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World Cup 2026: How Artificial Intelligence Has Transformed The Game Of Football



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From Smart Stadiums To Generative Fan Activity: How AI Transformed FIFA World Cup 2026

DSE Football News

Artificial intelligence become the defining force behind the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

While fans focus on spectacular goals, dramatic victories and the brilliance of football's biggest stars, AI was working quietly behind the scenes to change how the sport is played, analysed and experienced.

From helping coaches understand players such as Lamine Yamal, Kylian Mbappé, Erling Haaland and Jude Bellingham, and Lionel Messi - to improving refereeing decisions and creating personalised fan experiences, artificial intelligence has become football's newest teammate.

Here are ten ways AI is transforming the 2026 World Cup.

1. AI Cameras Capture Every Moment

Smart camera technology has revolutionised football broadcasting. AI-powered cameras automatically track the ball, recognise key players and create instant replays from multiple angles without constant human control.

Whether Yamal produces a magical dribble, Mbappé explodes into space or Haaland delivers a powerful finish, AI ensures fans see every important moment from the best possible viewpoint.

2. Players Receive Smarter Performance Data

Elite footballers are using AI systems to improve performance and reduce injury risks. Wearable technology measures speed, acceleration, distance covered and recovery levels during training and matches.

For players like Bellingham, whose all-action style requires enormous physical output, AI can identify fatigue patterns and help coaches manage workloads more effectively.

3. AI Makes Refereeing More Accurate

Artificial intelligence is improv-



ing one of football's most debated areas: officiating.

Advanced systems analyse thousands of images instantly to support decisions on offsidess, handballs and possible fouls. Human referees still make the final decisions, but AI reduces delays and improves accuracy during crucial moments.

4. Superstars Gain Tactical Insights

The world's best players now have access to detailed AI analysis before matches. Systems can identify defensive weaknesses, opponent movements and tactical patterns.

Mbappé can study spaces behind defenders, Haaland can analyse defensive positioning and Yamal can understand where creative opportunities will appear. AI gives elite players another advantage at the highest level.

5. Coaches Use Predictive Intelligence

Managers are increasingly using AI as a tactical assistant. The technology studies thousands of matches to identify patterns in formations, pressing styles, passing movements and set pieces.

Rather than replacing coaches, AI provides deeper information, helping teams prepare smarter strategies against the world's strongest opponents.

6. Fans Enjoy Personalised Experiences

AI has changed how supporters follow the World Cup. Fans no longer have to watch the same content as everyone else.

Supporters can receive personalised highlights based on their favourite teams and players. A

Yamal fan can follow his skills and assists, while Haaland supporters can instantly access goals and attacking statistics.

7. Broadcasts Become More Intelligent

AI is transforming television coverage by providing real-time statistics, tactical explanations and player comparisons.

Viewers can understand why Bellingham controls midfield battles, how Mbappé creates chances or why Haaland's movement causes defensive problems.

The technology makes football easier to analyse for both experts and new fans.

8. Smart Stadiums Improve Matchdays

Artificial intelligence is improving the stadium experience for millions of World Cup visitors.

Smart systems help manage crowds, improve security, reduce queues and guide supporters around venues. With matches taking place across North America, AI is helping create smoother and safer matchdays.

9. AI Creates Instant Football Content

The World Cup generates billions of digital interactions, and AI helps fans experience major moments instantly.

Algorithms identify key events, create short videos, add captions and translate content within seconds. A stunning goal or unforgettable skill can become a worldwide sensation almost immediately.

10. Generative AI Inspires Creativity

One of the most entertaining developments is the rise of fan-created AI content.

Supporters are producing personalised artwork, fantasy kits, digital posters, memes and creative football videos inspired by World Cup moments. Stay Connected On The DSE Football News

Well Tried, But It Was A Brutal End For African Teams At The 2026 World Cup

DSE Football News

We report on the next page that this was perhaps a fantastic World Cup.

African teams made unprecedented history at the 2026 FIFA World Cup, with nine of the continent's record ten representatives advancing to the Round of 32.

Following the tournament's expansion to 48 teams, Africa's collective performance rewrote the record books, proving the continent's growing strength on the global stage.

