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08:30 **WELCOME COFFEE, PASTRIES AND REGISTRATION**

09:15 Sponsored by **ManageEngine**



09:15 **CIO SCOTLAND OPENING REMARKS**

09:20 **Rebecca Symonds** - Managing Director



09:20 **Data Security: The Missing Context**

09:40 **Madhu Shashanka** - Founder & Chief Scientist - Concentric AI



09:40 **HEALTHCARE KEYNOTE**

10:00 **'AI in Practice: How NHS Scotland Can Adopt Without Compromise'**



10:05 **Pramodh Gopinathan**

10:25 Senior Technical Evangelist
ManageEngine



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GOVERNMENT PANEL - Sponsored by **Progress**
Including participants from:



'Strengthening Scotland Through Digital Transformation'

Keith Dargie (Moderator) - CDIO - Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service

Alan Gray - Head of National Cyber Security & Resilience
The Scottish Government

Carolyne Thompson - AI Senior Policy Officer
The Scottish Government

Aisling G. - IT Security Manager - Perth & Kinross Council

Nicola Cooper - Technology & Digital Lead - Scottish Care

Carl Holt - Pre Sales EMEA Lead - Progress Software



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COFFEE BREAK Sponsored by Progress

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Outsystems

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12:25

RETAIL PANEL

Including participants from:

‘Connecting with Customers: Designing Safe User Friendly Experiences’

Dr Zibby Kwecka - CISO - Arnold Clark
Tahir Yousaf - Group Director of Information Technology Gleneagles
Gareth McGuinness- VP Technology - Haleon
Nainesh Shah- IT Director - Skyscanner
Lisa Venter- Chief Transformation Officer - Snappy Shopper
Ruben Bell - Head of AI, Technology Strategy & Governance - Vodafone

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Joeri Barbier - Global Chief Information Security Officer -Getronics

12:50
13:50

NETWORKING LUNCH Sponsored by getronics

14:00
14:30

FINANCIAL SERVICES PANEL - Sponsored by Abnormal

Including participants from:

‘Managing Innovation Versus Operational Stability’

David Lomax (Moderator) - Senior Security Engineering Manager (EMEA) - Abnormal AI
Xuan Zhu - TechSprint Lead, Data Technology and Innovation - FCA
Anne Mitchell - Head of IT & Change - Lothian Pension Fund
Simon Glover - Head of Technology - Morningstar
Stuart Robertson - CIO - Royal London
Austin Pollock - Head of Data Systems & Integration Virgin Money

14:30
14:45

'Harnessing the Power of Neurodivergent Minds in IT'

Dan Harris - Founder and Chairperson
Neurodiversity in Business



14:50
15:10

'How can IoT help drive sustainability?'

Alan Tait - CTO - Pelion



15:15
15:45

EDUCATION PANEL

Including participants from:



'How Best to Invest: Effective Change Management in the Age of AI'

Kirsty McFaul - Senior Officer for Technologies
Education Scotland
Becky Hall - Senior Information Management and
Governance Officer - Scottish Funding Council
Theodore Pengelley - Digital Manager - SQA
Claire Taylor - Director of Information Services - Edinburgh
Napier University



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16:50

OIL AND UTILITIES SERVICES PANEL

Including participants from:



'Power Up: Redefining Digital Capabilities Across a Shifting Landscape'

Islam Hammad - Head of IT - Capricorn Energy
Prashant Janaswamy - CDIO - EET Fuels
Euan Davidson - Group Head of IT - Helmerich & Payne
Glen Milne - Production Systems Manager - Spirit Energy

16:50
17:05

TRANSPORT KEYNOTE

'Innovation in Motion: Changing Tracks in a Moving Transport Authority'

Cameron Telford - Head of Digital Technology
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport



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CIO SCOTLAND CLOSING REMARKS

Rebecca Symonds

Managing Director - Citrus Events



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NETWORKING DRINKS & CANAPES

Unwind in the Exhibition Area

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