CDAO Singapore Agenda DAY ONE: Wednesday 23 April 2025

08:30	*Register; grab coffee. Mix, mingle, and say hello to peers old and new*
08:40	**Corinium's welcoming remarks**
08:55	**Chair's Opening Remarks** **Srividya Subramanian Vidyasagar** Global Head, Cloud and Production Engineering, WRB Tech **Standard Chartered Bank**
09:00	**Speed Networking – Making new connections at CDAO Singapore!** During this 10-minute networking session, the aim of the game is to go and meet three people you don't already know. Use the questions on the screen to guide your conversation. Have fun!
09:10	**Opening Keynote** **Leadership in The Age of Intelligent Machine** • Exploring how leaders must take charge of integrating AI into their organisations, moving beyond IT departments to embed AI into strategic planning and decision-making • Defining success metrics and fostering a culture that embraces AI-driven change to enhance operational efficiency and competitive advantage • Highlighting the necessity for leaders to champion ethical AI practices and promote a culture of continuous learning and innovation **Sachin Tonk** Deputy Chief Data Officer **GovTech**
09:35	**The Path to AI-Ready Data** Join VP, Field Chief Technology Officer – Nick Dobbins as he explores how the combination of AI and reliable data leads to remarkable business success. Discover how advancements in master data management and AI governance can shape your future and prepare you for what's next. **Nick Dobbins** VP, Field CTO **Informatica**
10:00	**AI Panel** **Exploring the Impact of AI and Data Democratisation in Modern Enterprises** • Exploring how AI and data democratisation are reshaping business operations by enabling real-time insights and enhancing operational efficiency • Discussing how enterprises can measure the return on investment (ROI) from AI initiatives in conjunction with data democratisation efforts • Examining the ethical implications of leveraging AI within a democratised data framework Moderator **Sigrid Rouam** Chief Data Officer & Head of Data Management, Data Analytics & Gen AI **EFG Bank International** Panellists **Ban Horng Tan** Head of Data Platform Solutions **OCBC Bank** **Soumyajit Sarcar** Head of Data & Analytics Product Development, Chief Data Office **Nomura**

	Durjoy Patranabish VP – Head of Global Business **Tiger Analytics**
10:35	**Scaling GenAI with Trusted Data: Governance and Agility in AI Architectures** Generative AI is only as powerful as the data it learns from — making governance, security, and agility critical for success. In this joint session, Denodo and ABeam Analytics explore how enterprises are using logical data management to deliver trusted, well-governed data for scalable GenAI applications. Learn how organizations are: • Unifying fragmented data across hybrid and multi-cloud environments for AI readiness • Embedding governance and compliance into AI-driven data flows without slowing innovation • Empowering business users with secure, self-service access to AI-powered insights Discover how a modern data architecture with logical data management can accelerate GenAI adoption—while ensuring trust, control, and business value. **Shanmuga Sunthar Muniandy** Director of Architecture & Chief Evangelist, APAC **Denodo** **Weng Kin Chew** Principal Solution Architect **Abeam Analytics**
11:00	*Coffee and connect*
11:30	**Strategy Panel** **Harnessing the Power of Data Partnerships: Strategies for Collaboration and Innovation** • Building effective collaborations among stakeholders to enhance innovation and driving business growth. • Navigating regulatory and compliance challenges while forming data partnerships, ensuring that data sharing aligns with legal frameworks and ethical standards. • Maximising value through data integration to unlock new insights Moderator **Rakesh Menon** EVP – Group Head of Advanced Analytics Solution **Maybank** Panellists **Chen Huaxing** Head, Group Wholesale Data Analytics **UOB** **Srividya Subramanian Vidyasagar** Global Head, Cloud and Production Engineering, WRB Tech **Standard Chartered Bank**
12:05	**From Data to Decisions: Leveraging Advanced Analytics for Business Impact** • Exploring techniques for converting raw data into meaningful insights that drive strategic decision-making within organisations • Quantifying the impact of advanced analytics on business performance through key metrics and case studies • Highlighting strategies for encouraging a culture that prioritises data-driven decision-making across all departments **Clara Lee** Chief of Practice, Data Science **NUS-ISS**
12:30	**Fireside Chat** **Insights vs Privacy: Leveraging Customer Data without Compromising Privacy** • Discussing strategies for leveraging customer data to enhance personalisation while ensuring compliance with privacy regulations like GDPR • Explore best practices for collecting, storing, and using customer data ethically to build trust and maintain customer relationships • Utilising technology to protect customer data while still extracting valuable insights Speakers **Tarun Samtani** Data Protection Director (Privacy & Cyber Risk) **Morgan McKinley** **Tanveen Singh** Director - Legal & Governance **IRD Global**
13:00	*Connect, converse, and lunch*	**Quantexa's Private Luncheon** AI is as sharp as your data! Discover how to modernise your data delivery through unified, contextualised, and reusable data at scale.

We'll explore how data products and knowledge graphs can power meaningful AI outcomes—helping you meet regulatory demands, drive operational efficiency, and fuel growth.

