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SALGA DIGITAL FORUM



Pretoria, 18 March 2025 – Local government is at digital turning point. The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) is hosting the 2025 SALGA Digital Forum on 19-20 March in Johannesburg. This fifth installment will deep dive on how municipalities can harness Artificial Intelligence (AI) and smart technologies, to drive digital transformation.

Under the theme **“The Next Frontier: Local Government Transformation in the Age of Smart Technology and AI,”** this gathering will bring together government leaders, local government practitioners, innovators, industry experts, along policy-makers to explore emerging and maturing digital technology and innovative solutions for enhancing governance, service delivery, and economic growth.

Why This Matters:

The pace of this digital revolution is accelerating, and local government must evolve or risk being left behind and being removed from citizens. From AI-powered service delivery and cybersecurity threats to broadband access and common smart infrastructure, this forum will provide critical insights and strategies for empowering South African municipalities to navigate this transformative journey.

What to Expect:

- **AI in Local Government** – Transforming service delivery, governance, and citizen engagement.
- **Cybersecurity in the Age of AI** – Protecting municipal data, people, platforms, and infrastructure.
- **Smart Cities & Digital Infrastructure** – Accelerating connectivity and a common digital infrastructure towards commonality and parity across municipalities.
- **Policy & Leadership** – Equipping mayors, councillors, and municipal executives with lessons in leading digital programmes.
- **Innovation Ecosystems** – Showcasing groundbreaking solutions that will shape the future.

“Technology is not a luxury. It is the key to unlocking efficient, secure, and responsive local governance. The 2025 Digital Forum is a must-attend event for those shaping the future of our cities and communities,” says Cllr Gillian Peters, SALGA Municipal Digital Solutions Working Group Chairperson.

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