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EVENT AGENDA

	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
			OF EARCH
	08:30	BREAKFAST	
GIES	09:00	WELCOME	Phil Adcock (Chair, DIOM)
NOLC	09:05	CONFERENCE OPENING	Hon. Alfred Cannan MHK (Chief Minister)
ONTINENT 8 TECH	O9:15	DIGITAL ISLE OF MAN UPDATE & PROGRAMME FOR 2025 We take a look back at Digital Isle of Man's progress over the past year. Looking to the future, what are our aspirations for the coming year and how will this support business growth on-Island?	Lyle Wraxall (DIOM)
OLOGIES SPONSORED BY CONTINENT 8 TECHNOLOGIES	10:00	Exploring key global business trends - investment shifts, regulatory changes, and workforce challenges - impacting the Isle of Man's tech sector, and how local businesses can adapt and thrive in today's evolving economic landscape.	Phil Adcock (Chair, DIOM), David Curtis (PokerStars), Janet Donnelly (PwC Isle of Man), Russell Kelly (KPMG Islands Group), Hugo Van Zyl (Manx Telecom)
	10:30	COFFEE BREAK SPONSORED BY DOMICILIUM	
	11:00	BUILDING AN AI NATION: INSIGHTS FROM SINGAPORE We explore Singapore's journey to becoming an Al-driven nation and the lessons it offers for the Isle of Man. Experts will discuss strategies for fostering national AI development and how these insights are supporting the Isle of Man's own AI ambitions.	Laurence Liew (Singapore AI), Jason Bissell (DIOM Board)
SPONSORED BY CONTINENT 8 TECHNOLOGIES	11:35	RELEASING THE VALUE OF AI IN YOUR BUSINESS Our Activate AI partners will present real-life examples of AI transforming businesses across tech and supporting sectors. Learn how AI drives innovation, improves efficiency, and creates value, offering actionable insights for integrating AI into your own business operations.	Jason Bissell (DIOM Board), Natalie Gallagher (LEMA Logic), Stan Keig (Viking Office Systems), Chris Kissack (Acclaim Insights), Joshua Sinclair (Webstartiom), Dan Thomas (Archit3ct Ltd)
D BY C	12:05	THE POWER OF COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE: INSIGHTS FROM OUR CHAMPIONS	
SPONSORE		Join CoP champions as they reveal the transformative impact of the Communities of Practice initiative. Learn how this dynamic platform fosters collaboration, sparks innovation, and accelerates growth across sectors. Hear inspiring stories of knowledge-sharing, challenges overcome, and the powerful benefits of being part of this thriving, cross-industry network.	Bernd Petak (DIOM Board), Andres Centellas (AbbVie), Brian Gallagher (LEMA Logic), Sarah Smythe (UHY Crossleys LLC), Anthony Villa (Rankwik.com)
	12:40	LUNCH	
	13:45	DRIVING GROWTH AND INNOVATION IN EGAMING: STRATEGIC FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE As the Isle of Man embarks on a journey to redefine its eGaming strategy, we will explore early insights, focus areas, and collaboration opportunities to guide future growth and innovation in the global gaming sector.	Adam Rivers (Alvarez & Marsal)
	14:20	DATA STEWARDSHIP: UNLOCKING VALUE FOR THE ISLE OF MAN Discover the Isle of Man's Data Stewardship proposition and its potential to monetise data assets. Learn how responsible data management can attract businesses, create new revenue streams, and position the Island as a global leader in ethical data practices.	Kurt Roosen (DIOM), Steve Douglas (Synapse360), Rupert Lewis (Data Valuation Partners), Sinead O'Connor (DQ Advocates), Andy Swearman (Domicilium)
	15:00	COFFEE BREAK SPONSORED BY MANX TELECOM GROUP	
	15:30	BIOSPHERE AND TECH: LEVERAGING SUSTAINABILITY FOR INNOVATION Discover how the Isle of Man's UNESCO Biosphere status intersects with technology to drive sustainable innovation. Explore opportunities for clean tech, Al, and digital infrastructure to align with environmental goals, fostering growth while supporting the Island's ecological balance.	Jason Bissell (DIOM Board), Melanie Allen (Visit IOM), Jacqui Keenan (Biosphere IOM), Sarah Mercer (Earthscope), Lars Ronning (Ailuna)
	16:05	INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2025: SPARKING FUTURE SOLUTIONS Launch of the 2025 Innovation Challenge, unveiling new themes and opportunities for innovators. Learn how this global initiative drives collaboration and showcases cutting-edge technologies that will shape the future of the Isle of Man's digital landscape.	Lyle Wraxall (DIOM), Michael Crowe (Finance IOM), Tim Cowsill (Business IOM)
	16:35	TECH AWARDS The Digital Isle of Man Tech Awards celebrate the brilliant minds and teams driving innovation and excellence in the Island's tech community.	Abby Kimber (DIOM)
			Hon. Tim Johnston MHK (Minister for