However, the knockout phase delivered heartbreak, with seven African teams eliminated after a series of narrow defeats and dramatic late moments.

Ultimately, only North African giants Morocco and Egypt survived the intense battles to reach the Round of 16, continuing Africa's remarkable rise in world football.

The tournament showcased resilience, talent, and competitive growth. Here is what the football experts observed on the DSE News Network.

Morocco

Atlas Lions Continue Historic World Cup Journey

Morocco continued their rise as Africa's leading football nation with another impressive World Cup campaign built on discipline, tactical intelligence, and composure under pressure.

The Atlas Lions survived a dramatic Round of 32 clash against the Netherlands, holding the European giants to a 1-1 draw before winning 3-2 in a tense penalty shootout.

Their Round of 16 performance against Canada highlighted their maturity and confidence. Morocco produced a commanding 3-0 victory, combining defensive strength with clinical attacking football to advance further.



Following their historic semi-final run in 2022, Morocco have cemented their place among the world's elite and remain Africa's modern World Cup standard-bearers.

Egypt

Pharaohs Display Fighting Spirit On Global Stage

Egypt produced one of Africa's most resilient campaigns, combining experience, defensive organisation, and mental strength throughout the tournament.

The Pharaohs battled through a difficult group stage before defeating Australia in a dramatic Round of 32 encounter. After taking the lead through Emam Ashour, Egypt were forced into extra time following an unfortunate own-goal.

Showing remarkable composure, Egypt delivered under pressure in the penalty shootout, with captain Mohamed Salah leading the way as they secured a 4-2 victory and a place in the Round of 16.

Against Argentina, Egypt pushed the South American giants in a thrilling contest before eventually falling 3-2. Despite elimination, their performance reinforced their status as one of Africa's strongest football nations.

Cape Verde

Island Underdogs Stun Global Giants

Cape Verde became one of the tournament's biggest surprises, impressing with fearless football and resilience. Their memorable group-stage draw against Spain and competitive 3-2 extra-time defeat against Argentina showcased the talent emerging from the island nation.

South Africa

Late Heartbreak Against Host Nation

Bafana Bafana displayed excellent organisation throughout their campaign and reached the knockout stage before suffering a cruel 1-0 defeat against Canada after conceding a stoppage-time winner.

Senegal

Overtime Thriller Ends In Pain

Senegal delivered one of the most entertaining knockout matches, fighting back against Belgium before losing 3-2 in extra time after a late penalty decided the contest.

DR Congo

Historic Victory Sparks Golden Era

DR Congo announced themselves on the world stage by recording

their first World Cup victory with a 3-1 win over Uzbekistan. They later pushed England before narrowly losing 2-1 after a late goal.

Côte d'Ivoire

Haaland Denies Resilient Elephants

The Elephants produced a memorable group-stage victory over Ecuador before taking Norway to the limit. A late Erling Haaland strike ended their run with a 2-1 defeat.

Ghana

Narrow Loss Defeats Black Stars

Ghana reached the knockout stage after a demanding group campaign but were eliminated by Colombia following a narrow 1-0 defeat despite a strong defensive effort.

Algeria

Desert Foxes Fall To Switzerland

Algeria advanced as one of the best third-placed teams after a dramatic 3-3 group-stage draw but were defeated 2-0 by Switzerland after struggling against disciplined counter-attacking football.

Tunisia

Lone Group Stage Elimination Casualty

Tunisia became the only African nation to miss the knockout stage. The Carthage Eagles struggled in a difficult group, including a heavy defeat against Sweden, finishing bottom.

DSE News Network Analysis

The 2026 World Cup confirmed Africa's arrival as a genuine global football powerhouse. Morocco's continued knockout success and Egypt's fearless performances against elite opposition highlighted the continent's tactical growth, depth, and competitive mentality.

With two teams reaching the Round of 16 and several others narrowly missing historic progress, African football has entered a new era on the world stage.

Thank You Fifa. This Has Been A Great **World Cup 2026** Tournament



Terrence Mwedzi

African football legend Didier Drogba once said: "Football is a game that unites people. It doesn't matter what language you speak, the colour of your skin, or where you come from."

