DAY 1 RECAP & INTRODUCTION TO DAY 2

Correctional Service Week 2026

Distinguished guests, development partners, esteemed delegates, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

It is a privilege and an honour to welcome you to Day Two of Correctional Service Week 2026.

Across yesterday's plenaries and high-level panels, one message consistently emerged: correctional transformation must be purposeful, integrated and scalable.

We were challenged to move beyond isolated pilots towards solutions that can work across the correctional system. Technology was presented not as an end in itself, but as an enabler of better decisions, stronger accountability, improved rehabilitation and more efficient service delivery. Equally important was the caution that technology must support, not replace, professional judgement

We saw this principle translated into practical possibilities. Discussions on offender communication demonstrated the potential of secure, lawful and properly governed digital systems. The PACSLink experience showed that innovation does not always have to wait for perfect infrastructure; practitioner-led solutions can begin addressing data quality, duplication and case management challenges.

We were also informed that technology can widen the reach of rehabilitation and community participation. Digital platforms can support wellness, rehabilitation, supervision and volunteer engagement, but they must be accompanied by appropriate governance, safeguards, institutional capacity and evidence of what works.

On the green transformation agenda, the conversation moved beyond tree planting to a broader institutional question: How do we build correctional services that are climate-resilient, resource-efficient, and sustainable? Renewable energy, climate-smart infrastructure, water management, sustainable agriculture, green skills, innovative financing and measurable environmental performance all emerged as priorities.

If Day One helped us see the horizon, Day Two will help us build the road toward it.

What is different about Day Two?

Today is deliberately structured around Technical Breakaways (syndicates), Innovation and Implementation. Beginning after this presentation, esteemed delegates will work through five thematic syndicates.

Similarly, immediately after the health break, the same groups will proceed into Solution and Implementation Labs, followed by breakaway reports, consolidation and presentation of the emerging conference priorities.

The five syndicates focus on:

1. Offender Management Systems and Automation;
2. Offender Surveillance, Supervision and Electronic Monitoring;
3. E-Filing, Digital Records and Data Analytics;
4. E-Rehabilitation, Telemedicine and Artificial Intelligence; and
5. Renewable Energy and Green Correctional Infrastructure.

But these are not ordinary discussion groups.

The purpose of the syndicates is explicitly to move us from discussion to actionable outcomes. Each group is expected to examine where we are today, define where we want to go, identify what must change, agree on immediate priorities, and assign responsibility

The methodology is therefore simple, disciplined and results-oriented:

1. **Where are we now?** Establish the baseline—what exists, what is working and where the critical gaps remain.
2. **Where do we want to be?** Define a clear and realistic future state.
3. **What needs to change?** Identify the policy, technology, infrastructure, skills and institutional reforms required.
4. **What can we implement immediately?** Prioritise **three to five practical, high-impact interventions** rather than producing an unlimited wish list.
5. **Who needs to do what?** Clearly allocate responsibility across SDCS, KPS, PACS, justice-sector institutions, partners and other actors.
6. **What is our action plan?** Attach timelines, responsible institutions and measurable indicators to the priorities we agree upon. SDCS CSW 2026 CN for Syndicates

By the time each syndicate reports back, we should therefore hear not merely what was discussed, but what has been agreed.

We expect a concise statement of the current gaps; a clear future-state vision; three to five priority interventions; defined institutional responsibilities; an implementation pathway; measurable indicators; and the critical policy, financing, technology, infrastructure, capacity and partnership requirements necessary for delivery

Ladies and gentlemen, today is therefore our working day.

Let us be ambitious, but remain practical and implementable. Let us identify innovation, but also identify ownership, resources, safeguards, timelines and measures of success.

With that, I wish all the syndicates productive, focused and solution-oriented deliberations.

Thank you, and we wish you an impactful Day Two.