During the luncheon, we will cover:
- Key challenges in building a trusted data foundation for AI
- How modern data delivery with data products enables enterprise-scale innovation
- Using decision intelligence to drive compliance, elevate customer experience, and optimise operations.

Ahsan Mehmood Head of Data Management **Quantexa**

	Track A Governance	Track B Innovation
14:10	**Navigating the Ethical and Compliance Landscape of Agentic AI** **Andrew Morentz** Group Head of Data Privacy **bolttech**	**Trust and Data Security: Managing Financial Crimes in an AI-Driven World** **Amaresh Mohan** Chief Risk Officer **Flutterwave**
14:35	**AI You Can Trust: The Role of Data Integrity in AI-Readiness** AI has the potential to transform businesses, but its success relies on one critical factor—trusted, high-quality data. Despite the excitement around AI, only 4% of businesses believe their data is AI-ready. Without accurate, complete, and well-governed data, AI can produce biased, unreliable, and even damaging outcomes. In this session, we'll explore: • The risks of AI failures caused by poor data quality and governance • Essential strategies for improving data integrity to enable AI success • Practical solutions for integrating, enriching, and governing data to maximize AI value **Ronit Sen** Senior Sales Engineer **Precisely**	**Power Up Your AI: Unlocking Competitive Advantage with News & GenAI** This session explores how Gen AI case studies—across financial services, corporates, and beyond—are transforming decision-making, risk management, and competitive intelligence. Learn how to supercharge your AI models and turn information into impact. **Sachin B Singh** Head of Enterprise Solutions, Asia Pacific **Dow Jones**
15:00	**Achieving Data Governance in Decentralised Data Environments** • Decentralising data governance by allowing individual teams to manage their own data initiatives while adhering to overarching policies • Maintaining data quality and interoperability across decentralised environments to prevent silos and ensure consistent governance • Defining roles within decentralised frameworks to foster accountability and streamline governance processes across teams **Balaji Rajamani** Director of Data Management **Tetra Pak SEA**	**Creating a Culture of Data Innovation: Strategies for Empowering Teams** • Encouraging experimentation and learning without fear of failure. • Providing training and resources to enhance the team's data literacy and analytical skills • Aligning data innovation with business goals to maximise impact and drive growth. **Dr Bryan Tan** Group Chief Scientist **Carro**
15:25	**The AI-Driven Data Revolution**	**How Top CDAOs Are Building Safe Enterprise AI**

Since the 1960s, the bulk of investments in enterprise IT have been focused on processing structured, transactional data. As a result, we now expect 24x7 reliability and straight-through processing from transactional systems. But while we were busy mastering the art of transaction processing, 90% of enterprise data has always been held in unstructured formats: documents: files and images. Until recently, most businesses had no ability to leverage this unstructured data for strategic business advantage. But now, Generative-AI has sparked a data revolution. Gen-AI systems are both trained on and produce unstructured data. So, corporates everywhere are suddenly looking to leverage their unstructured data to better train AI models and drive deeper business insights. Come and hear how Nuix is powering the application of Generative-AI to business by deeply curating enterprise data and enabling a variety of innovative use cases.

Roland Slee Vice President **Nuix Ventures**

In today's rapidly evolving generative AI landscape, Chief Data & Analytics Officers (CDAOs) face unprecedented opportunities to revolutionize their organizations. While GenAI integration offers tremendous potential for innovation and competitive advantage, building secure AI systems presents significant challenges.

How do you safely tap all of the unstructured and structured data within your hybrid cloud landscape to feed these AI models? How can you ensure sensitive data is protected? What guardrails are needed to protect AI models from prompt injections and data exfiltration attacks? How do you implement continuous risk monitoring throughout your generative AI pipeline?

Join Tim Stead, Technical Director at Securiti to learn how CDAOs can implement a comprehensive framework to build safe, scalable generative AI systems that drive organisational success.

Key Takeaways:
- Critical risk factors in generative AI implementation
- Four essential components for developing secure, compliant generative AI systems
- Strategic best practices for embracing generative AI with innovative governance and compliance approaches

Tim Stead Technical Director **Securiti**

15:50	*Coffee and connect*
16:20	**Delivering Insights backed by TRUST…***Explicitly* **Shouvik Nandy** Senior Manager Property Insights **Standard Chartered Bank** **Mark Cunningham** Head of CRES Data & Analytics **Standard Chartered Bank**
16:45	**She Loves Data** **Patricia Mulles** Director and Global Head of Partnerships **She Loves Data**
17:10	**Chair's Remarks** **Srividya Subramanian Vidyasagar** Global Head, Cloud and Production Engineering, WRB Tech **Standard Chartered Bank**
17:15	**CDAO Cheers with Peers** *Cocktail Reception & Networking*