I speak for the football experts on the DSE Football News Network and our considered view is that: the 2026 FIFA World Cup has proved that these words are not false and resonate with what we have witnessed in most football circles, and I have personally learnt that football is more than a sport - but a stage or platform that brings people together.

Football showed its real power as millions were glued to their televisions across the African continent enjoying the top-notch football matches. These are the moments - that are made for the DSE Football News.

Just like any other tournament, we had witnessed some few challenges like some fans denied entry into host countries because of visa issues, or security issues, transport and accommodation, ticket prices etc.

Others linked these setbacks to geopolitics or global conflicts, but we wouldn't like to dive deeper into such issues, but nonetheless, through all this, football proved to be the ultimate winner.

In truth, the tournament has been fantastic, if not amazing. As the mouth-watering tournament comes to an end, we would like to unpack some of the things that



we have noticed and learnt about these top-notch matches and how we think the football has evolved.

This tournament was/is the biggest ever in World Cup history; we had 48 teams instead of 32, with more than 100 matches in total. Surely, the inclusion of more teams is a clear testament that something is evolving in our sport.

And the first tri-host nations - the USA, Mexico, and Canada - gave an ample opportunity for others to witness how the tournament is smooth and flowing.

It is every nation's dream to host a World Cup football tournament.

We are quite certain that FIFA is working on that to ensure that everyone is accommodated and feels represented.

The other thing is that teams like Argentina, Spain, France, England, Morocco, proved that football means business. These teams showed tactical knowledge of the game and they had good players in every position from the start of the tournament.

On show was modern team work which was important to fuel the

progress to teams like Argentina, their strong fighting spirit has been quite amazing and entertaining - not just about Lionel Messi, an individual, but the team's chemistry.

It is not false that teams that play together, stay organised and keep believing usually get good results and there is no two ways about it.

This is something our African teams need to learn that better results can not fall from the sky. It's a process. It's a chemistry. It's a fighting spirit.

Furthermore we were impressed by the South Africa's performance at this tournament even though the team fell short in later stages of the tournament.

This is was not just Bafana Bafana success but Africa's progress. Reaching the round of 32 is not an easy task. We have to applaud them for that.

Over the years, Hugo Bross has built a team that was solid and difficult to break, very organised, and very determined with his local players.

In contrast, we also liked how Morocco played. They were not

just playing to win the trophy, but for the continent, which was quite refreshing. I was amazed by how they invest in their football.

Yes, this is a demonstration that any African team can cause trouble at a World Cup.

No team is guaranteed to winning matches at a global showpiece - and such was World Cup 2026.

Reaching the Round of 16 is proof that as a continent we are heading somewhere. The main objective is to put our continent on the map. Simply put, we are now competing, not just participating.

To conclude, as the World Cup tournament draws to an end, Argentina have the upper hand to lift the trophy and make history again, but in football anything can happen. But in the end, football is the winner. Let me end here.

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A Ruthless Businessman On TV, A Great Symbol Of South African **Television Drama**

DSE News Network

Through Seputla Sebogodi's performance, Kenneth Mashaba became more than a businessman in a television drama. He became an example of how a well-written and brilliantly performed character can leave a lasting mark on popular culture.

Here the ten things to remember about this towering figure

1. A Ruthless Businessman With Ambition

Kenneth Mashaba remains one of the most memorable characters in South African television history, largely because of his powerful presence on the long-running soap opera *Generations*. Played by veteran actor Seputla Sebogodi, Kenneth became a character audiences loved, hated, debated and never forgot.

Kenneth was introduced as a businessman driven by success, influence and control. He represented the world of corporate ambition, where wealth and power often came with difficult choices. His confidence, sharp mind and determination made him a formidable figure among the residents of the fictional world of *Generations*.

2. The Face Behind Kenneth Mashaba

The character became inseparable from the performance of Seputla Sebogodi, whose acting brought depth and complexity to Kenneth. Sebogodi's commanding voice, expressive delivery and ability to balance seriousness with humour helped transform Kenneth into a household name.

Although Kenneth was often portrayed as intimidating, Sebogodi's performance allowed viewers to see the person behind the reputation. He could show moments of vulnerability, frustration and emotion, reminding audiences that Kenneth was more than just a powerful businessman.

