

MAY 22, 2024

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7:00–5:00 PM **Registration**

7:50 AM **Ribbon Cutting at Pier 36**

8:00–8:15 AM Stage I: **Welcome Address**

Kickoff Smart City Expo USA with a Welcome Address from the leaders of Smart City Expo USA, Fira Barcelona International and Smart City Expo World Congress, and New York City Chief Technology Officer, Matthew Fraser.

- Hardie Davis, Jr., Former Mayor, City of Augusta; Chair, Smart City Expo USA
- Ricard Zapatero, CEO, Fira Barcelona International
- Ugo Valenti, CEO, Smart City Expo World Congress
- Aarti Tandon, CEO, Smart City Expo USA
- Matthew Fraser, Chief Technology Officer, City of New York

8:15–8:30 AM Stage I: **NYC: The Future is Here**

- Eric Adams, Mayor, City of New York

8:30–8:50 AM Stage I: **NYCEDC: Leading NYC into the Future**

New York City is a vibrant and fast-paced city, defined by its history of innovation. The City of New York is poised to maintain its position as the global economic capital, with exciting opportunities for businesses, start ups, researchers, entrepreneurs, and private sector leaders. This session will showcase New York's vision for a resilient, competitive, dynamic and equitable future, setting the standard for major urban centers worldwide.

- Maria Torres-Springer, Deputy Mayor, Housing, Economic Development, and Workforce, City of New York

8:50–9:10 AM Stage I: **Google: How AI Can Power a More Sustainable Future**

Google is leading the transition to a more sustainable future by empowering individuals, organizations, and governments with the data and tools they need to drive positive action for our planet. Find out how Google is enabling people to make more sustainable choices and working with its partners to reduce emissions, advance transformative technology for a carbon-free future, and accelerate the use of AI to tackle climate change.

- Aron Di Castro, Director, Global Geo Sustainability Partnerships, Google

9:10–9:30 AM Stage I: **NFL: Innovation in Sports**

The National Football League has embraced tech innovation over the years, both on and off the field, to enhance every aspect of the sport. Cutting-edge player safety technologies and virtual and augmented reality experiences are just some of the ways the NFL is setting the stage for a future where technology and sports intersect. Transforming its internal tech operations has also played a large role in creating an efficient and highly successful organization. The result is

unforgettable fan experiences and a sport that is constantly evolving. It's exciting to see how the NFL continues to innovate and push the boundaries of what is possible.

- Gary Brantley, SVP and Chief Information Officer, National Football League
- Moderator: Jabari Young, Senior Writer and Editor, *Forbes*

9:30–10:20 AM Networking Break

9:40–10:10 AM Innovation Plaza: **Promising Future: STEM Students of NYC**

Smart City Expo USA is pleased to showcase a series of student projects. NYC's youngest residents have a unique perspective on the city that will one day be theirs. How can kids make NYC even smarter? What are their greatest needs? How can our youth affect meaningful change and what STEM tools do they employ to share their ideas? Hear from some of our city's brightest young minds and explore their designs to learn more.

- Chloe Taylor, Founder, Chloe Taylor Technology & T-Mobile Education Specialist
- John Tomik, Founder, Slalom Element lab212

Startup Central: **Gov + Prop Tech Talk**

- Moderator: Robinson Hernandez, Executive Director, Urban Tech Hub

9:40–10:50 AM Solutions Circle: **Cities Today Institute Roundtable (Invite Only)**

Broadband is essential for the 21st century. It enables jobs, remote learning, new industries, and innovation; it gives people access to resources, digital life, and each other. Yet, the U.S. trails its peers in affordable, high-speed broadband, with the FCC estimating 19M Americans lacking access. Furthermore, the topic of infrastructure access does not fully capture the importance of adoption: can people put the internet to use, and what do different communities and populations need? Given the recent \$65B federal investment in broadband, the questions that this roundtable will address are: how did we get here, what can we do about it, and what does success look like.

