

**ZASDIP 2026 - ZA School of Digital Policy -Community Networks Edition,
Johannesburg, 12 to 16 APRIL, 2026**

Day one - Sunday 12/04/26 - Arrivals, Registration, Introductions and Introduction to Policy	
15.00-16.00	OPENING of ZASDIP 2026: Welcome, ground rules and overview of the programme PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTIONS Part 1
16.00-16.30	SESSION 1: What is “policy”? Does it matter to CCCIs? Why and how?
16.00-16.30	BREAK
16.30-17.30	SESSION 2: The history of digital policy in South: from 1990 to today through the eyes of people who were part of it
18.00	DINNER
19.15-20.15	PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTIONS PART 2 and Practicum role assignments
Day two - Monday, 13/04/26 - Digital and Electrical Infrastructure and Connectivity	
8.30-9.00	RECAP OF DAY ONE - An opportunity for open questions and answers on the content covered on the previous day.
9.00-10.30	SESSION 3: Digital infrastructure policy in South Africa
10.30-11.00	BREAK
11.00-12.30	SESSION 4: Digital inequality in South Africa
12.00-13.00	SESSION 5: Introduction to the practicum work schedule
13.00-14.30	LUNCH WORKING SESSION - PRACTICUM - GETTING USE TO ROLES
14.30-16.00	SESSION 6: Hits and misses: Perspectives on South Africa’s digital infrastructure and meaningful connectivity context
16.00-16.30	BREAK
16.30-17.30	SESSION 7: PRACTICUM WORKING SESSION - IDENTIFYING KEY QUESTIONS AND PRIORITIES
18.30	DINNER
20.00	SESSION 8: 1st PRACTICUM PLENARY
Day three - Tuesday, 14/04/26 The Digital Economy: Skills, Markets, Innovation, Cybersecurity, Data and the Internet Industry	
8.30-9.00	RECAP OF DAY TWO - An opportunity for open questions and answers on the content covered on the previous day.
9.00-10.30	SESSION 8: Digital economy-related policy and regulation in South Africa
10.30-11.00	BREAK
11.00-12.00	SESSION 9: Cybercrime and security
12.00-13.00	SESSION 10: Data protection and access to information: Opportunities and challenges
13.00-14.30	LUNCH Practicum working sessions

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14.30-15.30	SESSION 11: Internet domain name management in South Africa: What do CCCIs need to know?
15.30-16.00	SESSION 12: Internet industry associations in South Africa
16.00-16.30	BREAK
16.30-17.30	SESSION 13: PRACTICUM WORKING SESSION
18.30	DINNER
20.00	SESSION 14: 2nd PRACTICUM PLENARY
Day four - Wednesday, 15/04/26 -Information, Communications, Media and Human-Rights-related Policy and Governance	
8.30-9.00	RECAP OF DAY THREE - An opportunity for open questions and answers on the content covered on the previous day.
9.00-10.30	SESSION 15: The human rights context: How does the South African Constitution relate to digital policies and how are CCCIs affected?
10.30-11.00	BREAK
11.00-12.00	SESSION 16: Broadcasting and media policy in South Africa
12.00-13.00	SESSION 17: Gender justice and the digital policy context
13.00-14.30	LUNCH - WORKING ON PRACTICUM
14.30-16.00	SESSION 18: Perspectives on digital rights and online democratic participation
16.00-16.30	BREAK
16.30-17.30	SESSION 19: PRACTICUM WORKING SESSION
18.30	DINNER
20.00	SESSION 20: 3rd PRACTICUM PLENARY - final
Day five - Thursday, 16/04/26 - Current and future trends in digital policy and governance	
8.30-9.00	RECAP OF DAY FOUR - An opportunity for open questions and answers on the content covered on the previous day.
9.00-11.00	SESSION 21: “Hot topics” in digital policy from the perspective of their relevance to community centred connectivity
11.00-11.30	BREAK
11.30-12.30	SESSION 22: What next? How CCCIS can stay involved in digital policy processes
12.30-13.30	SESSION 23: Presentation of practicum output document
13.30-14.30	LUNCH
14.30-16.00	SESSION 24: Closing and evaluation
16:00-16:30	BREAK
16.30	Presentation of certificates by Minister Solly Malatsi, DCDT followed by a networking event