3. A Character Defined By Power



Kenneth Mashaba's identity was strongly connected to influence and authority. He was a man who wanted to shape events around him and rarely accepted defeat easily.

His confidence sometimes crossed into arrogance, creating tension with those around him. However, that same determination was also part of what made him fascinating. Kenneth represented ambition in its strongest form: the desire to build an empire, protect a legacy and remain relevant.

4. Memorable Television Rivalries And Conflicts

One reason Kenneth stayed in viewers' memories was his involvement in dramatic storylines filled with rivalry, betrayal and competition. His relationships with other characters often created some of the most intense moments on *Generations*.

Kenneth was rarely a background figure. Whether he was negotiating, confronting opponents or defending his interests, he brought energy to every storyline. His conflicts kept audiences watching and helped establish him as one of the soap opera's defining personalities.

5. A Complicated Villain Audiences Loved

Kenneth Mashaba was often viewed as an antagonist, but he was never a simple villain. His actions could frustrate viewers, yet his intelligence and charisma made him difficult to ignore.

Many audiences enjoyed watching Kenneth because he challenged other characters and pushed storylines forward. He was the kind of character who could create problems while also becoming one of the most entertaining people on screen.

6. A Symbol Of South African Drama

Kenneth Mashaba became part of a golden era of South African television storytelling. His popularity reflected the ability of local productions to create characters that connected deeply with audiences. Through Kenneth, viewers saw themes of ambition, family, business, loyalty and personal struggles. The character became more than a role in a soap opera; he became part of the country's popular culture.

7. Seputla Sebogodi's Lasting Legacy

The legacy of Kenneth Mashaba cannot be separated from Seputla Sebogodi's remarkable career. The actor brought decades of theatre and television experience to the

role, creating a character that continues to be remembered.

Sebogodi's passing in 2026 prompted tributes from colleagues who described him as talented, humble and humorous. For many fans, remembering Kenneth Mashaba is also a way of celebrating the actor who gave the character life.

8. A Presence That Commanded Attention

Kenneth Mashaba had a rare quality: whenever he appeared on screen, audiences paid attention. His confidence and intensity made even ordinary conversations feel important. The character's strength came from his ability to dominate scenes without relying only on dramatic action. Kenneth's words, decisions and expressions often carried the weight of the story.

9. A Character Beyond The Soapie

Although best known from *Generations*, Kenneth Mashaba's popularity extended beyond the programme itself. The character became recognised among generations of South African television viewers.

His name became associated with memorable drama, strong performances and the era when local soap operas created personalities who became part of everyday conversations.

10. Remembering An Unforgettable Television Figure

Kenneth Mashaba remains one of South Africa's most recognisable fictional figures. His ambition, confidence, flaws and unforgettable personality made him a character that audiences continued discussing long after his biggest storylines ended.

As South Africa remembers Seputla Sebogodi's contribution to entertainment, Kenneth Mashaba stands as one of the roles that defined his extraordinary career and ensured his place in television history.

The Wealth That Works: Why Zimbabwe Needs Chivhayos, Tagwireis and Tungwararas...

By Paison Tazvivinga, and Irene Bumi

ZIMBABWEAN philanthropist-entrepreneurs is quietly filling the gaps the state cannot reach. As economists and social scientists, we argue this is not a curiosity — it is a national development asset that policy must learn to harness.

In a nation where public budgets are stretched thin, where psychiatric hospitals crumble and rural communities go without clean water, the emergence of private citizens who channel their wealth back into the social fabric of Zimbabwe deserves more than headlines — it deserves serious analytical attention.

Three names stand out in this emerging class of philanthropist-entrepreneurs: Sir Wicknell Chivhayo, Kudakwashe Tagwirei, and Paul Tungwarara. Together, they present a new and imperfect but genuinely significant force in Zimbabwe's developmental story.

The economics of private giving

Development economists have long understood that in economies with constrained fiscal capacity, private philanthropic capital acts as a social stabiliser.

When the state cannot adequately fund arts, healthcare, sports, or grassroots welfare, wealthy individuals who step into that gap perform an economically vital function — one classical theory attributes exclusively to governments. Zimbabwe's case is instructive.

