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MIND

Machine Intelligence and
Neural Discovery Institute

PROGRAMME

Launch of the Wits Machine Intelligence and Neural Discovery Institute (MIND)

Tuesday, 19 November 2024 @ 17:00

Wits Anglo American Digital Dome

Programme Director: Arthur Goldstuck
Founder of World Wide Worx, and Editor-in-Chief of Gadget.co.za

Welcome

Wits Vice-Chancellor and Principal
Prof. Zeblon Vilakazi FRS

Partner's Address

IBM Fellow, Vice-President Europe and Africa,
Director IBM Research Zurich
Dr Alessandro Curioni

MIND Director's Address

Prof. Benjamin Rosman

MIND Launch Video

Introduction of the inaugural cohort of Wits MIND Fellows

Panel discussion: Natural Intelligence in the Age of AI

Moderated by Arthur Goldstuck

Professor Bruce Bassett – Distinguished Professor
of Computer Science
University of the Witwatersrand

Professor Achille Mbembe – Research Professor
Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER)

Pelonomi Moiloa - CEO
Lelapa AI

Dr Mark Nasila – Chief Data and Analytics Officer
First National Bank Risk

Dr Aisha Walcott-Bryant - Head
Google Research Africa

Prospects for the Future

MIND Steering Committee member and former VP of IBM Research
Dr Solomon Assefa

Vote of Thanks

Prof. Lynn Morris
Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Innovation

Show: Journey to the Centre of the Milky Way

Light supper & drinks served

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