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AI-Powered Metadata and Knowledge Discovery Symposium Programme

(Programme subject to change)

Date: Thursday – Friday, June 11–12, 2026

Venue: Pont de Vaal, Parys, Free State, South Africa

Hosted by: IGBIS Cop in collaboration with the IFLA AI Committee

OBJECTIVE	This event will explore the role of AI in metadata creation, enrichment, and governance. Also showcase tools and techniques for knowledge discovery and semantic search. Share case studies from institutions to strengthen collaborations among librarians, data scientists, and technologists.
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Day 1 – Thursday, June 11, 2026

Time	Session
09:00 – 12:00	AI in Cataloguing – Bongwiwe Shongwe (UKS) (Hybrid)
12:00 – 13:00	Networking & Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Transforming Knowledge Discovery with Intelligent Systems (Robotics and other innovative data-driven solutions) – NWU

Day 2 – Friday, June 12, 2026

Time	Session
09:00 – 10:30	WWIS (Hybrid)
10:30 – 12:30	Clarivate (Hybrid)