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WIRELESS WITHOUT LIMITS

WAPALOZA 2025



CONFERENCE AND EXPO MANUAL



VENUE:

Misty Hills Hotel & Conference Centre,
Muldersdrift, Gauteng



DATE:

23 - 25 June 2025





CONFERENCE DEMOGRAPHICS

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Delegates

WAPALOZA 2022 welcomed over **350 delegates** from across Africa, representing a diverse range of industry professionals, service providers, and technology leaders.

We anticipate even greater participation in 2025 as we continue to drive innovation in the wireless sector.

Exhibitors

Over **30 leading companies** will showcase cutting-edge wireless technologies, solutions, and services, offering attendees valuable networking and business opportunities.

Speakers

WAPALOZA 2025 will feature **three days of insightful content**, delivered by experts from around the world.

Key contributors include representatives from **ICASA and the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies**, alongside renowned industry leaders who will share their insights on the future of wireless connectivity.

FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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Eduard du Plessis

CEO and Founder at Fixed Mobile Telecoms

He is a seasoned telecommunications specialist with a passion for product development, operations, and marketing that spans more than two decades. Since entering the industry in 1997, he has held key leadership roles and helped shape innovative solutions in the mobile data and wireless networking sectors.

He served as Managing Director of InfoSat from 1997 to 2002, before founding Ensync Business Solutions in 2003. He later took on the role of CEO at EOH Network Solutions, where he led the company's telecommunications division. In 2017, he founded Fixed Mobile Telecoms, where he currently serves as CEO.

Over the years, he has spearheaded three successful start-ups—Ensync, AfricaINX, and Fixed Mobile Telecoms—establishing a strong track record in the evolving connectivity landscape.



David Porter

**Director of Distribution Sales,
EMEA – Ekahau**

He leads Ekahau's distribution strategy across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa as the Director of Distribution Sales, EMEA. With over 15+ years of experience in wireless technologies and channel development, he plays a pivotal role in driving Ekahau's growth through strategic partnerships and a robust distribution ecosystem.

FEATURED INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL SPEAKERS

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Dean Bubley

Director of Disruptive Analysis

As the Founder and Director of Disruptive Analysis, he has been disrupting the telecoms industry for over 20 years with his analysis, strategy, and vision.

He is a prominent, influential, and outspoken technology industry analyst, futurist, and consultant, specialising in telecoms, wireless, and policy domains.



Martha Suarez

President: Dynamic Spectrum Alliance

She is the president of a global organization advocating for laws and regulations that will lead to more efficient and effective spectrum utilization. She is extremely passionate about the idea of contributing to connect the unconnected.

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Lesley Colmer

WAPA CEO

Making Wireless Access a priority.

Experienced Group Financial Director with a demonstrated history of working in the management consulting industry. Strong finance professional skilled in Negotiation, Project Governance, Enterprise Risk Management, Business Planning, and Internal Audit.



Dominic Cull

Owner at Ellipsis Regulatory Solutions

He holds a master's degree in electronic law, which serves as the foundation for his extensive experience in all aspects of telecommunications, law, and regulation. He serves as the regulatory advisor to the Internet Service Providers' Association (ISPA) and the Wireless Access Providers' Association (WAPA), and acts as both an independent adjudicator for and advisor to the Wireless Application Service Providers' Association (WASPA).

Specialties: Electronic communications law and regulation, licensing, alternative dispute resolution.

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Dr Charley Lewis

**Councillor elect, Independent
Communications Authority of
South Africa (ICASA)**

Formerly an independent ICT sector analyst, researcher and trainer, Dr Lewis served as a Councillor for the regulator, ICASA, from 2021 to 2024.

He is also an honorary Adjunct Professor at the University of the Western Cape.



Peter Zimri

Zimri Consulting – South Africa

- Former Council Member (Executive) ICASA
- Chairperson – Spectrum Resources Committee
- Chairperson – IMT Spectrum Licencing Committee (Spectrum Auction Team)
- Executive Committee (EXCO) - Communications Regulators' Association of Southern Africa (CRASA)
- Vice-Chairman and Steering Committee of the ITU WRC-19, RA-19 & CPM23
- International Telecommunications

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Paul Colmer

WAPA Exco Member

Inventor of 9G technology at Paul Colmer & Associates

With a passion for all things ICT and telecommunications, he currently consults and offers training for ISP's WISP's and Telco's on network design, connectivity and creating working business cases. He brings innovative thinking to emerging technologies and their market deployment in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). Author and seasoned conference presenter for WAPA (Wireless Access Providers Association) where he sits on the executive committee.