In December 2025, Chivhayo donated US\$5.6 million to the Cheer Funds of the Zimbabwe Defence Forces, the Zimbabwe Republic Police, and the Prison Services — institutions that support serving and retired members, widows, orphans, and injured veterans. This is not a mere spectacle. It is the private financing of social safety nets that the public fiscus cannot adequately sustain.

The multiplier in action

His documented disbursements of



over US\$70 million in personal giveaways over 24 months represent what development economists call extra-governmental social expenditure.

In a country where GDP per capita sits around \$1,700, the multiplier effect of these injections is outsized: cash gifts to musicians sustain the cultural economy; vehicle donations to churches enable community outreach logistics; sports sponsorships seed the pipeline of elite athletes.

Most recently, in 2026, Chivhayo pledged a further US\$5 million to the Zion Christian Church, donated 82 vehicles to church leaders, and committed to a US\$5 million community fund after withdrawing a controversial US\$3.6 million parliamentary pledge — demonstrating both the scale of his philanthropic ambition and his capacity to recalibrate when public sentiment demands it.

“As young patriotic businesspeople, we must fully embrace our responsibility to complement government's efforts through corporate social responsibility.” — Wicknell Chivhayo, December 2025.

Zimbabwe's philanthropic triumvirate

Sir Wicknell Chivhayo

Founder, Intratrek Zimbabwe · Named Africa's #2 Philanthropist

From veteran broadcaster Reuben Barwe receiving a Land Cruiser and US\$100,000, to a US\$1M sponsorship of Scotland FC, to a US\$585,000 injection into Highlanders FC ahead of the 2026 season — Chivhayo's giving spans culture, sport, faith, and national service.

His model is horizontal and direct: wealth circulated back to the communities that produced it.

\$70M+ personal disbursements, 2024–2026

Dr Kudakwashe Tagwirei

CEO, Sakunda Holdings · Bridging Gaps Foundation

Through his Bridging Gaps Foundation, Tagwirei has transformed 63 schools across Zimbabwe and invested over US\$7 million at Solusi University alone. Arundel Hospital in Harare offers free healthcare daily thanks to his backing.

In March 2026, he pledged US\$350,000 to rehabilitate Ingutsheni Central Hospital — Zimbabwe's main psychiatric institution

— and has committed tens of millions across healthcare and agricultural infrastructure. 63 schools transformed through his foundation

Dr Paul Tungwarara

Founder, Prevail International Group · Presidential Investment Adviser

Tungwarara's Prevail International Group has been central to the Presidential Borehole Drilling Scheme, delivering clean water access to communities across rural Zimbabwe. He pioneered Zimbabwe's first locally-owned social media platform and is co-developing the US\$500 million Zim Cyber City in Mount Hampden — a technology park that could reposition Zimbabwe as a regional digital economy hub.

In 2025, he donated US\$250,000 to the Young Women 4ED empowerment initiative.

\$500M Cyber City project, Mount Hampden

Global benchmarks — a comparative view

Philanthropists who shaped their nations' economies

Andrew Carnegie

United States · 1880s–1910s

Built over 2,500 public libraries globally. His giving raised US literacy rates and created a knowledge infrastructure that underpinned 20th-century economic growth — a textbook case of private capital supplementing state capacity.

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The New Teller Is A Black Box



By Jabulani Chibaya

So from last week's Sunday Express E-edition, I continue where I left off - for Part Two of the Series: **The New Teller Is A Black Box**

In June, Spain's Banco Santander did something no major global bank had done before: it put its actual AI governance tools, not just a glossy ethics statement, into the public domain, free, under an open licence.

The flagship release, built by its internal AI Lab, sets hard checkpoints on high-stakes AI decisions, tiered from light-touch review up to mechanical, non-negotiable gates a model cannot talk its way around.

Alongside it came tools for testing lending and screening models for bias, and a way to generate realistic but entirely synthetic fraud data, so smaller institutions can stress-test their fraud systems without ever touching a real customer's information.

Think of it as a stokvel treasurer publishing her exact ledger format so every stokvel in the neighbourhood can adopt the same trustworthy bookkeeping, instead of each one improvising and hoping. No African bank or fintech needs to build this kind of infrastructure alone from a blank page any more. The code is sitting on GitHub, waiting to be forked.

