FROM AI REGULATION TO GOVERNANCE: BUILDING A COMPLIANT AND TRUSTED AI ECOSYSTEM

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AI Regulation & Compliance CONFERENCE 2026

18 & 19 November 2026 | Indaba Hotel | Fourways

Questions We Will Tackle

01 Who is accountable when AI makes a consequential decision?

02 Are your AI systems actually compliant?

03 How do you govern AI before it reaches production?

04 How do you manage AI-related legal, ethical and operational risks?

05 What should Boards and executives be asking about AI?

06 How do organisations move from AI experimentation to enterprise implementation?

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WHY THIS CONVERSATION MATTERS?

Following the success of the inaugural AI Regulation & Compliance Conference, Trade Conferences International (TCI) is proud to present the second edition of this premier event, taking place on 18–19 November 2026 at the Indaba Hotel, Fourways.

As artificial intelligence reshapes financial services, organisations face increasing pressure to balance innovation with effective governance, regulatory compliance, ethical responsibility and customer trust. While South Africa continues to develop its AI policy and regulatory framework, international developments such as the European Union's AI Act are influencing governance practices and raising expectations for responsible AI adoption across the financial sector.

Bringing together regulators, policymakers, financial institutions, legal experts, technology leaders and governance professionals, the conference will explore how organisations can move beyond regulatory awareness to operationalising responsible AI. Discussions will focus on building governance frameworks, managing AI risk, embedding accountability and transparency, strengthening compliance, and implementing trusted AI practices across the AI lifecycle.

South Africa's financial services sector is at the forefront of AI adoption, with investment and innovation accelerating across banking, insurance and fintech. As AI becomes increasingly embedded in decision-making, fraud detection, customer engagement and business operations, organisations must ensure that governance evolves at the same pace as technology.

Through expert keynote presentations, practical case studies and interactive panel discussions, delegates will gain actionable insights into AI regulation, governance, ethics, risk management, organisational readiness and enterprise AI implementation. The conference is designed to equip leaders with the knowledge and practical strategies needed to build compliant, trusted and future-ready AI ecosystems.

Company background

Trade Conferences International is one of Southern Africa's leading business conference organisers, delivering high-level conferences and executive forums for over two decades. TCI brings together industry leaders, regulators, policymakers and subject matter experts to share practical insights, encourage collaboration and help organisations navigate today's rapidly evolving business, technology and regulatory landscape.

Who Should Attend?

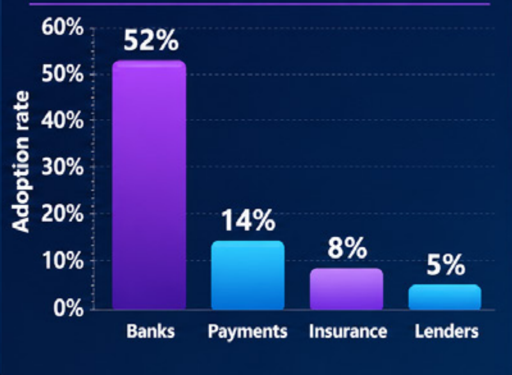
ai & technology leaders * risk & compliance professionals * legal & regulatory professionals * governance & internal audit * data & analytics leaders * CIOs / CTOs / CDOs * digital transformation leaders * business & executive management * regulators & policymakers

Sections to be covered

- Overview: AI Regulation, Policy & Compliance
- AI Governance & Organisational Accountability
- Responsible AI, Ethics & Trust
- AI Risk Management & Regulatory Assurance
- Operationalising Responsible AI
- AI Decision-Making & Business Applications
- Leadership, Skills & Organisational Readiness
- Enterprise AI Implementation & Automation
- Executive Panel Discussion: Is South Africa's Financial Sector Ready for Responsible AI?
- The Future of AI in Financial Services

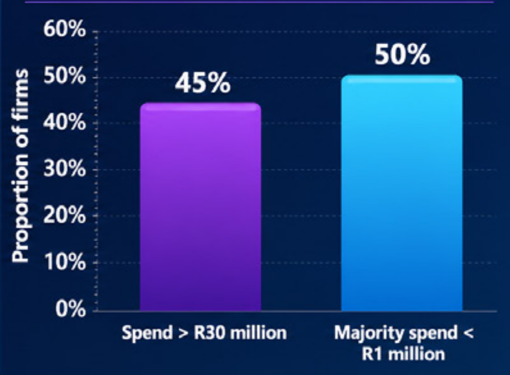
AI adoption rates across South African financial sub-sectors

Banks lead current adoption by a wide margin.