- Bob Bennett, Chair, Cities Today Institute
- Kimberly LaGrue, CIO, City of New Orleans
- Stephen Caines, Chief Innovation Officer, City of San José
- Michael Pegues, CIO, City of Aurora
- Nicole Coughlin, CIO, Town of Cary
- Michael Sherwood, CIO, City of Las Vegas
- Jason Sankey, CIO, City of Atlanta
- Dennis Gakunga, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Chula Vista
- Mark Wheeler, Former CIO, City of Philadelphia
- Jonathan Beam, Manager, Community Innovation, US Ignite
- Jerele Neeld, Interim CIO, City of Chattanooga
- +20 CIOs

10:20–10:50 AM Stage I: **Skills, Labor, and the Age of AI**

What should Earth's 8 billion people be learning right now to prepare for the world of tomorrow? In this panel, experts from education, workforce development, and government will explore how AI is changing how value labor and what it will take to prepare our society to shift from the industrial age to the generative AI age.

- Moderator: Sara Holoubek, CEO, Luminary Labs

Stage II: **Data-Driven Healthcare**

Data possesses the potential to catalyze positive transformations within the healthcare system and help leaders make smart investments to improve the health of communities while lowering costs. By collecting and analyzing healthcare data, we can detect and identify gaps, access barriers and inequalities. This session will showcase case studies and innovative approaches that use data as a catalyst for change to build responsive, equitable and efficient cities. Leaders at the forefront of healthcare and data innovation will explore strategies that harness data to promote equitable access, and will explain how data-driven initiatives are transforming healthcare policies and practices to ensure that vulnerable populations receive the care they deserve.

- Kody Kinsley, HHS Secretary, State of North Carolina
- Ashwin Vasan, Commissioner of Health, City of New York
- Newsha Ghaeli, Co-Founder, Biobot Analytics
- Moderator: Deborah Snyder, Health and Public Service Lead, Accenture

Stage III: **Modern PPPs and the Public Realm**

Next-gen tech — from sensors to WiFi — are essential to creating thriving, sustainable, and inclusive public spaces to increase citizen quality of life. Deploying these technologies in the public realm requires testing, scaling, and strong partnerships across city government, community organizations, and the private sector. Hear from leaders who are scaling disruptive technologies and leading a master class in game-changing public private partnerships.

- Clare Newman, President and CEO, Governors Island
- Lindsay Greene, President and CEO, Brooklyn Navy Yard
- Margaux Knee, Chief Administrative Officer, LinkNYC
- Ya-Ting Liu, Chief Public Realm Officer, City of New York

Innovation Plaza: **TBD**

Startup Central: **Gov + Smart Cities Tech Talk**

11:00–11:30 AM Stage I: **Sustainable Investments for a Clean Energy Future**

- Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor, State of New Mexico

Stage II: **Modern Procurement, Modern Cities**

Digital transformation and the adoption of modern technology has disrupted the government procurement landscape. Officials must contend with highly technical requirements, minute differences between vendors, products and services, and ever changing industry that is fueled by change and innovation. Every department across a government has its own unique portfolio of technology tools, platforms, and applications, including procurement! This session explores how Procurement offices are addressing the technology revolution within their cities, in order to keep up with the pace of change, even accelerate the procurement process, to ensure their peers have the tools essential to complete their tasks. Further we will learn about the tools that procurement professionals are using to modernize their own departments, faced with an ever increasing workload, limited resources, they must modernize, harness data for decision making, adopt new platforms, to fulfill their duties and keep operations running.

- Lisa Flores, Chief Procurement Officer, City of New York
- Moderator: Chris Foreman, CEO, Marketplace.city

Stage III: AI + The City: Optimizing Public Services

Artificial Intelligence is reshaping the world and city services are not left behind. By harnessing the power of AI, cities can automate and optimize everything, such as traffic management, waste disposal and emergency response. This technological innovation allows cities to operate with increased efficiency and responsiveness, predicting and addressing issues in real-time and by automating services, cities can tackle challenges, reduce costs, and enhance the quality of life for residents. This session will explore the transformative power of generative AI in automating city services and how its application is reshaping urban environments for a smarter and more sustainable future. It will also showcase the current barriers cities are facing and how to ensure a successful deployment and adoption in the public realm.

- Jason Sankey, CIO, City of Atlanta
- Marc Jacobs, Head of Engineering, Geo Sustainability Urban Products, Google
- Corey McMahon, Chief Product Officer, HopSkipDrive
- Moderator: Karen Lightman, Executive Director, Metro21: Smart Cities Institute

Innovation Plaza: Welcome To “Spatial Reality”

When *Pokémon Go* debuted in 2016, thousands of players stampeded through parks, trespassed en masse, and injured as many as 30,000 people due to distracted driving. What’s the worst that could happen to cities once a new generation of AI-powered wearable devices drops, led by the Apple Vision Pro? And how can public officials and policymakers start preparing now? To answer those questions, Cornell Tech gathered more than a dozen current and former public officials to explore the perils and possibilities of AI and spatial reality at urban scale. Using a foresight method known as “threatcasting,” they collectively imagined the future(s) they wanted — and wanted to avoid. In this session, members of the cohort will share what they learned and discuss how threatcasting offers cities a new tool for preparing for disruption.

