



**07:00** Registration

**09:10** Company Video

**09:15** MC Remarks:



**Zanele Morrison**  
Business Anchor CNBC Africa & Independent Consultant

**09:20** CEO & Co-Chair in Discussion



**Zinhle Tyikwe,**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Gareth Ackerman,**  
Co-Chair

**09:30** What do we need to do to re-define tomorrow as leaders?

**Keynote Panel:**

**Panellists:**



**Zinhle Tyikwe,**  
Chief Executive Officer  
GS1 South Africa



**Helen McDougall,**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Woodlands Dairy



**Tom Mkhwanazi,**  
Former CEO  
Wholesale & Retail Seta



**Totsie Memela  
Khambule,**  
Chief of Strategy &  
Engagement Officer  
Higher Ed Partners -  
South Africa



**Zoleka Lisa,**  
Vice President:  
Corporate Affairs  
South African  
Breweries

**10:15** *Leading with Agility: Executive Challenges*

This session will explore how agility is being redefined in executive decision-making, especially in the face of evolving consumer expectations, operational complexity, and sustainability imperatives.

**Setting the scene:**

**Panellists:**



**Dylan Piatti,**  
Managing Director: Africa  
Advantage Group



**Angelo Swart,**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Spar Group



**Unathi Mhlatyana,**  
Managing Director  
Mondelez South Africa

10:45

## Facing Climate Uncertainty - Business Strategies for a Sustainable Future

This panel will explore how companies can integrate environmental, social, and economic sustainability into their supply chain operations and share innovative strategies that reduce carbon footprints, promote ethical sourcing, and enhance long-term resilience. We believe by aligning business goals with sustainable practices, organisations can drive value, meet stakeholder expectations, and contribute to a more responsible global economy.

### Facilitator:



**Thando Ntshinga,**  
Director Market Enablement  
Advantage Group

### Panellists:



**Eben de Jongh,**  
Founder  
Sonke



**Leanne Kiezer,**  
Head Public Affairs SA  
& Head Nutrition &  
Regulatory Affairs  
Sub-Saharan Africa  
Danone



**Matlou Setati,**  
Executive Food Safety  
& Sustainability,  
CGCSA

11:15

## The role of independent retail in inclusive and sustainable urban economies

The panel will explore the evolving role of independent retail in shaping equitable urban development, with a particular emphasis on how these businesses anchor communities, stimulate local economies, and adapt to shifting consumer behaviors. Discussions will include insights from recent informal market reports, such as the estimated R197 billion of South Africa's informal grocery retail sector, which is growing faster than its formal counterpart. Panellists will examine how informal and independent retailers especially spaza shops and micro-enterprises serve as critical access points for goods and services in underserved areas, and how digital innovation, supply chain integration, and policy support can further unlock their potential.

### Facilitator:



**Kerry Elliot,**  
Trade Intelligence

### Panellists:



**Freddy Mahhumane,**  
Founder & CEO  
KasiD



**Jessica Boonstra,**  
Founder & Chief Executive Officer  
Yebo Fresh

11:45 HEALTH BREAK

12:00

## Global Influence with Local Relevance

Sharing McDonalds SA's story of taking an iconic global brand with global influence and entrenching into the South African DNA.



**Daniel Padiachy,**  
Chief Marketing & Strategy Officer  
McDonald's South Africa

12:30

## Breaking Data Silos for Collaboration: From Big Data to Fast Data

Sharing of real-world strategies, leadership lessons, and future-forward thinking on how to build data-driven organisations that are responsive, resilient, and ready for what's next. This panel will delve into how organisations can evolve their data strategies to drive agility, innovation, and cross-functional impact as many still struggle with fragmented systems, siloed teams, and slow decision cycles.

### Facilitator:



**Dylan Piatti,**  
Managing Director:  
Africa  
Advantage Group

### Panellists:



**Harley Caryer,**  
Chief Growth Officer  
DataOrbis



**Carl Wöcke,**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Merlynn Intelligence  
Technologies



**Michele Francis  
Padayachee,**  
Executive Global  
Standards & Solutions  
GS1 South Africa

13:00

## Powering Trust in Data for Everyone Everywhere.....The GS1 SA & GS1 China Story



**Carrie Xie,**  
Director International  
Data Corporation  
GS1 China



**Eunice Chen,**  
International Data  
Corporation Manager  
GS1 China



**Zinhle Tyikwe,**  
Chief Executive Officer  
GS1 South Africa

## 13:30 NETWORKING LUNCH



14:30

**Partnerships with Purpose: How Strategic Collaboration Fuels Agility, Innovation & Resilience with Sergio Vieira, Vice President Coca-Cola Company SA (Franchise)**

15:10

### CGCSA & Advantage Group Awards

Topped ranked retailers & suppliers as voted by each other. Celebrate Game Changers

15:45

**Closing Remarks by Russell Behrens, GS1 South Africa Audit & Risk Board Chairperson**



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