AI investment plans in South Africa's financial sector

Reported investment intentions show two distinct spending profiles.



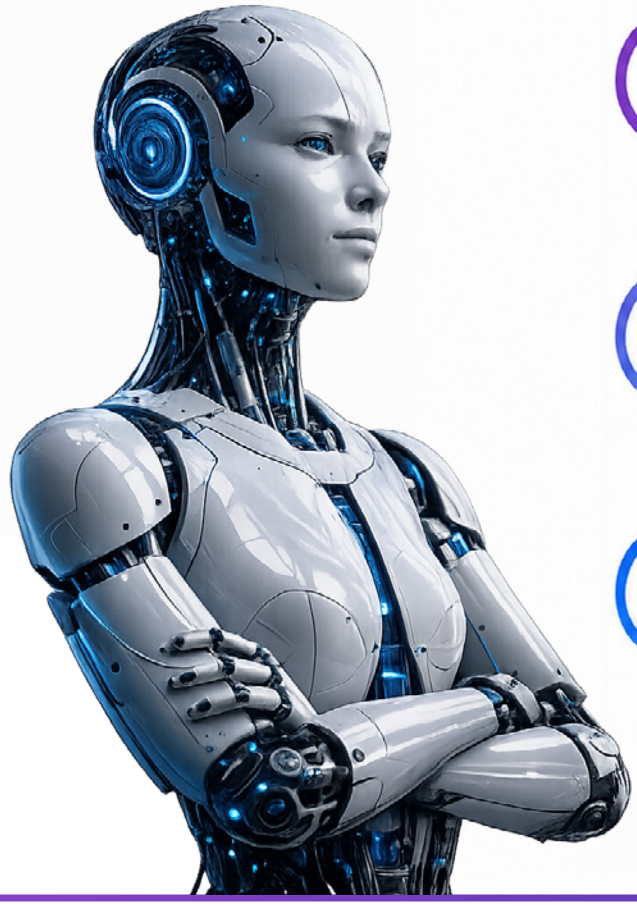
Internal constraints and risks to AI implementation

Percentage of organisations identifying each challenge.

Benefits of attending

the AI Regulation & Compliance Conference 2026

Why you should attend



01 Understand South Africa's evolving AI regulatory and policy landscape.

02 Develop robust AI governance and accountability frameworks.

03 Build trust through ethical, transparent and responsible AI practices.

04 Manage AI risks while supporting innovation and regulatory compliance.

05 Operationalise responsible AI across the AI lifecycle.

06 Strengthen organisational readiness through leadership, skills and culture.

07 Apply AI governance to high-impact business decisions.

08 Learn from industry leaders implementing AI responsibly in financial services.

Organisations that attended the AI Regulation and Compliance conferences

Hatfield Group · KUDA Foreign Exchange · eComply · Sanlam

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Investec · FSCA · Werksmans Attorneys · PayInc · FirstRand

Standard Bank · vvm · FNB · Discovery

Your distinguished panel of senior industry speakers who will address the conference

Ayanda Ngcebetsha
Responsible AI: Strategic Partnerships & Strategy
Microsoft

Xolile Majijia
Executive, Legal, Risk, Governance & Compliance Consultant

Amit Dayal
Managing Director
FTI Consulting

Sipho Mthombeni
Government Affairs & Public Policy Manager
Google

Dr. Liezl Groenewald
Chief Executive Officer
The Ethics Institute

Nicky Verd
Digital Futurist/ Human Centric AI
Digitally Fit Global

Adv Dirontsho Mohale
Chief Privacy, Legal, Compliance & Executive Officer
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Founder and Director
CelebrAI Consulting

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Founding member
Fetsi

Sholane Shatu
Managing Director
Navigate Compliance

Lourens Jourbert
Head of AI and Automation
Old Mutual

Farai Ntuli
Partnership Lead
Canva

Ronelle Kleyn
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Fluidrock Governance Group