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11:00	DRIVING DIGITAL GROWTH: THE ROLE OF THE SKILLS STRATEGY This panel will focus on the Isle of Man's Skills Strategy and the role of the Skills Board in addressing tech sector needs. Discussions will cover how we can bridge skill gaps, enhance digital education, and prepare a future-ready workforce.	Carol Glover (IOM Chamber of Commerce), Karann Davies (EPL Recruitment), Leila Goelz (Games Global), Peter Reid (Skills IOM)
11:30	FINTECH INNOVATION: KEY THEMES AND THE FINANCIAL INNOVATION HUB	Steven Quayle (Capital International
	Explore the Innovation Hub's role in fostering FinTech growth on the Isle of Man. This session highlights key themes such as regulatory support, emerging financial technologies, and collaboration opportunities. Learn how the Hub empowers FinTech businesses to innovate and thrive within a supportive ecosystem.	Bank), Michael Crowe (Finance IOM), Ros Lynch (IOMFSA), Kurt Roosen (DIOM)
12:00	ACCELERATING PATHWAYS TO DIGITAL INNOVATION Discover insights from the Hartree Centre's pioneering research hubs, leveraging advanced computing, quantum technologies, and AI to drive scientific breakthroughs and foster economic growth and impact.	Kyle Hatchard (STFC Hartree Centre)
12:40	LUNCH	
13:30	SHAPING THE FUTURE: DIGITAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICES SECTOR IN THE ISLE OF MAN Exploring the key trends shaping the Digital Experience and Services sector globally and on the Isle of Man. This session highlights local success stories and looks at what this sector needs to thrive on the Island.	Roberta Castle (stacuity), Jeff Ames (CND Ltd), Alyson Hamilton-Lacey (RED5 Systems), Dan Harris (Ensemble Media Ltd), Nicolas Le Merle (Afundi)
14:00	SCREEN ISLE OF MAN: THE NEXT GENERATION OF FILM AND MEDIA Screen Isle of Man's vision for the Island's film and media industry 2.0. This session will highlight plans to transform the Isle of Man into a hub for cutting- edge screen production, attracting international projects, fostering local talent, and redefining the Island's place in the global creative industry.	Róisín Clarke (Screen IOM), Dave Armstong (Screen IOM), Bev Lawley (Screen IOM)
14:30	ACHIEVING GLOBAL DIGITAL ACCESS: ENSURING PARITY FOR THE ISLE OF MAN Explore the Global Digital Access initiative aimed at providing seamless access to major digital platforms like Google, Microsoft, and Meta. This session will highlight efforts to achieve digital parity with other global markets, ensuring local businesses can compete, innovate, and collaborate internationally with full access to critical digital services.	Richard Oliphant (DIOM), Andrew Honour (DIOM), Kirsty Lawrence (Mann Social Ltd), Justin Le Tissier (Digital Greenhouse Guernsey), Scott Pearse (Element Isle)
15:00	COFFEE BREAK SPONSORED BY MANX TELECOM GROUP	
15:35	THE FUTURE OF DATA PROTECTION: ICO'S ROLE IN THE ISLE OF MAN Is data protection a barrier to innovation? Join us for a fireside chat with the new Isle of Man Information Commissioner. We will explore the evolving role of the ICO in shaping the Isle of Man's data protection landscape and what it means to be a regulator in the digital age.	Sinead O'Connor (DQ Advocates), Peter Cannell (Suntera Global), Alexandra Delaney-Bhattacharya (IOM Information Commission), Simon Edwards (PDMS Ltd), Kurt Roosen (DIOM)
17:05	EVENING NETWORKING	



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