



# PROGRAMME

## VIRTUAL LAUNCH OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL BLOCKCHAIN ALLIANCE (SANBA)

DATE: **3 APRIL 2020**

TIME: **09H00 – 11H00**



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## THE OBJECTIVES:

1. To officially launch the South African National Blockchain Alliance (SANBA) which is founded and seed funded by the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)
2. To demonstrate global and local applications of Blockchain and distributed ledger technologies for socio economic benefits
3. To outline opportunities for Research, Development and Innovation collaborations

## AGENDA: OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF SANBA

- 09:00-09:05** Introduction by the Programme Director, Ms Moerieda Mackay, CEO, Stride Consultancy Services
- 09:05-09:45** The SANBA story and the launch
- 09:45-09:55** A congratulatory message from Mr Charles Hoskinson, the founder of Cardano Foundation. He is also the co-founder and ex-CEO of Ethereum. He is CEO at Input Output HK (IOHK)
- 09:55-10:00** Vote of thanks by Mr Bongani Memela, Impact Area Manager, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- 10:00 - 11:00** Expert Panel Discussion

### Moderator:

Ms Moerieda Mackay, CEO, Stride Consultancy Services

### Panelists:

Mr Imraan Patel, Deputy Director-General: Socio-economic Innovation Partnerships, Department of Science and Innovation

Prof. Co-Pierre Georg, University of Cape Town;

Prof. Monica Singer, ConsenSys;

Mr Gugu Nyathi, RibbonBlockchain startup;

Mr Vinny Lingham, a US-based South African serial entrepreneur who is the co-founder & CEO of Civic - an identity protection and management startup; and

Mr Akhona Damane, Manager: Office of Digital Advantage, DSI-CSIR.

## VIEW ON-DEMAND DEMOS:

1. Covi-ID - a proposed solution to track and curb the spread of covid19.
2. Ribbon Blockchain - Public Health Incentives App.
3. Registree - a decentralized student database connecting students, universities and employers.
4. Project Khokha (South African Reserve Bank) - South African inter-bank payments settlements system.
5. South African Financial Blockchain Consortium (SAFBC) - Self sovereign Identity powering an all-digital FICA on-boarding and Account Opening process.
6. Linum Labs - A South African-driven Blockchain Development House having delivered impactful projects in Germany and Switzerland.
7. CSIR - facial recognition solution using DLT.
8. Audio clip: Mr Rendani Mamphiswana, Commissioner for the Presidential Commission on the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

