



Sovereign Security Conference 2020 - PROGRAMME

Time	Topic	Speaker
08h30 – 09h00	Registration, networking, and induction	
09h00 – 09h05	Intro	
09h05 – 09h20	Opening and welcome	Rynier van der Watt – Managing Director, Hensoldt SA
09h20 – 09h35	Keynote address	Dr Sam Gulube – Secretary of Defence and Military Veterans
Session 1 – Border security		
09h35 – 09h55	<p>Theme introduction: Paving a way to tighter border control</p> <p>South Africa has long been haunted by illegal immigration, aggravated by a porous border, causing domestic tension and diplomatic crises. The Border Management Authority Bill will pave the way to set up a single authority to manage the country's ports of entry.</p>	<p>Werner Muller – Chief Executive: Spectrum Monitoring and Security at GEW Technologies</p> <p>Gerrie van der Merwe – Manager: Business Development, Hensoldt South Africa</p>
09h55 – 10h40	<p>The growing importance of border security as a result of the coronavirus pandemic</p> <p>Border has become an increasingly important topic in light of the coronavirus pandemic as countries cannot afford to let people cross borders illegally. Different stakeholders need to work together to ensure countries are safe, and this includes customs, home affairs, the police and military.</p>	<p>Moderated by Helmoed Heitman – Defence industry Expert</p> <p>Advocate Bongani Bongo – Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs, SA Parliament</p> <p>Lt. Gen. Jeremia Nyembe – Chief of Defence Intelligence, SANDF</p> <p>Stephen van Neel – Director for Ports of Entry, Department of Home Affairs</p>
10h40 – 10h55	Facilitated networking session	
Session 2 – Cybersecurity		
10h55 – 11h10	<p>Theme introduction: Cyber Security Trends</p> <p>The current trends that companies are facing in the cyber security space as well as the future trends. Delegates must have a good sense of how they need to future proof their companies/ organizations or key national points.</p>	Brian Pinnock – Director: Sales Engineering, Mimecast
11h10 – 11h50	<p>Identifying new digital security threats.</p> <p>This session will explore the current state of the digital risk landscape, especially as the coronavirus pandemic drives criminals online and pushes up the incidences of phishing, ransomware, video hijacking and phone scams. The session will also look at what makes an effective, modern cyber defence strategy in order to deal with these and other threats.</p>	<p>Moderated by Veronica Schmitt – Senior Digital Forensics Analyst, DFIRLABS</p> <p>Alex Penhaligon – Project Sales Manager, Hikvision SA</p> <p>Thomas Mangwiro – Business Development Manager, Mimecast</p> <p>Jan Erasmus – General Manager: Video and Surveillance, NEC XON</p>



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11h50 – 12h05	Facilitated network session	
Session 3 – Security Innovation and Defence Technology		
12h05 – 12h20	Theme introduction: City Security and Public Safety Systems	Kağan Menekşe – Business Development Manager, Aselsan South Africa
12h20 – 13h00	The future of threats, trends and opportunities in national security efforts and defence technology. Technology is a force multiplier and is tremendously important in sovereign security, especially when it comes to surveillance and cyber warfare. Technology is creating new threats, such as hostile drones, and these new threats are emerging at a rapid pace. This session will look at defence and security trends and advances in technology and how they can benefit the security cluster.	Moderated by Prof Mammo Muchie – Chair of Innovation Studies, Tshwane University of Technology Sipho Mbhokota – Executive Manager: Defence & Security, CSIR Isaac Motale – Chief Executive Officer, Reutech Solutions Markus Wolf – Head of Sales and Business Development, Hensoldt
13h00 – 13h15	Facilitated networking session	
Session 4 – Terrorism in SADC		
13h15 – 13h25	Theme introduction: SADC and terrorism	Wimpie van den Berg – Chief Engineer: Product Development, GEW Technologies
13h25 – 14h10	The threat of escalating insurgency of extremists in Southern Africa and the consequences for SADC. Protests and civil unrest are emerging as “normal” threats with which governments must contend. There are also half a dozen serious terror groups operating in Africa. This session will explore terrorism and insecurity on the continent. What factors do defence and security clusters in SADC need to consider when dealing with these potential threats and the insurgency of extremism in Mozambique.	Moderated by Prof Renfrew Christie – Retired researcher, University of Western Cape Jasmine Opperman – Analyst at The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) Willem Els – Senior Training Coordinator: Complex Threats in Africa, Institute of Security Studies Lt Gen Fannie Masemola – Deputy Commissioner of Police & Chairperson, NATJOINTS
14h10 – 14h20	Closing	Sihle Mayisela – Director, Hensoldt South Africa

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