b> , Chief Executive Officer, REIZ Plc	12:25 (40min)	<b>ELEVATING TENANT &amp; GUEST EXPERIENCE THROUGH TECH ADVANCES AND AI AGENTS:</b> A look at tenant support, automation, personalization & more <b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Peter Clark</b> , Partner & Co-Founder, REDimension Capital <b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Aileen Rodel</b> , CEO, RE-TEC Solutions <b>Jacquiline de Vries</b> , CEO, Mallpass <b>Robert Salzwedel</b> , Founder & CEO, Kenai <b>Alyssa van Loggerenberg</b> , Chief Financial Officer, Metroprop Energy Solutions (MES) <b>Gadwel Musyoka</b> , Founder, Bakyson Enterprises Limited	12:15 (45min)	<b>SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS</b>  <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Sherif Muhtaseb</b> , Senior Operations Officer: Global Lead-PILLAR Housing Advisory Service, IFC <b>Ken Osei</b> , Principal Investment Officer, IFC



## MAIN PLENARY

12:45 (30min)	<p><b>DATA CENTRES AND AI-</b> Demand is outstripping supply; can we create enough capacity in Africa sustainably especially with the growth of AI? Are there opportunities in city centres? How can we provide power?</p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Heath Andersen</b>, Data Centre Consultant, DCDesign.Africa</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Marjorie Kivuva</b>, Partner &amp; Head of Legal, Tarra Agility Africa <b>Mncedisi Dumse</b>, Team Lead: Real Estate Finance-East Africa, Standard Bank <b>Shamsher Singh</b>, Regional Director, Turner &amp; Townsend</p>
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## 13:15 (75min) LUNCH

MAIN PLENARY		AFRICA PROPTech FORUM		WORKSHOPS & INTIMATE DISCUSSIONS	
14:30 (35min)	<p><b>AFRICAN FUTURES: PLACE MAKING &amp; FUTURE LIVING:</b> Unpacking intergenerational demand, urban development and more in Nigeria, SA, Mauritius, Kenya and Morocco. Understanding demand, trends and more.</p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Tomi Olatunbode</b>, CEO, Spazio Ideale</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Bobby Patel</b>, Global Head of Real Estate, CrossBoundary <b>Temitope Runsewa</b>, Managing Director, Dutum Company Limited <b>Julie Morelle</b>, General Manager, Property Development &amp; Operations, Medine Group</p>	14:30 (20min)	<p><b>PRACTICAL DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION:</b> AI and tech in Real Estate today <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Nicholas Leck</b>, Account Executive, MRI Software</p>	14:30 (30min)	<p><b>YOUR EPC GAME PLAN:</b> A Practical Guide to Energy Performance Certification for Property Owners</p> <p><b>FACILITATED BY:</b> <b>Priaash Ramadeen</b>, CEO &amp; Co-Founder, The Awareness Company <b>Aileen Rodel</b>, CEO, RE-TEC Solutions</p>
15:05 (25min)	<p><b>DESIGNING &amp; DEVELOPING FOR HEALTHCARE</b></p> <p><b>IN CONVERSATION WITH:</b> <b>Alex van den Berg</b>, Executive-Head: Health &amp; Science Unit, SVA Architecture &amp; Urban Design <b>Heinrich Rix</b>, CEO, Rx Group</p>	14:50 (30min)	<p><b>AI, WORKFLOWS &amp; PROCESSES:</b> How we are adopting and using generative AI and new technologies. Are we getting more efficient or lazy?</p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> <b>Phelani Mkhize</b>, Business Data Scientist, timbuk2.ai</p> <p><b>IN CONVERSATION WITH:</b> <b>Siena Hickey</b>, Co-Founder, Spacelink <b>Andrew Davies</b>, CEO, Orchestrate AI</p>	15:15 (20min)	<p><b>EDUCATION IN AFRICA:</b> Understanding requirements and growth plans in SA and Africa?</p> <p><b>IN CONVERSATION WITH:</b> <b>Bradley Wentzel</b>, Chief Financial Officer, SPARK Schools</p>
15:30 (60min)	<p><b>INTRODUCTION OF CHINA AFRICA INVESTMENT</b></p> <p><b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Lauren Patlansky</b>, Head of China Desk, HLB CBS Group</p> <p><b>FOLLOWED BY</b></p> <p><b>ACCELERATING SUSTAINABLE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA:</b> Leveraging Chinese Innovation and Investment through Galencia, CNBM, and Hiedu Consulting and Africa?</p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Lauren Patlansky</b>, Head of China Desk, HLB CBS Group</p> <p><b>PANELISTS:</b> <b>Victor Xiao</b>, Sales and Marketing Director, Galencia Properties <b>Andre Swanepoel</b>, Technical and Sales Director, CNBM <b>Dr. Sophia Zhang</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, Hiedu Consulting</p>	15:20 (30min)	<p><b>LAST MILE LOGISTICS AND E-COMMERCE</b></p> <p><b>FACILITATOR:</b> <b>Rael Levitt</b>, CEO, Inospace</p> <p><b>IN CONVERSATION WITH:</b> <b>Devan Cairns</b>, Head: Last Mile Services, Inospace <b>Matthew Leppan</b>, Marketplace Sales Manager, Takealot</p>		
		15:50 (20min)	<p><b>A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PROPERTY MANAGER WITH MRI SOFTWARE</b></p> <p><b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Scott Revell</b>, Account Executive, MRI Software</p>		
		16:10 (20min)	<p><b>OPERATIONAL AND SUSTAINABILITY INTELLIGENCE FOR PROPERTY:</b> Unlocking the full picture of your property portfolio with Data and AI</p> <p><b>PRESENTED BY:</b> <b>Priaash Ramadeen</b>, CEO &amp; Co-Founder, The Awareness Company</p>		

## 16:30 (10min) CLOSING REMARKS

## NETWORKING COCKTAILS