

## MTN appoints David Behr as CEO for enterprise solutions

David Behr, a seasoned industry expert with more than 20 years of experience in the enterprise field, will take over as the new chief executive of the ICT Centre of Excellence (CoE) for MTN Group and MTN South Africa from 1 November 2023. Behr has a strong background in enterprise cloud, cyber security, IOT solutions and platform development, among other areas.



The ICT CoE is a central unit within MTN that develops and promotes best practices, processes and standards for the business. It also drives platform and solution development, which are then deployed to business units for execution and customer implementation.

Behr's experience in building CoEs will help MTN achieve the enterprise scale it needs across its 19 operating markets.



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"ICT solutions specifically designed to service enterprises is undoubtedly one of the most fast-developing and ever-evolving sectors within business today. By pulling together best-in-class multidisciplinary specialists, we can drive thought leadership and guarantee fast task execution while enhancing our organisation's capabilities," says Jens Schulte-Bockum, MTN Group COO about the unit's importance.

"This is a powerful value-add to our customers who always expect cutting-edge solutions from us, to help their businesses thrive."

## **Grand ambition**

MTN's Ambition 2025 hinges on the development of world-class ICT solutions, a crucial component of portfolio transformation and the creation of valuable digital platforms. According to MTN, Behr's appointment perfectly aligns with these strategic objectives, particularly in maximising its strategic alliance with hyperscalers and other essential partners.

"David Behr's exceptional career and deep industry knowledge make him the ideal choice to lead our ICT Centre of Excellence. He will play a pivotal role in advancing our strategic initiatives, strengthening our partnerships, and driving innovation that enhances our customers' digital experiences", says Charles Molapisi, CEO of MTN South Africa.

Behr founded one of Zimbabwe's initial Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in 1995, nurturing it to become the largest in the country. In 2012, he joined Liquid Intelligent Technologies, contributing significantly to its growth and evolution.

He is currently CEO of Liquid C2, where he has played a pivotal role in shaping the organisation's achievements, further cementing his reputation as a visionary leader. Behr will succeed Vaughn Naidoo, who held the interim position.

Behr's academic achievements include an MBA from Harvard Business School and a Master of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the University of Bristol in the UK.

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