

IGSATS 2026 – INNOVATE & ELEVATE

Monday – Nov 16	Start	End	Duration	Description
	17:00	20:00	3H	Speaker's Cocktail Reception

Tuesday - Nov 17	Day 1			
	Start	End	Duration	Description
	07:30	08:30	1H	Breakfast – The Sound Hotel (Included in room rate)
	08:00	12:00	4H	Registration (Dedicated GSATS Registration Desk in the AWS SAE44 building)
	9:00	9:10	10M	Welcome & Opening Address Mark Pace , IGSA President
	9:15	9:45	30M	Opening Keynote Address How is Technology shaping the global regulatory landscape Mr. Kevin Mulally , CEO IAGR
	10:00	10:45	45M	Safer Gambling – How are advancements in technology changing the way we implement player protection? Player protection has become a cornerstone of a sustainable and well-regulated gambling industry. As the sector continues to evolve through digital innovation, expanded online gaming, and increased accessibility, operators, regulators, technology providers, and policymakers face the shared responsibility of ensuring that gambling remains a safe and enjoyable form of entertainment while minimizing the risks of gambling-related harm. How is the early detection of harmful gambling behaviors through data analytics and artificial intelligence improving player protection? Which safer gambling policies foster trust, transparency, and accountability while preserving player choice? Panel Moderator: Tracy Schrans, Principal & President, Focal Research Speakers: Sean Britt - Sr. Director, Global Gaming Markets, LexisNexis Jen Shatley - Executive Director, ROGA
	11:00	11:45	45M	Combating illegal offshore online gaming – Fighting fire with fire Cease and Desist letters, shutting down IP addresses and Domains often times feels like regulators are playing a never-ending game of whack-a-mole. As quickly as one site is shut down, another pops up in its place. Are there tech-based solutions that can shut down sites as fast as illegal operators can spawn new ones? Panel Moderator: Speakers: Nicolas Sorin – Regional Director, Sharp Vision Matt Holt – CEO, Gaming Compliance International Alex Strahan – Administrator, Montana Gaming Commission

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	12:00	13:30	1H 30M	Lunch
	13:45	14:30	45M	Cyber Resiliency in the Era of AI – Protection against evolving threats News that Anthropic AI was going to widely release a set of AI-powered tools that could render most existing cyber security systems obsolete was a clarion call for many. What can we do to prepare for these AI powered threats which bad actors will likely exploit? Panel Moderator: Nimish Purohit – VP Technology Global Service Management & Operations, Aristocrat Speakers: Steve Bonilla, Executive Director of IT, Wynn Resorts Kevin Kealy, Global Chief Information Security Officer, L&W Mike Reaves – Principal Solutions Architect – Betting & Gaming, Amazon Web Services
	14:45	15:30	45M	Payment Processing – Crypto Exchanges & Stable Coins, a reality coming to a jurisdiction near you? Crypto Exchange companies are looking to understand what they need to do to operate in the regulated gaming space as talk of fiat-denominated stable coins coming to gaming continues. Is this a solution looking for a problem? Panel Moderator: Jonathan Michaels - Founder and Principal, Michaels Strategies Speakers: Daniel Carson – Sr. Director Crypto & iGaming, Paysafe Victor Newsom - SVP Fintech Commercial Strategy, IGT Joe Watkins - President, Worldpay Solutions
	15:45	16:30	45M	Online Skill Gaming – True skill and no RNG The rapid growth of online skill gaming has created new opportunities for innovation, consumer engagement, and economic development while presenting complex regulatory and legal challenges. How is the regulatory landscape for online skill gaming evolving? How are regulators providing oversight of games where player skill, knowledge, or strategy is the predominant factor in determining outcomes. What are the legal distinctions between games of skill and games of chance? Panel Moderator: Nick Farley - President, Eclipse Compliance Testing Speakers: Desiree Dickinson - CEO, THNDR Jamin Horn - General Counsel, Triumph Jason White - Founder & CEO, TallyUp Karl Rempel - Senior Manager, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
	16:30	16:35	5M	Day 1 Wrap-up Mark Pace, IGSA President
	17:30	20:30	3H	All Delegate Cocktail Reception – The Sound Hotel