Jens Langenhorst

Specialist RF and WAPA Vice Chair

Experienced Satellite, Microwave and RF specialist.

Consulting and contracting for design, project implementation and measurement specializing in RF across Satellite and Microwave systems.

Managed multiple large and complex Satellite network migrations across Africa and South America. Developed various monitoring solutions for VSAT networks and a remote access solution deployed in the Galapagos islands.

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Christopher Geerdts

BMIT

Exec MBA (Distinction). MSc (Eng)

BMIT has helped the ICT industry in SA for over 20 years, making quality, data-supported investment decisions, be they for infrastructure, new products or acquisitions, or running stakeholder satisfaction surveys.

Chris is a seasoned executive, combining years of consulting experience with hands-on management of telco businesses.



Jabulani Vilakazi

SOWUG

Internet Activist, Entrepreneur.

Passionate about developing technologies and Information access to marginalized areas. He is the founder of Soweto Wireless User Group (SOWUG) a non-profit organization that provides free Wi-Fi in Soweto. He is one of the founding members for the Internet Society Gauteng Chapter, an NGO focused on Internet policy and Internet governance in South Africa.

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Kallie Carlsen

**Managing Director - Paratus
Telecommunications**

He has more than 20 years of experience in the industry and, as Managing Director, has been instrumental in driving the strategic growth and success of the company.

Paratus South Africa is a leading specialist connectivity provider, delivering enterprise-grade solutions from Cape Town to Johannesburg, and extending across Africa and beyond.



Albie Bester

**Marketing Development Manager,
Intelsat**

He is passionate about the transformative power of technology to elevate business performance, unlock creativity, and drive sustainable economic growth. For him, technology isn't just about tools and platforms—it's a catalyst for real, meaningful change. With deep experience across the African tech landscape, he has led and shaped Cloud, IoT, and community connectivity strategies that deliver scalable impact. He has built and led Cloud business units at Microsoft South Africa, PwC Exordia, and Pamoja/SEACOM, and also founded a Cloud start-up operating across South and East Africa.

He is always keen to connect with others who share a vision of using technology to solve real-world problems, scale businesses, and shape the future.

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Dr Dawie de Wet

Group Chairman & CEO for Q-KON

Dr. Dawie de Wet (PhD Eng) is the Chief Executive Officer of Q-KON Africa and Chairman of the Group. He has more than 24 years of experience in the design, development and implementation of Wireless, Microwave and Satellite communication systems in Africa.

In 1988 he joined the Q-KON board and was appointed Managing Director in 1993.

In 2013, Dawie completed his Ph.D. in Engineering. His thesis titled: A scalable business model for mass customization of broadband services in the emerging Africa market summarised the result of seven years of research work focused on the value proposition of the domain where technology, business and market domains intersect. The research work provides both Dawie and Q-KON with a sound reference and foundation to meet current and future market demands in challenging landscapes.



Luzango Mfupe, SMIEEE

**Chief Researcher: CSIR, South Africa,
Adjunct Professor: NM-AIST,
Vice Chair: IEEE DySPAN 1900.6**

He is an experienced Chief Research Scientist, innovator, and entrepreneur with demonstrated technical leadership in large-scale and cutting-edge technology projects. He is skilled in dynamic spectrum management (DSM), television white spaces (TVWS), defence and civilian spectrum sharing models, formulation of spectrum regulations and policies, development of geo-location spectrum databases, advanced wireless network design and modelling, satellite communications, airborne wireless networks (AWNs), artificial intelligence/machine learning for future wireless communications such as 5G, computer simulations, lecturing, supervision, and SMME support.

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Albert Lysko

PhD, Principal Researcher: CSIR, Adjunct Professor: UCT, Chair: IEEE R8 (Europe, Middle East & Africa) Ad Hoc Committee on Educational Infrastructure, FSAIEEE, SMIEEE

He is an award-winning engineer, researcher and innovator who works in the wireless communications and networking space. He holds a PhD from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

He has worked in both industry and academia in Europe and Africa. The project work ranged from the mining industry, multinationals and a regulator, to advanced applied research. While at the CSIR, his leading experimental research in TVWS enabled the provision of the Internet to over 20 000 users in two African countries and the setting up of the South African national TVWS Regulation. His work also contributed to TVWS regulations in Ghana and the United States of America.