Know thy machine before you govern it

Deloitte's governance framework, applied to AI, breaks a board's job into six honest questions: governance of the governance itself, strategy, risk, performance, talent and culture. Underneath all six sits

one unglamorous starting point most institutions skip: do you actually know what AI is running inside your own organisation?

Not the pilot project the innovation team is proud of — every model touching a lending decision, a claims payout, a sanctions screen, a remittance route. Most boards cannot answer that with a straight face.

It is the equivalent of running a delivery fleet without a list of how many trucks you own, what they are carrying, or who is driving. You cannot govern what you have not first counted.

For the boardroom

The practical version of this, stripped of consultant-speak, is a short list any board or executive committee can run through this quarter. Who owns the "off switch" if a model starts wrongly declining legitimate remittances, or worse, waving fraudulent ones through? Is there a living inventory of every AI system touching money decisions, reviewed with the same seriousness as the loan book?

Does management have a genuine view of where AI is heading in the business over the next three years, or only where it sits today? And critically: is governance one named executive's job, or is it "everyone's responsibility," which in practice usually means nobody's? Boards that can answer these

plainly are not slower. They are the ones still trusted with people's money when something inevitably goes wrong somewhere in the industry.

For the founder's desk

None of this is only a big-bank problem. Fintech founders often treat governance as something to bolt on once a regulator or a big investor asks for it. That is backwards, and expensive. Documenting which decisions your model makes, keeping a clean record of the data it trained on, and knowing which features are genuinely "high-stakes" versus merely convenient, costs very little with fifty users and a great deal with fifty thousand and a subpoena.

Zimbabwe's new AI Innovation Fund and regulatory sandbox, and South Africa's proposed equivalent, are both explicit bets that young companies who build this discipline in early will move faster later, not slower. A two-person lending app does not need a Basel-sized compliance department. It does need to know, honestly, which three or four decisions its model makes actually matter.

Guardrails, not roadblocks

There is a tempting but lazy story that governance and innovation are natural enemies, one slowing the other down. The opposite is closer to true. Brakes do not make a car slower; they are precisely

what let a driver go fast with any confidence at all. A region where institutions have often had to fight hard to earn ordinary people's trust has, in AI governance, a genuine chance to compete on something other than price or marketing: on being the fintech, the insurer, the remittance app that people actually believe. That is not a small thing in economies built on informal trust networks, stokvels, mikando, and the simple promise that a relative's money will arrive.

So picture that nurse in London, sending money home this weekend. The rules governing the invisible machinery around her transaction are being rewritten right now, in Brussels, in a bank's repository in Madrid, and, encouragingly, in Pretoria and Harare too. The institutions that take this seriously before they are forced to will not just dodge fines further down the line.

They will be the ones still standing, still trusted, when the next wave of AI arrives, while the ones who treated governance as an afterthought are explaining themselves to a regulator, or worse, to a customer whose money didn't arrive on time. Cheers. Till next time

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THE NEW TELLER IS A BLACK BOX

AI systems process inputs and deliver results, but the reasoning inside remains hidden.



Know What Time It Is: Future-proof Your Career With Critical Thinking And Problem Solving

By Baptista S. Gebu

AI provides the raw horsepower, but humans must provide the steering wheel and the destination. This is why critical thinking and problem solving have catapulted to the absolute top of global hiring lists. They are no longer just nice-to-have “soft skills” to pad your resume; they are your ultimate career insurance, the baseline requirements for professional survival, and the unique human traits that no algorithm can easily replicate – hear me out, corporate Africa.

Before we dive into why these skills are reshaping the global workforce, let’s strip away the corporate jargon and look at what they actually mean in everyday practice. We hear these terms tossed around in classrooms and boardrooms constantly, yet we rarely take the time to break down their moving parts.

Critical thinking: is essentially the quality control mechanism of the human mind. It is the disciplined art of questioning everything—not out of cynicism, but out of a healthy desire for truth. It means looking at a claim, a dataset, or a viral social media post and asking: Where did this information come from? What assumptions are baked into it? What are the biases of the person presenting it? What are they intentionally leaving out? Critical thinkers don’t just passively absorb data like a sponge; they interrogate it like a detective.

