

# CDAO Singapore



▶ Connecting you to what's next in data and AI

<b>CDAO Singapore</b> <b>DAY ONE: Wednesday 22 April 2026</b>	
08:30	<i>Register; grab coffee. Mix, mingle, and say hello to peers old and new</i>
08:50	<b>Corinium's welcoming remarks</b>
09:00	<b>Chair's Opening Remarks</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Srividya Subramanian Vidyasagar</b> Global Head, Cloud and Production Engineering, WRB Tech <b>Standard Chartered</b>
09:05	<b>Speed Networking – Making new connections at CDAO Singapore!</b> During this 5-minute networking session, the aim of the game is to go and meet three people you don't already know. Have fun!
09:10	<b>Opening Keynote</b> <b>From Data-Ready to Future-Ready: Leading with Confidence in the AI Age</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Gek Peng Tay</b> Digital Transformation Mentor <b>Republic of Singapore Air Force</b>
09:35	<b>Build Once, Scale Everywhere - The Economics of Reusable Data Products</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Esther Lim</b> Principal Solutions Consultant <b>Quest Software</b>
10:00	<b>Governance Panel</b> <b>Bridging Governance and Innovation: Can We Have Both?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring how leaders can foster creativity while maintaining control and oversight</li> <li>Sharing strategies to align innovation with governance and risk frameworks</li> <li>Highlighting real-world examples of balancing agility with compliance</li> </ul> <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Shanmuga Sunthar Muniandy</b> Director of Architecture & Chief Evangelist, APAC <b>Denodo</b>  <u>Panellists:</u> <b>Chen Huaxing</b> Head, Group Wholesale Data Analytics <b>UOB</b> <b>Rahul Patil</b> ED, Head of Data Governance Office <b>Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation</b> <b>Gek Peng Tay</b> Digital Transformation Mentor <b>Republic of Singapore Air Force</b> <b>Budiman Bun</b> Head of Services <b>ABeam Analytics</b>
10:35	<i>Morning coffee and connect</i>
11:05	<b>AI Panel</b> <b>From Hype to Impact: Scaling Agentic AI for Real-World Enterprise Adoption</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How agentic AI can automate entire business processes end-to-end, beyond isolated use cases</li> <li>Helping business leaders understand what AI can (and can't) do to ensure relevant, high-impact applications</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balancing rapid AI innovation with governance, ethics, and measurable business value</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Tarun Samtani</b> Ex-IAPP, Advisory Board Member/Director – Digital Governance</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> <b>Tahir Zafar</b> International Head of AI Strategy <b>Nomura</b> <b>Yitong Chen</b> VP Data Scientist &amp; Analytics <b>Validus</b> <b>Varun Sharma</b> APAC Head of Data &amp; Analytics <b>The HEINEKEN Company</b></p>	
11:40	<b>Trusted Context: Context is The New Currency</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Brad Starr</b> VP of Solution Engineering – JAPAC <b>Informatica</b>	
12:05	<b>Fireside Chat</b> <b>Scaling Talent and Culture in Fast-Changing Data and Tech Environments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparing teams to adapt and excel in fast-changing, high-scale environments</li> <li>Fostering a culture that embraces innovation, agility, and continuous learning</li> <li>Aligning people strategies with organisational growth and transformation goals</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Cher Jing Ting</b> Head of Data Science <b>SP Group</b>  <b>Shobana Ravisankar</b> Director, Data &amp; Analytics <b>PSA BDP</b></p>	
12:30	<b>Turning Data Readiness into Scalable AI Value</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>David Irecki</b> Chief Technology Officer APJ <b>Boomi</b>	
12:55	<i>Connect, converse, and lunch</i>	<b>Quantexa's Private Lunch</b>
	<b>Track A Governance</b>	<b>Track B Innovation</b>
14:05	<b>Designing AI Governance for Efficient Deployment</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Valerie Nanqi Liu</b> VP Data Governance <b>UOB</b>	<b>AI + Data Readiness: Accelerating Time-to-Value in Pharmaceutical</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Martin Suryadi</b> Associate Regional Director, Data & Analytics (APAC) <b>Menarini Asia-Pacific</b>
14:30	<b>Data Governance with Data Integrity: Enabling Scalable, Agile, and Trusted Data Management</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Dheeraj Yadav</b> Senior Manager, Solution Architecture <b>Tricentis</b>	<b>From AI to Agentic AI: Transformation of the Enterprise Decision Engine</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Sachin B Singh</b> Head of Enterprise Solutions, Asia Pacific <b>Dow Jones</b>
14:55	<b>The Future of Data Democratisation: Unlocking Real Self Service Data in the Enterprise</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Akila Ramu</b> Senior Data Architect <b>Manulife</b>	<b>Shape as Data: From Contours to Conclusions</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Jagadish Sankaran</b> Senior Scientist 1 <b>A*Star</b>
15:20	<b>Collibra: Deasy Labs — From Stalled POC to Production AI with Deasy Data Curation</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Reece Griffiths</b> Field CTO <b>Collibra</b>	<b>Leading AI Transformation with Confidence: The Enterprise Context Layer for Agentic AI</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Graeme McConnell</b> Strategic Account Director <b>Glean</b>
15:45	<i>Afternoon coffee and connect</i>	