Jayshree Mallaya
Founder and Ceo
Third Vision Ai

Mphoentle Ndaba
Founder
Intokozo Advisory Group (IAG) & The Verdict on AI

Tayyiba Suliman
Head of Technology and Communications Sector
Cliff Dekker Hofmeyr

Marcus Visser
Chief Commercial Officer
JustSolve Group

Minenhle Nzimande
Data privacy specialist

THEME: FROM AI REGULATION TO GOVERNANCE: BUILDING A COMPLIANT AND TRUSTED AI ECOSYSTEM

07:30 Registration and refreshments

08:30 Opening of conference and chairperson remarks

OVERVIEW

08: 45 **The state of AI regulation in financial services**
Why AI regulation has become a strategic priority for financial institutions
- Explore the future of AI in financial services and its strategic business impact.
- Understand the evolving global AI regulatory and governance landscape.
- Learn how to build trusted, responsible and ethical AI systems.
- Discover how organisations can innovate while managing risk and maintaining compliance.
- Gain insights into emerging AI trends shaping the future of financial services.

Sipho Mthombeni, Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager, Google

AI REGULATION, POLICY & GOVERNANCE

09:25 **Navigating the AI regulation, policy & governance landscape in South Africa**
Gain a clear understanding of South Africa's evolving AI regulation and governance landscape
- Draft National AI Policy Framework and its significance.
- understanding the distinction between regulation, policy and governance.
- roles of Boards, Executive Management and the Three Lines of Defence
- Human oversight, accountability and decision governance.
- Developing AI governance frameworks before regulation becomes mandatory

Xolile Majija, Executive, Legal, risk, governance & compliance consultant

10:05 **Building trust in AI: ethics, accountability and responsible governance**
Discover why trust, ethics and governance are the foundation of responsible AI.
- Why trust is the foundation for successful AI adoption and long-term value.
- Ethical principles for designing, deploying and governing AI responsibly.
- Governance frameworks, accountability and oversight for trustworthy AI.
- Managing AI risks, including bias, transparency, privacy and human oversight.
- Building an ethical AI culture that strengthens stakeholder confidence and organisational integrity.

Dr. Liezl Groenewald, CEO, Ethics Institute

10:45 Tea/Coffee

BUILDING TRUST THROUGH RESPONSIBLE AI

11:05 **AI risk, audits & regulatory oversight**
Understand how to navigate South Africa's evolving legal and regulatory requirements for AI compliance
- Mapping the full spectrum of AI risk
- Closing the gap between AI adoption and audit readiness
- A practical framework for Organisational AI Governance
- Navigating South Africa's fragmented regulatory landscape
- Lessons from South Africa's own AI policy setback
- Benchmarking against international standards

Calinka Murray, Business Improvement Director, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr

11:45 **Have organisations done enough to realise its operational values**
Discover how responsible AI governance can unlock sustainable business value and operational success.
- Moving beyond AI principles to practical implementation
- Embedding Responsible AI into organisational governance
- Measuring the effectiveness of Responsible AI programmes
- Building trust through transparency, accountability, and human oversight
- Balancing innovation, compliance, and operational value

Venolan Naidoo, Partner, Fasken

OPERATIONALISING RESPONSIBLE AI

12:45 **Implementing responsible AI across the enterprise**
Discover practical approaches to implementing responsible AI at scale while balancing innovation, governance and trust
- Understand how to implement responsible AI across the enterprise.
- Explore practical AI governance and risk management strategies.
- Learn how to embed AI into business processes securely and ethically.
- Discover best practices for scaling AI while maintaining compliance and trust.
- Gain insights into real-world AI adoption and implementation challenges.

Ayanda Ngcebetsha, AI Lead, Microsoft

13:05 Lunch/Networking

14:05 **Embedding governance across the AI Lifecycle**
Learn how strong AI governance enables organisations to innovate responsibly while maintaining trust and accountability.
- Why Responsible AI begins before development: governance from idea, design and approval through to deployment.
- Know Your Agent (KY-A): establishing trusted identities, oversight and accountability for enterprise AI agents.
- From compliance to continuous trust: using runtime intelligence and evidence to demonstrate responsible AI in practice.
- Insights from World Investor Week 2026