He has authored three patents, a book, two book chapters, over 150 research papers and popular science and news articles, and led the development of numerous technology demonstrators.

His professional achievements have been recognised through multiple awards, including four Best Paper awards, and national and CSIR awards; invitations to deliver keynote addresses, plenary, and invited talks; and in serving in the General Chair and Technical Chair roles in several international Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) conferences.

He is a Fellow of the South African Institute of Electrical Engineers (SAIEE) and a Senior member of the IEEE. He holds several international awards for his leadership in volunteering efforts in the IEEE.

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Songezo Mhambi

Founder & CEO at Mdaswifi, Founder at Vice-Tech, Tech Entrepreneur, Digital Evangelist

He is an experienced Business and Operations Executive, Leader, and Entrepreneur with a strong track record in the ICT and Engineering industries. He brings extensive expertise in Facility Management (FM), Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Project Management, and Strategic Management. Known for his robust operational and financial planning skills, he is focused on driving continuous process improvements, operational efficiency, and the development of new markets and business opportunities.

With over 15 years of hands-on experience in the technical facilities sector, he has progressed from fieldwork to top management, gaining deep insight into all levels of the industry.

Until recently, he served as the second-in-command to the Managing Director of a rapidly growing mechanical engineering firm in South Africa, with an annual turnover of R30 million. Leading a team of more than 70 personnel, he was responsible for meeting sales targets and spearheaded several key initiatives to streamline accounting, project management, and business development processes. His role encompassed comprehensive oversight of the company's operations—including technical services, business development, and human resources.

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Thabisa Faye

Councillor at ICASA

She is a seasoned Advisor, with great expertise in legislation, policies and regulatory frameworks in the ICT sector. She has worked in, and analysed over 30 African markets; giving her a good working knowledge of the successes and opportunities abound on the continent.

Currently the Managing Director for Pygma Consulting, a firm renowned for its excellent ICT and Strategic Advisory, she heads a team dedicated to unlocking Africa's potential.

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Paul Rowney

Digital Transformation Strategist

As an ardent proponent of digital inclusion, he is deeply committed to leveraging technology and innovation as powerful tools to bridge the digital divide. With a wealth of experience collaborating with governments, NGOs, and IGOs, he has been actively involved in promoting connectivity for development and creating inclusive digital solutions.

One of his notable roles was serving as the founding chairperson for the Payment Association of Namibia e-Money forum, where he spearheaded efforts to drive interoperability and open banking initiatives. Additionally, he takes great pride in being a founding director of the ICT Professionals Association of Namibia, an organization dedicated to advancing the ICT sector in the country.

In the past, he had the privilege of serving as an advisory council member to the Alliance for Affordable Internet (www.a4ai.org), contributing to their mission of making the internet more accessible and affordable worldwide. Currently, he serves on the Advisory Council for the Africa ICT Alliance (www.aficata.org), for which he also served as the deputy chairperson, where he actively contributes to shaping the ICT landscape in Africa.

Furthermore, his involvement extends to being a former board member of the ISOC Namibia chapter, where he contributed to fostering a safe and open internet environment. Additionally, he has had the privilege of serving as a member of the United Nations Internet Governance Forum's Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG), offering insights and perspectives on important digital governance matters.

Through his engagements, he has gained a comprehensive global perspective on the challenges we face in ensuring equitable opportunities for all in the rapidly evolving digital age. He remains dedicated to driving positive change and fostering digital inclusion at every opportunity.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES & RATES

PRICING TABLE

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| Number of packages available |
| Stand size |
| Speaking slots (15 minutes)/ Panel |
| Banners stage area |
| Banners entrance area |
| Banners conference room |
| Free delegate passes |

PLATINUM

R137 500

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| 2 |
| 5m x 5m (prime stand) |
| Keynote plus 1 Speaking and 2 Panels, choice of time |
| 2 |
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| 2 |
| 10 |

GOLD

R100 000

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| 10 |
| 5m x 3m |
| 1 Speaking Slot 1 Panel |
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| 8 |

