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DCDT MINISTER, MONDLI GUNGUBELE LAUNCHES THE FOURTH HUB OF AIISA: THE DEFENCE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HUB

The Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, Hon Mondli Gungubele in partnership with the Department of Defence will launch the fourth hub of the Artificial Intelligence Institute of South Africa (AIISA), the Defence Artificial Intelligence Research Unit (DAIRU) at the Military Academy in Saldanha, Western Cape.

The DAIRU aims to harness the transformative power of AI to elevate South Africa's defence sector. In the face of the global proliferation of AI, this ground-breaking initiative will ensure that South Africa not only keeps pace but leads the way in utilising cutting-edge technology to maintain strategic advantage and national security.

The AIISA was established in November 2022 to promote the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) skills and research capabilities in response to socio-economic challenges. The launch of the DAIRU is part of the implementation of the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on 4th Industrial Revolution (PC4IR), which recognises AI as a vital technology for societal and economic advancement.

The launch, to which members of the media are cordially invited will attract a diverse audience of individuals, including academia, policymakers, civil servants, industry experts, and media representatives is scheduled as follows:



Date: **03 May 2024**
Time: **08h00-13h30**
Venue: **Military Academy, Saldanha, Western Cape**

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