Sholane Sathu, Founder, Navigate

14:55 **Navigating AI risk in South Africa: as proportional and responsible approach**
Learn how to identify, assess and manage AI risks using a practical, proportionate governance approach.
- Importance of clear responsibility and accountability for AI adoption
- Applying the Principle of Proportionality in AI Risk Management
- Designing effective internal controls for the evolving AI environment
- measure of successful adoption should include fair and ethical outcomes

Dayal Amit, Managing Director, FTI Consulting

15:30 **Panel Discussion: Is South Africa's financial sector ready for responsible adoption of AI?**

- **Amit Dayal, Managing Director, FTI Consulting**
- **Boitumelo Makgoba, Founding member, Fetsi Data Technologies**
- **Ronelle Kleyn, Chief Executive Office, Fluidrock Governance Group**
- **Mphoenhle Ndaba, Founder, The Verdict on AI Intokozo Advisory Group (IAG)**

End of Day one

THEME: OPERATIONALISING RESPONSIBLE AI IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

07:30 Coffee & Networking

08:30 Opening of conference and chairperson remarks

COMPLIANCE & REGULATORY READINESS

08:45 **Navigating AI compliance in South Africa's regulatory environment**
Navigating AI compliance in South Africa's Evolving regulatory landscape
- Examine South Africa's AI compliance landscape, including constitutional rights, POPIA, PAIA and sector-specific regulations.
- Understand the risks of algorithmic bias, automated decision-making and data protection failures.
- Explore the importance of governance, transparency and human oversight in AI deployment.
- Learn how responsible, rights-based AI can foster innovation while building public trust.

Advocate Dirontsho Mohale, Chief Privacy, Legal, Compliance and Executive Officer, Baakedi Professional Practice

09:25 **Are you ready for AI roulette? building AI-ready organisations before the wheel stops spinning**
Are you ready for AI? building AI-ready organisations before the wheel stops spinning
- Why 88% of digital transformations fail before AI is even introduced
- The hidden cost of skipping the foundation, data, governance and people readiness
- What Ford's AI quality control failure taught us about human augmentation
- South Africa's unique advantage as a late adopter, if we're smart about it
- The six questions every board should answer before touching AI
- From compliance to implementation, a practical readiness framework

Lavine Singh, Managing Director, Singularity

10:05 **Governance at the point of consequence: what SA financial institutions should govern when AI makes the decision**
Practical guidance for governing high-impact AI decisions, assigning clear accountability, and preparing financial institutions for increasing regulatory scrutiny.
- Where AI already makes consequential decisions in South African financial institutions: credit, fraud detection, claims and pricing.
- Not every AI decision needs the same level of governance: a practical method for ranking decisions by materiality, so oversight goes where the consequence is.
- Naming the human owner: moving from committee sign-off to individual accountability for a decision.
- Aligning AI governance with POPIA section 71 and emerging South African regulatory guidance.
- What happens when a regulator asks you to hold capital against a decision you cannot explain.

Ziyanda Kitantou, CA(SA), Chief Executive Officer, Nakhile Consulting.

PEOPLE, LEADERSHIP & AI READINESS

10:45 Tea/Coffee

11:05 **Building an AI-ready workforce: developing skills, innovation and responsible adoption**
Preparing organisations and their people to adopt AI responsibly by building the skills, culture, and leadership needed for long-term success.
- Explore the skills and capabilities needed to thrive in an AI-driven workplace.
- Learn how to foster a culture of AI innovation and continuous learning.
- Discover strategies for driving responsible AI adoption across the organisation.
- Understand how to equip employees to work confidently and effectively with AI technologies.

Farai Ntuli, Lead partnership, Canva

11:45 **Leadership, Culture and Responsible Innovation: Who Authorizes AI to Act?**
- Explore how organisations can govern AI systems capable of autonomous decision-making and execution.
- Understand the role of leadership in establishing clear accountability and human oversight for AI.
- Learn how governance frameworks can enable responsible AI innovation at scale.
- Discover practical approaches to maintaining transparency, authority and accountability in AI-driven organisations

Jayshree Mallaya, Chief Executive Officer, Third Vision Ai

EMBEDDING AI GOVERNANCE INTO BUSINESS OPERATIONS

12:25 **AI, Law and accountability: navigating legal risk in financial services**
Embedding AI governance into existing risk and compliance frameworks
- Understand the legal risks associated with AI adoption in financial services.
- Explore accountability and governance requirements for AI-driven decision-making.
- Learn how to embed AI governance into existing risk and compliance frameworks.
- Gain practical insights into aligning AI innovation with legal and regulatory obligations.