SILVER

R50 000

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| 20 |
| 4m x 2m |
| 1 Panel |
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| 1 |
| 6 |

BRONZE

R25 000

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| Table & 2 chairs |
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DELEGATE GIFTS

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| Lanyards | R15 000 |
| Delegate Bags | R15 000 |
| Connectivity | R20 000 |

DELEGATE REGISTRATION COST

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| Existing WAPA Member | FREE |
| Sign-up three months in advance | FREE |
| Early Bird | R3 000 |
| Normal | R3 500 |

SPONSORSHIP BOOKING FORM

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PACKAGES

RATE (ZAR) excl. VAT

Please tick preferred package

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| PLATINUM sponsor | 137,500.00 | |
| GOLD sponsor | 100,000.00 | |
| SILVER sponsor | 50,000.00 | |
| BRONZE sponsor | 25,000.00 | |
| LANYARDS | 15,000.00 | |
| DELEGATE BAGS | 15,000.00 | |
| CONNECTIVITY | 20,000.00 | |



ORDER INFORMATION

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| Ordered by (name): | Company Name: |
| E-mail address: | Cell no: |



BILLING INFORMATION

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| Billed to: | VAT No: |
| E-mail address: | Cell no: |
| Invoice address: | |

SIGNATURE

DATE



DATES, BUILD-UP & BREAKDOWN TIMES

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VENUE

Misty Hills Hotel and Conference Centre

Hall: The Exhibition Centre, opposite the Pelindaba conference venue.



ADDRESS

Muldersdrift Estate 69 Drift Boulevard (R114), Muldersdrift, Gauteng, South Africa



GPS

S 26° 01.734'

E 27° 51.407'

BUILD-UP

Date: Sunday 22 June 2025

Time: 15h00

BREAKDOWN

Date: Wednesday 25 June 2025

Time: 17h00



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INDEMNITY FORM



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In terms of various pieces of legalization including but not limited to the Occupational Health and Safety (OHSACT), Construction Regulations, SANS 0400 National Building Regulations, Disaster Management Act, Events Bill, Regulation of Gatherings Act – No 205 of 1993, Basic Conditions of Employment Act, and EMS City Bylaws the exhibitor:

Hereby confirm that all of its employees, agents and/or contractors/sub-contractors acknowledge the legislation applicable within the Republic of South Africa, recognize the inherent hazards that exist during the setup of, the exhibition itself and the breakdown of the exhibition and enters the property entirely at his/her own risk and therefore the Exhibitor waives any claim of whatsoever nature against Wireless Access Providers Association (WAPA), its employees, agents and/or mandatories in respect of any loss, damage and/or injury whether same is the result of any negligent act or omission on the part of Wireless Access Providers Association (WAPA), its employees, agents and/or mandatories or other independent contractors or by a third person or by way of defective equipment or materials supplied by the company, and further; the Exhibitor hereby indemnifies Wireless Access Providers Association (WAPA), its employees, agents and/or mandatories against any claims from the Contractor's employees and/or any other person, arising and being caused in the manner set out above.

I, _____, representing _____ do hereby declare that I acknowledge having read and understood the above statement and furthermore, confirm that I am duly appointed to sign on behalf of the exhibitor agree to abide by these conditions.

EXHIBITOR

DATE

WITNESS

DATE

GENERAL INFORMATION

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STAND CONSTRUCTION

Fixing display material

- Display material may be fixed to the exhibition stand by means of double-sided tape or sticky-backed Velcro only.
- No nails, screws or permanent adhesives allowed.

Custom stands

- Prior approval has to be obtained from the event organizer for approval by venue for health and safety reasons one month before the event if you wish to have a 'designer' or custom-built stand constructed.



VENUE INFORMATION

- Parking available in the grounds of Misty Hills Convention Centre.
- Neither the Organisers nor the venue will accept deliveries on behalf of exhibitors.
- All necessary precautions must be taken to avoid any damage to the physical structure of the venue during construction.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Exhibitors are strongly urged to ensure that they have adequate insurance cover for all exhibits, equipment, and display material.
- No highly combustible material may be used in construction of a stand or within the exhibition display.
- No solid ceilings may be used without prior permission.
- No dangerous chemicals or gas cylinders are permitted.
- Enter at own risk.