

# BANKING SEMINAR 2026



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Banking at the Edge: Navigating Risk in a Digitised, Uncertain World

Agenda

18 June 2026 | 08:15 - 16:30 | Gauteng

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OPENING AND WELCOME

Esmerelda Oberholzer | Quantitative Analyst | FNB

08:30 - 09:15

THE NEXT FRONTIER OF COMMERCE (GEN Z, AI, RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES)

Sandra Villars | CFA | Oliver Wyman  
Kehar Narismululsa | Principal | Oliver Wyman  
Isa van Zyl | Actuary | Oliver Wyman

09:15 - 10:00

FROM MODELS TO MARKETS:

HOW ACTUARIES CAN HELP AFRICAN BANKS BUILD FOR INFORMALITY, CLIMATE VOLATILITY, AND DIGITAL RAILS

Trevor Takabika, FIA | Consulting Actuary,  
Michael Tichareva | Chairman | First Mutual Micro Finance

10:00 - 10:15

TEA BREAK

10:15 - 11:00

IDENTIFYING DECISION BOUNDARIES TO EXPLAIN BLACK-BOX MACHINE LEARNING PREDICTIONS

Adriaan Rowan | Regional Business Head | YALA Consultants and Actuaries

11:00 - 11:45

INTRODUCTION TO DEBT CAPITAL MARKETS IN AFRICA

Kumeshen Naidoo | Head: Debt Capital Markets | Absa Corporate and Investment Bank

11:45 - 12:30

LUNCH

12:30 - 13:15

STAYING IN THE RACE:

DESIGNING TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS FOR FAILURE, NOT HOPE

Ian Norden | CEO and Executive Director | Intengo Market

13:15 - 14:00

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF OPPORTUNITY

Pravin Burra | Founder & Director | Analytix Engine

14:00 - 15:00

KEYNOTE

Emma Mer | Chief Risk Officer | FirstRand Group

15:00 - 15:15

TEA BREAK

15:15 - 16:00

TOO LITTLE CREDIT GIVEN

ALPHA RETURNS ABOVE RISK ADJUSTED MARGINS

Cameron Gough | Finance Head | FirstRand

16:00 - 16:30

BANKING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Michael Tichareva | Chairman | First Mutual Micro Finance  
Jerome Mahadeo | Head: Climate Risk Measurement | ABSA