Jabu Mashiane, Governance, risk & compliance, Standard Bank

13:05 Lunch and networking

13:45 **Beyond the hype: practical steps for implementing AI responsibly**
Practical guidance on moving from AI experimentation to responsible, scalable implementation across the organisation.
- Moving from AI experimentation and hype to responsible, business-aligned implementation
- Establishing the right people, processes and controls before deploying AI
- Identifying and managing AI risks, accountability and human oversight throughout the implementation lifecycle
- Turning responsible AI principles into practical, scalable solutions that deliver measurable value

Marcus Visser, Chief Commercial Officer JustSolve Group

14: 25 **From strategy to scale: implementing AI and automation in financial services**
- Learn how to successfully scale AI and automation across the enterprise.
- Explore practical lessons from implementing AI in a large financial institution.
- Discover how to align AI initiatives with business strategy and operational goals.
- Gain insights into overcoming common challenges in enterprise AI adoption and automation

Lourens Joubert, Head of AI automation, Old Mutual

15:05 **Leading through the AI revolution: preparing leaders, workforces and organisations for the future**
Preparing leaders, workforces and organisations for the future
- Explore the leadership skills required to thrive in the age of AI.
- Learn how to prepare your workforce for AI-driven transformation.
- Discover strategies for leading organisational change with confidence.
- Build a future-ready culture that embraces innovation and responsible AI adoption.

Nicky Verd, Digital Futurist, Human Centric AI

15:45 **Panel Discussion: From responsible AI to real-world Impact: are financial institutions ready to scale?**

- **Divaan Parbhoo, Founder and Director, CerebrAi Consulting**
- **Tayyibah Suliman, Sector Head: Technology and Communications, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr.**
- **Andile Solutions**
- **Minenhle Nzimande, Data privacy specialist**

THE DELEGATE EXPERIENCE

"I want to express my sincere gratitude for hosting such a wonderful conference event. Your team's efforts in organizing this valuable learning opportunity were truly appreciated. The insights and networking opportunities provided were exceptional. Once again, thank you for your support and for putting together such an informative and well-organized conference. We found great value in our participation and look forward to future events

Wandile Mngadi
Regional Manager, ACAMS

"I wanted to firstly thank you for such a well-organized conference, absolutely to tier especially for bringing in the Regulators, very well done. I also appreciate your warmth and hospitality

Lebogang Thobakgale
Financial Crime Assurance Manager (VP), Absa Group Financial Crime Compliance

"It was an amazing and fruitful conference! Very well organized, and the presentations and panels were both fruitful and insightful. We can't wait to attend to the 2025 one and hopefully by then, we'll have good news regarding the FATF list!

Hima Tinado Niang
Head of Compliance: Southern & Eastern Region in Africa, Ria Money Transfer

"The entire conference was well organized, and the chairperson made sure to keep speakers on a tight time limit. The speakers shared a lot of great insights. Very informative conference with a lot of insight relevant to the banking industry & my work in general

Zinhle Dlamini
Client Operations and Account Activations Consultant, Investec

"Day 2 speakers were great!

Gershon Theunissen
AML Regulatory Specialist, Absa

"The mc/host was great! The panel discussions were good. Sound + lighting was good

Ashmi Dalpat
Senior Specialist: Financial Crime Compliance CIB, Absa

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Speakers are very skilled experts

Tshoganetsho Elias
Compliance Analyst, Letshego Africa

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Well organised + professional. The small things like water and sweets on the table are a wonderful touch. It’s all in the detail

Chantal Pillaye
Money Laundering Reporting Officer, Old Mutual Finance

“

Great setting, planning and great speakers

Lindiwe Mwandla
Analyst, FIC

“

Well organized and very informative

Lynette Makone
AML Control Officer, IDC

“

All was done very well

Johan van Eeden
Group FIC and AML Specialist, Peermont Global

“

Top nudge - all round. From the start to end! Well done

Leopoldt Jansen van Vuuren
Compliance Officer, Provenance

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