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9:00am	Stage 01	Welcome Oliver Lennon, Chair, Analytics Engines
9:05am	Stage 01	Opening Address Senior Government Official
9:15am	Stage 01	Traversing the GenAI Divide Scott Fischaber, CEO, Analytics Engines
9:30am	Stage 01	The Evolution of AI - an Opportunity or a Challenge? Thomas Pulling, Data & AI Partner, PwC Rebecca Chandler, Data & AI Senior Manager, PwC
09:50am	Stage 01	Fireside Chat: Powering the Future: Energy, Innovation and Leadership Greg Jackson, CEO, Octopus Energy Host: Dr. Aislinn Rice, Director, Analytics Engines
10.10am	Stage 01	AI-Powered Financial Services: The Future of Consumer Access and On-Demand Pay Models Host: Suzanne Wylie, CEO, NI Chamber of Commerce Panelists: Jack Rubin, SVP, Consumer Financial Solutions, DailyPay Angela Friend, VP Data Science & AI Strategy, DailyPay Paul Hill, Managing Director of DailyPay NI Ltd & VP Engineering
10:30am	Stage 01	A Life in Data Danny Moore, President and CEO, Options Technology
10.50am	Stage 01	Data Management: The Unsung Hero of the Agentic AI Revolution Steve Holyer, Data Platform Leader, Informatica
11.10am	Stage 01	Fireside Chat: Creating a Scalable Model for Digital Excellence Stephen McKeown, Global Vice President and Managing Director NI, Allstate Host: Alastair McKinley, Principal Member of Technical Staff, AMD
11.30am		Artificial Intelligence - The Opportunity for Northern Ireland Host: Roger Woods – Chief Scientist, Analytics Engines Panelists: Prof Helen McCarthy, Chief Scientific and Technology Adviser (CSTA), NI Executive Cat McCusker, Partner & Northern Ireland Market Lead, PwC Jean-Christophe Desplat, Director, Irish Centre for High End Computing
11:50	SECOND STAGE OPENS (10 Mins)	
		SECOND STAGE OPENS - Business Track Powered by NI Chamber. Stage hosted by Christopher Morrow, Director of Membership & Services Development, NI Chamber
12.00pm	Stage 01	Humans and Machines: AI's Role in the Future of Law and Global Markets Michael Willis, Partner, PwC Gareth Planck, Senior Office Partner, Head of Real Estate, Belfast, Eversheds Sutherland Carla McGlynn, Managing Director, Head of Markets Business Controls Technology / Tech Site Lead, Citi Belfast
	Stage 02	Where to begin with AI - Setting out an AI Strategy Host: Kathryn McMath, Analytics Engines Panelists: Mark Kerr, CIO, TeamFeePay Dr Stephanie Brooks, Head of Research and Innovation, Foods Connected Stephen Bloomer, Product Lead, Mantis
12.20pm	Stage 01	Natural Language Processing for Quality Improvement in Health: from Idea to Action Stephen McCabe, Executive Director, Momentum One Zero Dr Barry Devereux, School of EECS, Queen's University Belfast Briege Donachy, Chief Executive, Regulatory and Quality Improvement Authority Linda Craig, Lead for Experience and Involvement Programmes, PHA
	Stage 02	AI in Action: Real Stories from Diverse Industries Host: Michael McCloskey, Business Development Manager, Analytics Engines Panelists: Darren Ryan, CEO, Deanta Pete Semple, CIO, NI Water Everton Oliveria, Principal Solutions Architect & GenAI Lead, Ryanair
12.40pm	Stage 01	Transforming Tomorrow: How AI and Data Are Redefining Organisations in NI Host: Neil Hutcheson, CEO, Software NI Panelists: Charlene Maher, HSCDI Information Governance (IG) Lead & Data Protection Officer (DPO), Department of Health Carla McGlynn, Managing Director, Head of Markets Business Controls Technology / Tech Site Lead, Citi Belfast Connor O'Neill, Account Manager, Version 1 Brendan Woods, Group Head of IT Delivery, Almac Group
