

Cisco a sponsor of 2012 SITA GovTech Conference

Cisco has announced that it will be the official technology and collaboration sponsor of this year's annual SITA Govtech conference. The conference takes place at the Durban International Conference Centre from 25-28 September 2012.

Cisco will provide the core network infrastructure throughout the conference centre in support of the event, including routers, switches, wireless access points as well as identity and management services, while Cisco's engineering team will work closely with the organising committee to ensure all attendees remain connected throughout the event. Cisco will also showcase its innovative collaborative solutions portfolio which includes Cisco's unified communications system, Cisco video solutions and Cisco Web 2.0 Applications.

Furthermore, iOS and Android owners will be able to enjoy the freedom to be productive from anywhere, on any device, with Cisco Jabber which will be provided to them free for the duration of the event. Cisco Jabber lets users' access presence, instant messaging, voice, video, voice messaging, desktop sharing, and conferencing from their smart devices.

Ambitious projects

"Cisco welcomes SITA's theme choice for GovTech 2012 - ICT Collaboration: Across and Beyond Government - because it is synonymous with Cisco's public sector strategy in South Africa," says Alpheus Mangale, general manager for Cisco South Africa. "The public sector in South Africa is responsible for some of today's most ambitious and far-reaching projects so investment in the latest technology will help to deliver many benefits that will help achieve their service goals and objectives across projects that will make a tangible difference for both employees and citizens.

"Our Cisco and partner technologies integrated into advanced solutions are designed to meet the needs of education, as well as state, local, and federal government. Our public sector offering is comprehensive, ranging from technology solutions for physical security, connected real estate to secure IP telephony, and school safety as well as remote health technology solutions," says Mangale.

Working with government

Today, Cisco is working with the government utilising public-private partnerships across a number of learning based initiatives, to help cultivate ICT start-up's and entrepreneurs, which include the Cisco Networking Academy Programme, Global Talent Acceleration Programme, Community Knowledge Centres, and Cisco Entrepreneur.

"As part of its country transformation agenda, Cisco aims to work with South Africa's local and national governments to make optimal use of technology, our goal being to help drive economic growth and social inclusion in even in the most under-served areas of South Africa. In order to be able to embrace and help sustain this growth, Cisco is supporting the

government and organisations in South Africa who are already putting job creation at the forefront of their agendas," concludes Mangale.

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