- Story Bellows, Partner, Cityfi
- Dana Chermesh-Reshef, CEO, inCitu
- Mark Wheeler, Former CIO, City of Philadelphia
- Moderator: Greg Lindsay, Urban Tech Fellow, Cornell Tech

Startup Central: Gov + Smart Cities Tech Talk

11:40-12:00 PM Stage I: **Cognitive Cities: TONOMOUS.NEOM**

- Joseph Bradley, CEO, TONOMOUS.NEOM

12:00–1:00 PM Lunch Break

1:00–1:20 PM Stage I: **Responsible Generative AI**

Generative AI is poised to transform government enterprises and missions by enabling natural, user-focused interactions with agency-specific data. This technology, powered by deep learning algorithms, holds great promise for streamlining operations, enhancing decision making, and improving service delivery. However, alongside these promising advancements, there are ethical considerations that must be thoroughly examined to ensure responsible use and uphold public trust. The insights and recommendations presented in this session will enable attendees to navigate the ethical dimensions of generative AI, empowering them to make informed decisions

that uphold the values of fairness, privacy, accountability, and human-centeredness in their agencies' adoption of AI technologies.

- Albert Pulido, Deputy Secretary for Finance and Technology, State of New York
- Moderator: Deborah Snyder, Health and Public Service Lead, Accenture

1:20–1:50 PM Stage I: **AI, SciFi or Real Life?**

Have you ever watched a science fiction movie and wondered “When will our world look like this?” We do all the time and believe that time is now for many experiences. From a connected world filled with digital humans, augmented experiences to robotics and our relationships with AI, join us and hear how a group of technologists and creative professionals have joined forces to create that future world today. John Tomik, founder of Element lab212 at Slalom will be speaking about that future along with some special digital and robotic friends that you won’t want to miss.

- Greg Cross, Co-Founder and CEO, Soul Machines
- Ted Schilowitz, Entertainment Industry Futurist
- Sudhanshu Gaur, VP, Hitachi America
- John Tomik, Founder, Slalom Element lab212

2:00–2:30 PM Stage I: **What Works Cities**

- Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor, City of Little Rock
- Stephen Caines, Chief Innovation Officer, City of San José
- Moderator: Rochelle Haynes, Managing Director, What Works Cities

Stage II: **Moving the Masses: Innovations in Transportation**

- Ydanis Rodriguez, DOT Commissioner, City of New York
- Laura Chace, CEO, ITS America
- Sarah Kaufman, Executive Director, NYU Rudin Center for Transportation
- Moderator: Dan Vock, Senior Reporter, Transportation & Infrastructure, *Route Fifty*

Stage III: **The Promise of Universal Connectivity**

- Josh Breitbart, SVP, ConnectALL, Empire State Development
- Clayton Banks, CEO, Silicon Harlem
- Walter Cannon, VP, Connected Cities and External Affairs, Boldyn Networks
- Scott Sigel, COO, Helium Foundation
- Moderator: Merdochey LaFrance, Managing Principal, iTaylor Solutions

Innovation Plaza: **Addressing Urban Food Security**

- Zack Wyatt, Executive Director, Carolina Farm Trust
- Demetrius Bledsoe, Co-Founder and CEO, Fresh Harvest 365
- Moderator: Manasa Mantravadi, CEO, Ahimsa

Startup Central: **Gov + Smart Cities Tech Talk**

2:30–3:20 PM Networking Break

2:40–3:10 PM Innovation Plaza: **Leaders in Next-Gen Mobility Tech**

Urban mobility seeks to revolutionize how people move, making transportation sustainable and efficient. Smart mobility systems and technologies can optimize it by gathering real-time data from various sources such as traffic cameras, sensors and connected vehicles and can enhance safety, reduce congestion and improve efficiency. This session will showcase how data, artificial intelligence, machine learning and others help make informed decisions about infrastructure and how it improves the urban mobility experience. The session will also be an excellent platform to enhance the importance of collaboration between technological leaders and urban planners, governments and other companies to create and implement solutions to improve traffic management, parking assistance, urban planning, and more.