	Stage 02	Legal Considerations when Adopting AI Host: Conor Houston, Northern Ireland Director, Vulcan Consulting Panelists: Rory Campbell, Partner, Lewis Silken Mark Potkewitz, Technology and Cybersecurity Lawyer, Bortstein Legal Group Donna O'Leary, DOL Consultancy
1.00pm	LUNCH	
1:30pm	Stage 01	Edge AI Everywhere Gary McClintock, Director, Customer Experience Engineering, AMD
1.50pm	Stage 01	Diagnosing at Scale: How AI, Industry & Academia United to Tackle Skin Cancer in Scotland Host: Paul Brook, EMEA Director, Data Centric Workloads Specialist, Dell Technologies Panelists: Chris Tierney, Presales Systems Engineer & GenAI Evangelist, Capitalise Evangelist Amy Walker, Innovation Project Manager, NHS Forth Valley, Scotland
2:10pm	Stage 01	AI in a 21st Century Media Host: Jim Fitzpatrick, Consulting Editor, Irish News Panelists: David Jamison, VP of Software Engineering, Business Insider Deirdre Temple, Head or Solutions, Technology, RTE Scott Fischaber, CEO, Analytics Engines
		Stage hosted by Camilla Long, Bespoke Communications
2.30pm	Stage 01	AI in Judicial Decision Making Host: David Crozier, CEO, AI Collaboration Centre John Keers, Director, Centre for Legal Technology
	Stage 02	AI Fever in the Semiconductor Industry Sean Redmond, President, Silicon Catalyst Europe
2.50pm	Stage 01	Challenges and Opportunities for Space Data and Infrastructure Host: Ken Gordon, European Space Agency Business Applications Ambassador Panelists: Paul Ellis, Aerospace and Defence Business Development Lead, KX Systems Conor O'Donnell, Acting Deputy Director, DAERA Rebecca Corey, Earth Observations Lead, UK Space Agency
	Stage 02	Global Challenges for Semiconductors Host: Beth McEvoy, Programme Manager, eFutures Panelists: Sean Redmond, President, Silicon Catalyst Europe Cormac McAteer, Digital Transformation, Seagate Siobhán ní Chofaigh, Mint-Tek
3.10pm	Stage 01	AI, Energy & Data Centres Host: William Revels, MD, ANSEC Panelists: Colin Boyd, DataCentre Solutions Sales Director, Dell Technologies Gerard Carlin, Director of Networks and Innovation, SONI Brian Doherty, Managing Director, GreenScale Ireland / Atlantic Hub David Surplus, B-9 Energy
	Stage 02	From Lab to Launch: Real-World AI Cybersecurity Solutions Host: Judith Millar, Director of Operations, CSIT Panelists: Damian Horner, VP Engineering, Rapid7 Darren Borland, Technical Product Manager, Pytilia Dr Ihsen Alouani, CEO, UpperBound Andy McClernon, Engineering Director, Momentum One Zero
3.30pm	Stage 01	Intelligent Markets: How AI is Reshaping Trading and Investment Anna Horner, Options Technology Mark Barr, Chief Engineer, First Derivative Ryan Ballantine, Director, Product Management, Options Technology Kevin McGuinness, Head of EMEA, Clients and Markets, Napier AI
	Stage 02	From Data to Decisions: The Importance of Actionable Threat Intelligence John Southworth, Threat Intelligence, PwC
3.50pm		Behind the Partnership: How Microsoft & The Premier League are Personalising the Fan Experience Hettie Holcroft, Microsoft Principal Customer Success Account Manager (Premier League)
4.10pm	Stage 01	Game Changing AI - How AI and Data are Changing the Face of Elite Sport Host: Camilla Long, Bespoke Communications Panelists: James Doyle, Founder and CEO, iReel Craig Fitzpatrick, Intelligence Leader, PwC Gareth Quinn, GM, Teamworks EMEA
4.30pm	Stage 01	Closing Remarks

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