	Day 2			
	Start	End	Duration	Description
Wednesday - Nov 18	08:00	12:00	4H	Breakfast – The Sound Hotel (Included in room rate)
	07:30	08:30	1H	Registration (Dedicated GSATS Registration Desk in the AWS SAE44 building)
	09:00	09:10	10M	Welcome & Opening Address Mark Pace , IGSA President
	9:15	10:00	45M	New Technology – How does the industry keep up? Our industry is undergoing rapid technological transformation, driven by advances in AI, blockchain, cloud computing, digital payments, data analytics, and immersive technologies such as virtual and augmented reality. These innovations are reshaping how operators engage with players, strengthen security, ensure regulatory compliance, and create more personalized gaming experiences. How are emerging technologies redefining the gaming ecosystem. What are the opportunities and challenges associated with AI-powered responsible gaming, fraud detection, cybersecurity, blockchain-based transparency, digital identity verification, cashless gaming, predictive analytics, and the integration of next-generation gaming platforms. Panel Moderator: Lindsay Slader - Chief Growth Officer UBank Speakers: Tom Pierro – Senior Account Executive, Giesecke+Devrient David Kan - Chief Information Officer, Tennessee Sports Wagering Council Chris O'Malley - General Manager Collaboration and Education, Intel Evan Davis - Counsel, RCCB Law
	10:15	11:00	45M	Artificial Intelligence – Beyond the Hype While there are many claims as to how AI is empowering the gaming industry, many still question whether this is real or just hype. This session will dive into case studies showing how AI is truly being used to add value in different areas of gaming. Panel Moderator: Speakers: Raj Salvaji – Principal for the Gaming Industry, Amazon Web Services Errol Rice - Director of Technical Compliance Konami Sangeeta Reddy - VP Innovation, GLI

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11:15	12:00	45M	Tribal Gaming – Balancing Tribal Sovereign and State Rights Tribal gaming has become a vital economic engine for many Indigenous nations, supporting self-governance, economic development, healthcare, education, housing, and community services. At the same time, the expansion of gaming technologies, sports betting, and online gaming has introduced new legal, regulatory, and jurisdictional challenges that require ongoing collaboration between tribal governments, state governments, and federal authorities. How is the relationship evolving between tribal sovereign rights and state regulatory interests? How can cooperative partnerships support both tribal self-determination and effective gaming oversight. What is the impact of emerging gaming markets on existing agreements and how is it impacting the legal foundations of tribal gaming, the role of tribal-state compacts, revenue sharing, and regulatory cooperation. Panel Moderator: Rich Rader – CTO, Umpqua Indian Dev. Corp. Speakers: Steve Bodmer - General Counsel Pechanga Travis O’Neil – CEO, Angel of the Winds
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13:15	14:00	45M	Regulatory Approval Challenges in the era of AI driven Cyber Threats. As AI transforms both cyber defense and cybercrime, gaming test labs, regulators and operators face unprecedented challenges in maintaining secure, compliant, and trustworthy gaming environments. AI-powered cyberattacks—including sophisticated phishing campaigns, automated vulnerability exploitation, deepfake identity fraud, and adaptive malware—are evolving faster than many traditional regulatory approval processes can accommodate. How can test labs, regulators, gaming operators, technology providers, and cybersecurity experts modernize regulatory frameworks without stifling innovation? Can processes such as risk-based approval models, continuous compliance monitoring, AI governance standards, third-party technology assessments, and real-time cybersecurity oversight provide a solution? What are the regulatory implications of cloud gaming infrastructure, automated decision-making systems, digital identity verification, and cross-border cybersecurity cooperation. Panel Moderator: Eric Karmark, VP VLT Gaming & Operations Speakers: Joe Benuvith - VP Government & Regulatory Affairs, GLI Jeremy Eberwein - Deputy Chief, Nevada Gaming Control Board Chris Fleenor - Chief Technology & Gaming Officer, Ohio Casino Control Commission

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	14:15	15:00	45M	Beyond the Hype: Architecting the AI-Native Gaming Company The world's most powerful companies are failing at AI — 95% of enterprise pilots never deliver ROI — and the gaming industry is walking straight into the same trap, one app purchase at a time. The problem is not the technology; it is that AI is being bought as a tool when it must be built as a culture. In this session, Earle G. Hall dismantles the illusion of the "AI strategy," reveals the four data questions most Boards cannot answer, and introduces the #eghtruths five-stage AI Maturity Ladder that shows every executive exactly where their organization really stands. You will leave with the self-audit that separates the companies that will run the next decade from the companies that will merely remember this one. Earle Hall - President and CEO Axes.IO
	15:15	16:00	45M	IGSA Committee Roundtable. Hear from Committee Chairs, Vice-chairs or committee participants on the work underway in each active IGSA Committee. Speakers: Nimish Purohit - Cyber Resiliency Committee Chair (Aristocrat); Jonathan Michaels - Payments Committee Chair (Michaels Strategies) Mark Pace - Ethical use of AI Committee Desiree Dickerson - Online Skill Gaming Committee Chair (THNDR) Earle Hall - Emerging Technology Committee Chair (Axes.io) Tracy Scharns – Safer Gambling Committee (Focal Research)
	16:15	17:00	45M	Regulatory Roundtable – Regulators reflect on what they've heard for the past two days, and share what the industry can do through associations such as IGSA to support technology adoption. Speakers: Chris Fleenor - Chief Technology & Gaming Officer, Ohio Casino Control Commission Karl Rempel - Senior Manager, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario; Jeremy Eberwein - Deputy Chief, Nevada Gaming Control Board Alex Strahan – Administrator, Montana Gaming Commission
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