

Speaker Presentation Profile

1. PRESENTER'S INFORMATION

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2. PRESENTER'S BACKGROUND

In a career that spans more than 24 years within ICT, mainly in the Financial Services industry, Isabel Gwebu was appointed IT Manager (Business Applications), in the City of Cape Town in July, 2005, having served as an IT Manager and SAP Customer Competency Centre Manager at De Beers. In addition to her current responsibilities, she is also involved in the e-Governance Branch of the City of Cape Town in an acting capacity. The e-Governance Branch is responsible for the implementation of the Smart Cape strategy, using FOSS as the technology of choice in bridging the digital divide. Notable accolades have been bestowed to the City of Cape Town with regard to the Smart Cape initiative, one of which is the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 'Access To Learning Award', and has been a subject of a number of case studies.

Isabel has a degree in Mathematics and Computer Science, a Master of Business Administration degree (UCT) and an Advanced Diploma in Project and Programme management.

3. TITLE/TOPIC OF PRESENTATION

FOSS – Bridging the Digital Divide

4. PRESENTATION SYNOPSIS/ABSTRACT

Brief summary of content and focus of the presentation:

The City of Cape Town's Smart City Strategy recognised the social and economic impact of a functioning 'smart city', and that ICT was seen as an enabling tool, the use of which involved more than just an ICT enabled administration and service delivery capability (sometimes called 'e-government'). The Strategy sought to use ICT as a tool for economic and social development; and ultimately to improve local government accountability and transparency (sometimes called 'e-governance').

Smart Cape Access Points are physical facilities designed to provide the public with a basic level of access to computers and the Internet. FOSS was selected as a technology of choice to bridge the digital divide, and the presentation will highlight :

- The drivers for the adoption of FOSS
- FOSS Initiatives implemented by the City of Cape Town
- The Successes and Challenges of the Programme
- Where to from Here?

Key points for discussion include:

- Social and Economic impact of a functioning 'smart city'
- Tackling and Bridging the Digital Divide
- FOSS as an ICT alternative
- ICT for Development