

PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCE INTERNS

# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUMMIT 2026

DATE: 25 - 26 MAY 2026

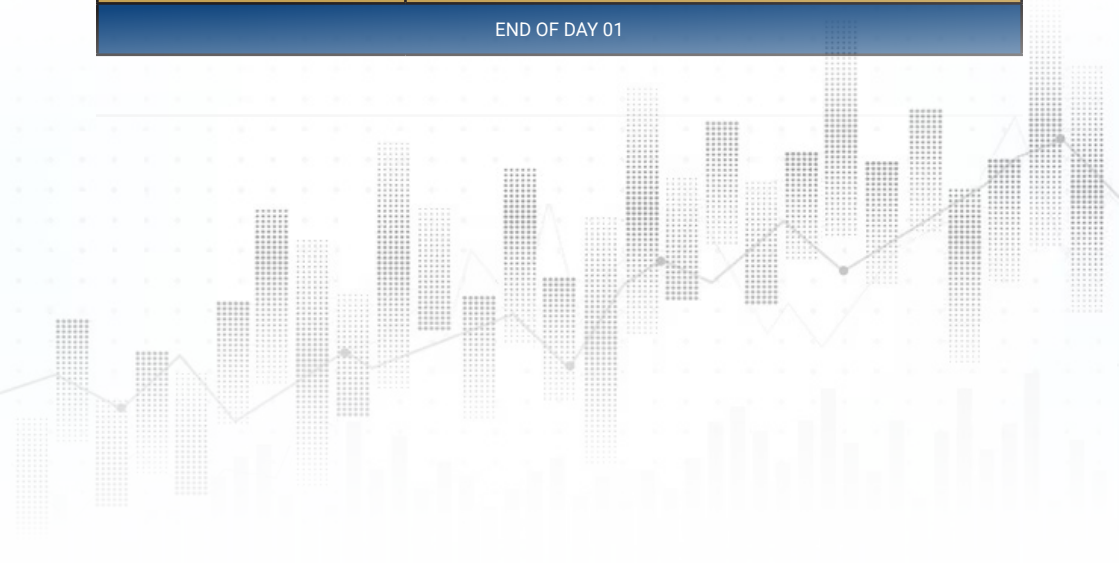
VENUE: SOUTHERN SUN ELANGENI HOTEL

**THEME: ROOTED IN SERVICE, RISING IN FINANCE: EMPOWERING PUBLIC  
FINANCE CHANGEMAKERS**

## MONDAY - 25 MAY 2026

Time	Topic
08:00 – 09:00	<b>Registration &amp; Networking (Arrival Tea)</b>
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Welcome Address</b>
09:15 – 09:30   S1	<b>Words of Support and encourage Young Professionals to pursue advance education</b>
09:30 – 10:00   S2	<b>Keynote address:-</b>  Rooted in Service, Rising in Finance – A change maker in action
10:00– 10:30   S3	<b>Financial Management and Unpacking the 2026 budget speech</b>  A practical and accessible analysis of South Africa's 2026 Budget Speech, highlighting fiscal constraints, expenditure pressures, and competing priorities. This session equips young professionals with a clear understanding of the financial realities facing municipalities, including limited resources and budget trade-offs. Key tax implications will also be explored.
10:30– 11:15   S4	<b>Responsible use of AI &amp; Digital ethics for Young Public Sector Professionals</b>
11:15 – 12:00   S5	<b>Simple steps in Auditing the Public Sector</b>  The presentation focuses on the key steps involved in auditing the public sector, including understanding the regulatory environment and the Auditor-General's mandate, applying core auditing principles such as transparency and accountability, analyzing audit evidence, identifying irregularities, and reporting clear findings with practical recommendations.
12:00– 13:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>

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13:00– 15:30   S6	<p><b>Municipal Finance in Practice – Rotation Session:</b></p> <p><b>Rotation 1: Revenue Management - 30 Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billing systems &amp; revenue sources</li> <li>• Debt collection strategies</li> <li>• Indigent policies</li> <li>• Why municipalities struggle to collect revenue</li> </ul> <p><b>Rotation 2: Budget &amp; Treasury Office (BTO) - 30 Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How municipal budgets are compiled</li> <li>• MFMA timelines</li> <li>• Real budget challenges</li> </ul> <p><b>Rotation 3: Expenditure &amp; SCM - 30 Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procure-to-pay process (From request for goods &gt;&gt; Purchase order &gt;&gt; Payment)</li> <li>• SCM compliance &amp; risks</li> <li>• Link between SCM, budgeting, and audit findings</li> <li>• Common irregular expenditure issues (And Preventative measures)</li> </ul> <p><b>Rotation 4: Assets - 30 Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRAP standards basics</li> <li>• Asset registers and Disclosures</li> <li>• Audit readiness</li> </ul> <p><b>Rotation 5: Internal Audit &amp; Risk - 30 Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk management processes</li> <li>• Internal audit functions and process</li> <li>• Role in clean audits</li> </ul>
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
15:45 – 18:00	Session Break
18:00 – 23:55	Gala Dinner Event
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## TUESDAY - 26 MAY 2026

Time	Topic
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Opening Remarks and Recap</b>
09:15 – 10:15   S7	<b>Ethics in Action: Leading with Integrity in the Public Sector</b>
10:15 – 10:45   S8	<b>Budgeting within mSCOA and the MFMA Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budgeting in Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA) Key reforms and implications for municipal budgeting.</li><li>• Local Government Accountability Cycle From planning and budgeting to monitoring, reporting, and oversight.</li><li>• MFMA Budget Calendar Legislative timelines and submission requirements.</li><li>• Budget Credibility Ensuring accurate, reliable, and mSCOA-aligned information.</li><li>• Post-Submission Support Follow-ups, data analysis, and capacity-building/training initiatives.</li></ul>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Refreshments</b>
11:15 – 11:45   S9	<b>Benchmarking with Municipal Finance Data</b> <p>Key Focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishment of a central LG database</li><li>• Type of information on LGDRS</li><li>• Content of LGDRS</li><li>• Access to LGDRS</li><li>• Benchmarking financial data to strengthen evidenced based decision making</li></ul>
12:45 – 13:00	<b>Closure</b>
13:00	<b>Lunch &amp; End of Day 2</b>

