

CITI announces new board

The Cape IT Initiative (CITI) has announced the six individuals who will take up the industry positions of its twelve-person board. The selection was done via a transparent voting process which involved the entire CITI community. This is the first time that the CITI board will equally comprise both industry and government stakeholders.

The six industry positions are made up of four local, and two global representatives. The remaining six board positions consist of one representative from the City of Cape Town, IT Sector SETA, Coalition of Higher Education, Black IT Forum Provincial Government and the Executive Director of CITI, Masedi Molosiwa. The non-industry representatives will be mad known at CITI's AGM in June this year.

The local representatives are Bolelang Rakeepile (Computer Services Corporation), Greg Reis (BSG Africa), Nkosinathi Chonco (Metropolitan) and Raven Naidoo (Radian). Livingstone Chilwane (SAP Africa) and Willem van Biljon (Mosaic Software) are the two global representatives on the board.

In total, 568 votes were received. "The transparent voting process allowed the IT community to choose the leadership they believe are best positioned to assist in implementing CITI's goals in the Western Cape," says Molosiwa.

Molosiwa says: "It was vital that business leaders and public stakeholders be represented on the board as this provides a balance of skills, knowledge and perspectives that will facilitate dynamic problem solving. We need to ensure that we have the correct governance structures in place to provide CITI with the foundations that enable better strategy development an implementation."

According to Molosiwa, CITI - and its new board - has three main goals: "enhancing development and collaboration in the ICT cluster, promoting the ICT industry, and making CITI the pre-eminen industry information source."

About CITI

CITI is an independent, not-for-profit, development agency supporting the growth of the IT cluster of businesses in the Western Cape. Operating on a business-like basis, the organisation is answerable to its paid-up members and IT business and stakeholders. CITI sits at the junction of business, education and government. It is a networking organisation which unleashes the power of entrepreneurship, community and capital by bringing people and businesses together.

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