- Thomas George, Head of Pebble, Google
- Jordan Justus, CEO, Automotus
- Danny Hendren, Sr. Director, Local Government Sales, Cyclomedia
- Moderator: Stephen Goldsmith, Professor of Urban Policy; Director, Data-Smart Cities Solutions, Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University

Startup Central: **Gov + Smart Cities Tech Talk**

2:40–3:50 PM Solutions Circle: **Roundtable TBD (Invite Only)**

3:20–3:50 PM Stage I: **Innovation and Infrastructure for Large-Scale Events**

Large-scale events such as the Olympics, FIFA World Cup, and Formula One are driving economic development and shaping the future of cities around the world. These events are serving as catalysts for innovation, pushing cities to adopt smart solutions for transportation, security, and public services, improving overall quality of life for residents and visitors alike. Essential to hosting these large scale events seamlessly, safely, and sustainably are modern infrastructure and next-gen technologies. This session will look at the transformative power of technology in event management, designing and developing infrastructure that meets the unique demands of these events, and how cities are delivering seamless operations and optimal experiences for attendees.

- Stephen Zoegall, VP and Global Market Director, Cities & Places, Jacobs
- Michael Sherwood, CIO, City of Las Vegas
- Moderator: Jeremy Goldberg, Director, Critical Infrastructure, WWPS, Microsoft

Stage II: **Clean Fleets + EV Infrastructure: Emission-Free Cities**

Combating climate change is a top priority for cities, and they are recognizing the important role of clean, electrified fleets in improving urban environments. By transitioning to electric vehicles and other low-emission alternatives, cities aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality. This session will showcase strategies and initiatives that include electrifying vehicles, replacing fossil diesel with renewable diesel, implementing hybrids, developing robust charging infrastructure, and forging partnerships with industry stakeholders.

- Keith Kerman, Chief Fleet Officer, City of New York
- Nick Colvin, CEO, Intersection
- Duncan McIntyre, CEO, Highland Fleets

Stage III: Ethical and Inclusive Civic AI

- Rodrigo Camarena, Director, Justicia Lab
- John Pasmore, CEO and Founder, Latimer
- Moderator: Lilian Coral, VP, Technology & Democracy Programs; Head, Open Technology Institute, New America

Innovation Plaza: AI, IoT, and Real-Time Data

- Catherine Caruana-McManus, Co-Founder, Meshed
- Moderator: Maurizio Rinaldi, CEO, SONDA (USA)

Startup Central: Gov + Smart Cities Tech Talk

4:00–4:30 PM

Stage I: The Port Authority: Building a Modern Future

If you've recently traveled through the stunning new Newark Terminal A or LaGuardia Airport, you can thank The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for the completely transformed experience. Executive Director Rick Cotton, one of the region's leading transportation visionaries, will highlight the exciting innovations taking place at our ports, airports, bridges, tunnels, bus terminals, and other critical infrastructure during this fireside. As New York City and New Jersey gear up for their roles in the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Rick is playing a pivotal role in readying the city's transportation system for the massive global event. He will discuss pioneering construction projects that are propelling New York and New Jersey into the future, including a new Midtown Bus Terminal, construction of a new AirTrain Newark system, a \$19 billion transformation of JFK Airport, and an Innovation Hub piloting programs with drones, self-driving street cleaners, and autonomous passenger transport.

- Rick Cotton, Executive Director, The Port Authority of NY & NJ
- Moderator: Tom Wright, President and CEO, Regional Plan Association

4:30–5:00 PM

Stage I: NYC: Harbor of the Future

- Andrew Kimball, CEO, NYCEDC

5:00–6:00 PM

Happy Hour

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9:00–9:30 AM Stage I: **Empire AI**

- Julie Samuels, CEO, Tech: NYC

9:30–10:20 AM Networking Break

9:40–10:10 AM Innovation Plaza: **Skills, STEM, and a 21st Century Workforce**

- Abby Jo Sigal, Executive Director, Office of Talent and Workforce Development, City of New York
- Jonathan Bowles, Executive Director, Center for an Urban Future
- Greg Morris, CEO, NYC Employment and Training Coalition
- Lekeisha French, CEO, The Future in Color
- Moderator: Lorna Stark, U.S. National Leader, Healthcare and Government, KPMG