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09:00	**From Fragmentation to Value Creation: Scaling Data Strategy for Business Growth** • Structuring the foundational elements—data quality, governance, and ecosystems—to build scalable and impactful data strategies • Tackling the complexities of fragmented legacy systems and integrating diverse data sources to unlock performance transparency and drive value. • Practical insights into how generative AI and advanced analytics can complement traditional methods to deliver operational and strategic benefits. **Wouter van Groenestijn** Data & Analytics Lead, APAC **Cargill**
09:25	**Panel Discussion** **AI Should Replace Our Workforce: A Discussion For and Against This** As AI technology rapidly evolves, we face critical questions about its impact on employment relevancy. Supporters highlight increased productivity and efficiency, while critics warn of job displacement and ethical concerns. Join us as our panellists explore these perspectives on the future of work in an AI-driven world. Moderator **Joseph Wee** VP Data Platform **OCBC Bank** Panellists **Anand Gururaj** Head, Data Engineering **OCBC Bank** **Karthika Prakasan Sreejith** Head, Data Management **OCBC Bank** **Chan Chee Keong** VP, Project Office **OCBC Bank**
09:50	**Fireside Chat** **Building the Backbone: IT Infrastructure for Agentic AI Success** • Exploring the infrastructure requirements to support the computational intensity of agentic AI • Discussing the importance of robust data pipelines and real-time processing capabilities to ensure agentic AI systems can make accurate, timely decisions in dynamic environments • Examining how enterprises can enhance their IT infrastructure with advanced cybersecurity measures and fault-tolerant systems to safeguard autonomous AI operations against threats and disruptions Speakers **Pawan Darda** CTO **Pelago** **Aishwarya Prabhat** Field Solution Architect **Google**
10:20	**RAiD: The RSAF Tech Startup Experience** • People strategy: Recruiting and developing tech workforce • Culture strategy: Nurturing enabling culture for the data and AI era. • Structure strategy: Structuring for speed, agility and innovation. **Gek Peng Tay** Chief Data Officer **Republic of Singapore Air Force**
10:45	*Coffee and connect*
11:15	**From Data to Dollars: Turning AI and Analytics into Real Business Value** • Monetizing AI with Purpose – Why generative AI alone doesn't guarantee ROI and how to strategically implement AI to drive measurable business outcomes. • Identifying the right AI applications that enhance user experience, boost productivity, and create revenue opportunities. • How a strong data foundation, modern infrastructure, and stakeholder buy-in pave the way for impactful AI-driven transformation.

	Eddie Ng Head of Data and Analytics **PSA BDP**
11:40	**Driving Railway Excellence with Data** • How SBS Transit is leveraging advanced data analytics to optimize operations, improve efficiency, and ensure smoother railway performance • The journey of turning in-house rail solutions into marketable IP and expanding SBS Transit's impact beyond local operations. • The journey of turning in-house rail solutions into marketable IP and expanding SBS Transit's impact beyond local operations. **Hou Kiat Chao** VP, Asset Management Department (Digitalisation & Data Analytics) **SBS Transit Rail**
12:05	**Elevating Data Maturity: Aligning Agile Data Strategy with Business Objectives** • Assessing the maturity level of your data capabilities and setting improvement goals • Ensuring data initiatives are agile and closely aligned with key business goals • Leveraging data maturity to drive informed, real-time decision-making **Doan Lingga** VP of Data **Traveloka**
12:30	*Connect, converse, and lunch*
13:40	**Democratising Data in the Age of AI** **Ankita Gupta** Data, Analytics and AI Leader
14:05	**Group Discussion** **Conquering the New Data Landscape - Governance, AI, Culture, and Cost** This group discussion is aimed at answering some of the most pressing questions facing data and analytics leaders today as they navigate the evolving data landscape. From tightening regulatory requirements and the rise of responsible AI to shifting organisational mindsets and managing rising costs, this interactive session will explore how leaders can balance governance, innovation, culture, and value creation. Participants will have the opportunity to share challenges, compare strategies, and uncover practical solutions to future-proof their data strategies in an increasingly complex environment. **Questions we will be answering at this discussions are:** 1. How are you adapting your data governance practices to keep pace with changing regulations, especially around AI? 2. What challenges do you face in aligning enterprise-wide data policies with local or global compliance standards? 3. What cultural shifts have been necessary within your organisation to ensure responsible and effective AI adoption? 4. How do you build trust in AI systems among non-technical teams and leadership? 5. Who should "own" AI in your organisation—the business, IT, or a hybrid approach? 6. How do you evaluate the ROI of your data and AI investments beyond just financial metrics? 7. What strategies are you using to ensure data initiatives don't become cost centres but deliver long-term business value? 8. How do you break down silos between data, IT, and business teams to foster shared ownership of data initiatives? 9. What role do data champions or stewards play in driving cultural change and responsible data use across departments? 10. As AI matures, what are your biggest concerns—or opportunities—when it comes to governance and scaling data-driven innovation? Moderator **Ban Horng Tan** Head of Data Platform Solutions **OCBC Bank**
14:40	**Chair's Closing Remarks** **Ban Horng Tan** Head of Data Platform Solutions **OCBC Bank**
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16:00	**Close of CDAO Singapore 2025. See you in 2026!**