16:15	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Governance vs Innovation: Finding the Balance in Data &amp; Analytics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How organisations can enable experimentation and innovation without compromising trust, compliance, or data quality</li> <li>• Where governance should act as an accelerator — not a blocker — to analytics and AI initiatives</li> <li>• Practical approaches to embed guardrails that support speed, accountability, and measurable value</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u>  <b>Srividya Subramanian Vidyasagar</b> Global Head, Cloud and Production Engineering, WRB Tech <b>Standard Chartered</b></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Cher Jing Ting</b> Head of Data Science <b>SP Group</b>  <b>Sankara Prasad Kondareddy</b> Head of AI &amp; Data Science <b>Amplify Health</b></p>
16:40	<p><b>Fireside Chat</b>  <b>Unlocking Business Value Through Modern Data, Analytics &amp; AI Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transforming legacy data environments to unlock enterprise-wide intelligence</li> <li>• Maximising ROI by optimising performance, cost, and security across modern data foundations</li> <li>• Building future-ready data platforms that accelerate AI adoption and business transformation</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Wouter van Groenestijn</b> Data &amp; Analytics Lead, APAC <b>Cargill</b>  <b>Dinesh Ramchandani</b> Analytics and Insights Leader <b>ex-Unilever Director</b></p>
17:05	<p><b>Chair's Remarks</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Srividya Subramanian Vidyasagar</b> Global Head, Cloud and Production Engineering, WRB Tech <b>Standard Chartered</b></p>
17:10	<p><b>CDAO Cheers with Peers</b>  <i>Drinks reception and networking</i></p>

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**DAY TWO: Thursday 23 April 2026**

08:30	<i>Register; grab coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new</i>
09:10	<b>Chair's Opening Remarks</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Srividya Subramanian Vidyasagar</b> Global Head, Cloud and Production Engineering, WRB Tech <b>Standard Chartered</b>
09:15	<b>Is Data Analytics Dead — or Are We Missing the Point?</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Rakesh Menon</b> Data Evangelist - Enterprise Efficiency <b>Maybank</b>
09:40	<b>The Three Pillars of a Scalable, Secure, and Monetised AI Strategy</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Ned Shawa</b> VP + CTO, Solutions Engineering, APJ <b>Kong</b>
10:05	<b>Predictive Data Quality: How ML Models Detect Issues Before They Hit Production</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Akash Mitra</b> Senior Lead Software Engineer <b>JP Morgan Chase</b>
10:30	<i>Coffee and connect</i>
11:05	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>The Hidden Cost of Bad Data: Building a Business Case for Readiness</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifying how poor data quality drives hidden costs across operations, compliance, and customer experience</li><li>• Demonstrating the ROI of data readiness through reduced errors, faster decision-making, and stronger AI outcomes</li><li>• Building executive buy-in by linking data quality investments directly to business growth and risk reduction</li></ul> <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Shobana Ravisankar</b> Director, Data & Analytics <b>PSA BDP</b>  <u>Panellists:</u> <b>Monica Srinivasan</b> ED, Data Conduct - Data Quality <b>Standard Chartered</b> <b>Rakesh Menon</b> Data Evangelist - Enterprise Efficiency <b>Maybank</b> <b>Shawn McAllister</b> Chief AI Strategy Officer <b>Solace</b>
11:40	<b>Built for the Autonomous Era: How the AI + Knowledge Platform Operationalizes Enterprise AI</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Praveen Thakur</b> SVP of Growth Markets <b>Teradata</b>
12:05	<b>Defending Analytics in the Age of AI</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Andy Goldin</b> Chief Strategy & Data Officer <b>KAST</b>
12:30	<b>Dealing with the AI Explosion: Turning Hype into Measurable AI Success</b>  <u>Speaker:</u> <b>Syed Ismail</b> Sr Manager, Sales Engineering <b>Dataiku</b>
12:55	<i>Connect, converse, and lunch</i>

14:05	<p><b>Fireside Chat</b>  <b>The True Costs of Scale and How to Control Them</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring operational and financial challenges of scaling data platforms</li> <li>• Sharing practical approaches to optimise efficiency, reduce waste, and manage risk</li> <li>• Highlighting lessons learned from organisations navigating rapid growth</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Hou Kiat Chao</b> Deputy Group Head, Digital &amp; AI Office concurrent Head, Rail Asset Management <b>SBS Transit Rail</b>  <b>John Burns</b> Director, Data &amp; Analytics APAC <b>Yara International</b></p>
14:30	<p><b>Ask in Plain English, Get a Trusted Answer: The Leader's Guide to NLP-to-SQL</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Irwan Mulyawan</b> Manager, Data Analytics &amp; Engineering <b>Seven Retail Group</b></p>
14:55	<p><b>Navigating Data Chaos in AI Era: Building Scalable Foundations for the Future of Analytics</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Bharath Krishnamachari</b> Sr. Director of Data &amp; Analytics <b>Delivery Hero</b></p>
15:20	<p><b>Group Discussion</b>  <b>Harnessing Data Responsibly to Fuel Sustainable Innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabling experimentation and rapid insights while maintaining compliance</li> <li>• Implementing frameworks that balance creativity, privacy, and regulatory requirements</li> <li>• Translating responsible data practices into sustainable business advantage</li> </ul> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Srividya Subramanian Vidyasagar</b> Global Head, Cloud and Production Engineering, WRB Tech <b>Standard Chartered</b></p>
15:45	<b>Chair's Closing Remarks</b>
15:50	<i>Coffee and connect</i>
16:30	<b>Close of CDAO Singapore 2026. See you in 2027!</b>