Startup Central: **Digital Trust in Public Spaces**

- Rachel Stark, Smart Cities Program Manager, City of Charlotte
- Alejo Jimenez Jaramillo, Director of Governance and Policy, City of Boston
- Moderator: Jacqueline Lu, CEO, Helpful Places

9:40–10:50 AM Solutions Circle: **Roundtable TBD (Invite Only)**

10:20–10:50 AM Stage I: **Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Smart Cities**

- Kelly Moan, Chief Information Security Officer, City of New York
- Michael Fitzpatrick, Chief Privacy Officer, City of New York
- Moderator: Hardie Davis, Jr., Former Mayor, City of Augusta; Chair, Smart City Expo USA

Stage II: **21st Century Cities: Piloting Next-Gen Tech**

- Seth Wainer, Director of Innovation, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- Moderator: Daria Siegel, Vice President, Emerging Tech, NYCEDC

Stage III: **Universities to Unicorns: Commercialization and Tech Transfer**

This session explores how academic institutions can better foster partnerships with investors and corporations to facilitate the translation of promising technologies. This panel will explore the advantages and disadvantages of public-private-partnerships, how to encourage an innovative and entrepreneurial culture and mindset, address the valley of death, build an innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem, and when a technology is ready to commercialize.

- Orin Herskowitz, Executive Director, Columbia Technology Ventures; SVP of Applied Innovation and Industry Partnerships, Columbia University
- Fernando Gómez-Baquero, Director of Runway and Spinouts, Cornell Tech

Innovation Plaza: **Accessible Cities**

- Michele Lee, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Accessibility, Cruise
- Victor Calise, Director, Accessibility Center of Excellence, Walmart
- Moderator: Daniella Decker, Economic Inclusion Officer, International Finance Corporation

Startup Central: **Gov + Smart Cities Tech Talk**

11:00–11:30 AM Stage I: **Heat Waves to Sea Rise: Combating Climate Change**

With the pressing reality of global warming and climate change, this session delves into how cities are deploying next-gen technologies and innovative policies to mitigate extreme weather events and sea-level rise. Discover the evolving role of climate change in decision-making and the transformative power of technology in building a more sustainable future.

- Rohit Aggarwala, Chief Climate Officer, City of New York
- Amen Ra Mashariki, Director, AI and Data Strategies, Bezos Earth Fund
- George McGraw, Commissioner, Dept of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles
- Moderator: Maria Gotsch, President and CEO, Partnership Fund for New York City

Stage II: **Accelerating Impact: Data, Analytics, and GenAI, Oh My!**

Tell the truth – how many times have you heard the words “artificial intelligence” today? While AI might be more ubiquitous than even Taylor and Travis, it can be hard to know how to make the most of your data. Join us as we explore innovative civic uses at the intersection of technology and data – including how cutting-edge leaders are leveraging AI to more effectively measure economic impact, efficiently disburse benefits, and drive more sustainable development. This session will showcase best-in-class examples of public-private collaboration and help you understand how YOU can leverage AI and data to support your initiatives, policies, and partnerships to support inclusive growth.

- Perfecto Sanchez, CEO, Equity Quotient
- Martha Norrick, Chief Analytics Officer, City of New York
- Phil Chow, CEO, Humanitas AI
- Moderator: Victoria Din, SVP, U.S. Public Sector, Mastercard

Stage III: **Testbeds: Scaling and Piloting Frontier Tech**

As new and emerging technologies are developed and brought to market, cities and their partners have been working on ways to test and evaluate their use and benefits in urban environments through the creation of Testbeds and Living Labs. As a tech and innovation hub, New York City government and city institutions have developed programs that will allow companies, universities, and city agencies an opportunity to test and evaluate new technologies before moving to scale them more broadly. This panel will be host to several local representatives who will speak to their organization's innovation programs and how they can benefit NYC and its tech ecosystem.

