

SATIS 2026 Guest Speaker



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Henry Mathys is Strategic Programme Lead in the Office of the CEO at the V&A Waterfront, one of Africa's most visited destinations. With experience spanning strategy development, inclusive economic development, shared value and corporate transformation, he leads the development and implementation of cross-functional strategies across tourism, creative industries, digital and data transformation, and the oceans economy.

During his career at the V&A Waterfront, Henry has led the organisation's economic development and social impact strategies, as well as major programmes focused on food systems, job creation, placemaking and inclusive growth.

Henry is a member of the Institute of Directors South Africa and serves on the boards of the Craft and Design Institute, CDI Capital and the Two Oceans Aquarium Foundation. He is also a former Chair of the South African Working Group of the Africa Shared Value Initiative.

KEY AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Strategy development and cross-functional programme leadership
- Inclusive economic development, shared value and corporate transformation
- Tourism, creative industries, digital and data transformation, and the oceans economy
- Economic development, social impact strategy and inclusive growth programmes
- Food systems, job creation and placemaking initiatives

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Henry brings a destination-led perspective on how tourism precincts can drive inclusive growth, unlock shared value partnerships and create broader economic opportunities for communities and local industries.