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## MEDIA STATEMENT – GOVTECH 2025 ANNOUNCEMENT

Att: Editors/Reporters

### *GovTech 2025 Returns with Renewed Vision and Strategic Focus on Citizen-Centric Digital Transformation*

**Pretoria, 06 August 2025:** The State Information Technology Agency (SITA), in collaboration with the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT), is proud to announce the return of South Africa’s premier public sector ICT conference, *GovTech 2025*. Taking place from **8 to 10 September 2025** at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban (Durban ICC), this landmark 16th edition marks a transformative shift in both scope and intent.

Under the theme **“One Data, One Citizen, One Service Delivery Journey – Digital Transformation,”** *GovTech 2025* seeks to redefine how citizens experience government by placing a strong emphasis on integrated, data-driven service delivery that is seamless, inclusive and citizen-centric.

Following a strategic pause in 2024, *GovTech* returns not simply as an event, but as a reimagined year-round programme aimed at driving sustained outcomes for the public service. This decision was guided by the need to align with the government’s new five-year planning and performance cycles and ensure maximum impact for stakeholders across sectors.

“*GovTech 2025* is not just a conference; it’s a national platform for change,” says Mr. Gopal Reddy, Acting Managing Director of SITA. “This year, we challenge ourselves to go beyond dialogue and commit to delivery. We are shifting from event-based engagements to a programme-based model that brings year-round value to government, industry and society alike.”

In line with this vision, the revised mandate of *GovTech* positions it as “*an ICT thought leadership platform driving collaboration, innovation, and solutions for a digitally transformed, citizen-centric government.*” The conference will focus on four strategic pillars:

- **Policy advocacy** for digital transformation
- **Scaling innovation** from GovTech showcases to national solutions
- **Skills development** for public sector officials and digital stakeholders
- **Inclusion** of youth, SMMEs, and regional entities in the digital economy

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*GovTech 2025* is set to host influential tracks on **Cybersecurity, Smart Digital Services, the Data and AI Economy and Cloud Services and Connectivity**. It will also feature robust pre-conference activities from **3 to 7 September**, including **SMME development sessions, a three-day hackathon, and innovation pitching forums**—all aimed at surfacing real solutions to real public service challenges.

This GovTech 2025 will include SITA showcasing developments around the work it has done in creating applications that are valuable for government service delivery environment. These include the

- Citizen Super App,
- ePermits
- eRecruitment
- Queue Management System and
- Indigent Register

GovTech participants will also be engaged on the value that SITA's government private cloud ecosystem, holds for government and the security of its services, including hosting its digital service platforms

SITA will also showcase its VPN services, Security Operation Centre services; and our network improvements, to indicate how it has transformed the ICT hosting and security environment for all customers to access and receive the best possible service from the organization.

Central to this year's theme is the notion of transforming fragmented government processes into a unified, digital service experience for the citizen. "One Data" signifies the move toward a single digital identity and integrated service infrastructure. Using interoperable systems, AI, automation and common data standards, citizens will be empowered to access services seamlessly across government departments, ensuring dignity, efficiency and improved inclusion.

In a digital age where smart phones and internet access are becoming more prevalent, *GovTech* also seeks to leverage these advancements to ensure that no citizen is left behind. By making technology more accessible and meaningful, the platform contributes directly to South Africa's broader goals of inclusive growth and digital equity.

As SITA continues to serve as the digital backbone of government, *GovTech 2025* will highlight its role in national data stewardship, innovation enablement and driving enterprise architecture as well as cloud capabilities for the public sector.

Stakeholders from across government, the private sector, academia, civil society and the innovation ecosystem are invited to be part of this transformative journey. *GovTech 2025* promises not just engagement, but tangible outcomes that will help shape South Africa's digital future.

For more information, please visit [www.govtech.gov.za](http://www.govtech.gov.za).

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