

# Praesignis collaborates with AWS re/Start programme

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Praesignis, the data consulting experts, today announced that it is collaborating with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to deliver **AWS re/Start**, an internationally recognised skills development programme that prepares learners for entry-level careers in the cloud.



Praesignis, in collaboration with AWS re/Start, will launch a skills development initiative coupled with a learnership programme that will build an inclusive and diverse pipeline of new talent into the cloud ecosystem, by providing skills to unemployed and underemployed individuals with a fundamental technology background and preparing them to launch a cloud career.

“We are ecstatic to collaborate with AWS re/Start to build essential AWS skills that will enable South Africans to take up careers in the growing cloud computing job market,” **says Johan Ceronio, CEO of Praesignis.** “This collaboration will complement South African President Mr Cyril Ramaphosa’s initiative to prepare the country for the fourth industrial revolution (4IR), which is going to place huge demand on the skills required in the job market.”

Praesignis launched the first cohort of the AWS re/Start programme at the end of 2020. We are excited that one learner from the first cohort, by the name of Ayanda Dlamini, excelled in the programme and is now an AWS certified cloud

practitioner, and has been appointed as a junior facilitator for the AWS re/Start 2021 programme. In this role, Dlamini will help teach individuals in the next cohort of the AWS re/Start programme to help them launch cloud careers.

This 12-week AWS re/Start programme in collaboration with Praesignis, whereby 25 under-employed and unemployed learners will be enrolled per quarter together with a 12-month NQF 4 learnership in IT technical support. This opportunity will allow for the learners to acquire both an international AWS re/Start accreditation and a South African Saqa-recognised certification. This opportunity was opened to various rural communities across South Africa and not limited to just urban Gauteng. The individuals chosen for the programme have come from various communities across South Africa, even to an extent where some individuals have relocated from rural regions to be part of this fantastic opportunity.

In preparation for this milestone collaboration, Praesignis has established a Centre of Excellence to welcome and accommodate the new learners in 2021. This state of the art centre has been set up to facilitate a blended learning programme that will impact the learners' knowledge and skills, preparing them for the world of work in the IT/cloud industry as South Africa prepares for the fourth industrial revolution.

**Praesignis**, a proud **B-BBEE level one** contributor, is a professional IT services consultancy that specialises in data management, business intelligence and analytics together with cloud services management. The consultancy also has huge focus on skills development through its learnership programs.

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