- Matt Harrison, SVP, Development, Brooklyn Navy Yard

- John Petinos, Assistant VP, Industry Initiatives, NYCEDC
- Lauren Wang, Director of Climate Programs, The Trust for Governors Island
- Andrew Smyth, Director, NSF Center for Smart Streetscapes, Columbia University
- Moderator: Paul Rothman, Director, Smart Cities + IoT, City of New York

Innovation Plaza: **Smart Tourism, Strong Economic Impact**

Startup Central: **Gov + Smart Cities Tech Talk**

11:40–12:00 PM Stage I: **Real Estate of the Future**

12:00–1:00 PM Lunch Break

1:00–1:20 PM Stage I: **Tech, Trends, and the Future of Finance**

- Raymond J. McGuire, President, Lazard
- Moderator: Steven Reed, Mayor, City of Montgomery; President, African American Mayors Association

1:20–1:40 PM Stage I: **Smart and Socially Responsible Cities**

- Priscilla Sims Brown, President and CEO, Amalgamated Bank
- Moderator: Melissa Fenton, Executive Director, Council of Urban Professionals

1:40–2:00 PM Stage I: **VCs: Investing in Inclusive Futures**

2:00–2:30 PM Stage I: **Public Sector AI**

- Ernie Fernandez, VP, State and Local Government, Microsoft

Stage II: **Safe Cities: Public Safety and Emergency Management**

- Zach Iscol, Emergency Management Commissioner, City of New York
- Ruben Beltran, Chief of Information Technology, NYPD
- Gwen Lighter, CEO and Founder, GoAERO
- Moderator: John Tomik, Founder, Slalom Element lab212

Stage III: **EquiTech Cities: Increasing Access to Capital**

- Ebony Young, Deputy Queens Borough President, City of New York
- Jay Bailey, CEO, Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs
- Marcus Glover, General and Managing Partner, Lockstep Ventures
- Moderator: Fernando Montejo, AVP, Venture Access NYC, NYCEDC

Innovation Plaza: **The Law, Insurance, and Smart Cities**

- Cort Malone, Shareholder, Anderson Kill

Startup Central: **Gov + Smart Cities Tech Talk**

2:30–3:20 PM Networking Break

- 2:40–3:10 PM Innovation Plaza: **Justice Forward Cities**
- Joe Harb, Founder and CEO, Interactive Life
 - Darryl Phillips, Executive Director, A\$AP Foundation
 - Ariel Palitz, Managing Director, Hospitality & Intergovernmental Affairs, Oaktree Solutions
- Startup Central: **Gov + Smart Cities Tech Talk**
- 2:40–3:50 PM Solutions Circle: **Cities Coalition for Digital Rights (Invite Only)**
- 3:20–3:50 PM Stage I: **Future of Transit-Oriented Development**
- Majora Carter, CEO, Majora Carter Group
 - Brian Murray, Partner and CEO, SHIFT Capital
 - Winsome Bowen, East Region Division Manager, AtkinsRéalis
 - Moderator: Steven Segerlin, Head of Commercial Development, Amtrak
- Stage II: **Cities Computing on the Edge**
- Justin Upchurch, President, Integrated Technology Solutions, AMSYS
 - Jerele Neeld, Interim CIO, City of Chattanooga
 - Moderator: Jumbi Edulbehram, Director, Global Business Development, Smart Cities and Spaces, NVIDIA
- Stage III: **Accelerators, Incubators, and Innovative City Solutions**
- Murat Aktihanoglu, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, ERA
 - Brian Carey, Founder and CEO, Knaq
 - Moderator: Stacey Matlen, SVP, Innovation, Partnership Fund for New York City
- Innovation Plaza: **Optimizing Govt with ADA & Multilingual Chatbots**
- Discover the transformative power of multilingual, ADA-compliant AI chatbots in streamlining government operations. This discussion will delve into NYC's [MyCity Chatbot](#) and Botcopy's award-winning chatbot for the Minnesota DMV, which recently earned the Google NEXT Award for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Learn about revolutionary advancements in secure authentication, data collection, and account management through the use of LLMs and Generative AI, setting a new standard for operational efficiency in the public sector.
- Rob Lubow, Principal Co-Founder, Botcopy
 - Dustin Dye, CEO and Co-Founder, Botcopy
- Startup Central: **Vcs, Startups, and Clean Energy Tech**
- Donnel Baird, CEO, BlocPower
 - Mark Chambers, VP, Partnerships, Elemental Excelsator
 - Tenzin Seldon, Founder, Pulse Fund
 - Moderator: Regina Gwynn, Co-Founder, Black Women Talk Tech
- 4:00–4:30 PM Stage I: **Global View on Smart Cities**
- Ed Mermelstein, International Affairs Commissioner, City of New York
 - Moderator: Ugo Valenti, CEO, Smart City Expo World Congress

4:30–5:00 PM Stage I: **Building Cities of the Future**

- Jeff Blau, CEO, Related