

Speaker Presentation Profile

1. PRESENTER'S INFORMATION

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2. PRESENTER'S BACKGROUND

Mr. Steyn is an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa and is currently the acting Chief Information Officer of the National Prosecuting Authority. He attained BLC and LLB degrees from the University of Pretoria as well as a Postgraduate Diploma in Forensic and Investigative Accounting obtained from the University Of Pretoria School for Economic Studies. He serves in a number of Committees as well as the IJS Board.

He did his articles as candidate attorney before accepting an appointment as a Public Prosecutor where he prosecuted in different courts in the East Rand. He was then appointed as a State advocate and later Senior State Advocate in the Office of the Attorney-General Witwatersrand (as it then was). He was appointed as a Director in the IMSC in 2001 and has served there since.

3. TITLE/TOPIC OF PRESENTATION

Speeding up the wheels of Justice

4. PRESENTATION SYNOPSIS/ABSTRACT

Brief summary of content and focus of the presentation:

This session, delivered by representatives of the Integrated Justice Cluster, will give attendees insight into exactly how the departments participating in the IJS Cluster plans to "Speed up the Wheels of Justice". These departments are South African Police Services, Department of Correctional Services, Department of Social Development, Department of Home Affairs, the National Prosecuting Authority, Department of Justice & Constitutional Development and the Legal Aid Board.

The presentations by the various departments will focus on addressing some of the key frustrations with the criminal justice system, including challenges such as lengthy trials, too many postponements of a case as a result forensic reports not being available timeously for the next court hearing, application for legal representation not being processed in time for the next court hearing or dockets misplaced/lost. From the perspective of participating IJS Departments, additional challenges to meet include duplicate data; poor quality of data as a result of the re-capturing of information at the recipient department/s; inability to track the whereabouts or status of a person in the Criminal Justice System; and fraud and corruption

The presentations of each participating IJS Department will inform attendees exactly how the department has/propose to address these challenges through the use of ICT and how the citizen will benefit directly as well as indirectly as a result of this.