Problem solving: on the other hand, is the action-oriented partner to critical thinking. If critical thinking is diagnosing the disease, problem solving is designing and executing the cure. It is the ability to look at a messy, chaotic situation—whether it’s a sudden drop in a company’s sales, a glitch in a logistics network, or a conflict between team members—and break it down into manageable components, brain-storm creative solutions, test those solutions systematically, and pivot quickly when things don’t go according to plan.

For decades, the standard recipe



for career success was straightforward: go to school we all say, memorise specialised information, master a specific technical tool, and apply that fixed knowledge in a stable office job – that’s it! But today, the half-life of technical skills is shrinking at an alarming rate.

The software you learn to use during your freshman year of college might be completely obsolete by the time you walk across the stage at graduation from the University. In this fast-changing world, the most valuable asset you can bring to the table is not what you already know, but how you think when you encounter something you have never seen before. What if I told you the most advanced technology in the world is the human brain. What is our ultimate human advantage in the age of artificial intelligence?

Imagine waking up to a world where an artificial intelligence tool can draft a legal brief in twelve seconds, produce a marketing proposal in few seconds, write thousands of lines of flawless computer code before you can finish brewing your morning coffee, and generate fully cinematic marketing videos from a single text prompt.

One will before have assumed this was a science fiction. This isn’t a scene from a sci-fi thriller set in 2050; it is the reality of today’s economic landscape. This is the A.I world we are living in now.

As technology sprints forward at an exponential pace, high school and college students face a deeply urgent, somewhat terrifying,

but incredibly exciting question: When machines can do almost anything, what is left for humans to do? To the present world force, when A.I gets to automate and do just almost anything, what do you think is left for you as an employee to do?

Most board rooms and meeting spaces are occupied by members who have identified and knows almost all the problems to an organization, group, society, club, church or association except but to propose solutions, which is often missing in this part of our work. You have identified the problem, and so?

How do we solve it? Then it appears its silent hour – smile! You can relate isn’t it.

Would automation make thinking more valuable?

There is a widespread fear that artificial intelligence will make human workers obsolete. While it’s true that AI will replace many routine and repetitive tasks, it is simultaneously creating a massive premium on deep human thought.

This dynamic is known as the “AI Paradox”: the more advanced our automated systems become, the more critical human judgment becomes to guide them.

Consider how modern Generative AI operates. Large language models are spectacular at recognizing patterns, aggregating vast troves of existing historical data, and generating outputs based on probabilities.

But AI does not possess genuine comprehension. It doesn’t experience flashes of sudden human intuition, it cannot understand subtle cultural nuances, and it frequently suffers from “hallucinations”—generating completely incorrect or fabricated facts with absolute confidence.

In this new landscape, an employee who only knows how to execute routine processes is easily replaceable. However, an employee who can think critically becomes indispensable.

Companies don’t just need people who can ask an AI to generate a report- hear me out; they desperately need humans who can read that report, cross-reference its claims, identify its logical flaws, spot hidden biases, and decide whether its recommendations are ethically sound and strategically viable. AI provides the raw horsepower, but humans must provide the steering wheel and the destination.

How Do We Navigate a World Overwhelmed by Information?

We are currently drowning in information while starving for wisdom. Every single day, billions of gigabytes of data, news articles, opinion pieces, and videos are pumped onto the internet. In the past, the primary educational barrier was gaining access to information. Today, the challenge is exactly the reverse: knowing how to filter out the noise.

Without sharp critical thinking skills, you are highly vulnerable to manipulation in the modern workplace. Decisions driven by unverified data or flawed logic can cost companies millions of dollars and destroy organizational reputations. Employers are looking for individuals who can act as filters.

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IWMC Turns 3: From Conversations To Concrete Results For Women Across Africa

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As the International Women’s Multisector Conference marks its third year, organisers say the conversation has moved beyond networking to measurable results. In just two editions, IWMC has become a platform where women leave with land plans, school projects, brand deals, and community initiatives that are changing lives across Zimbabwe.

“These last two years have proven that when women get access, they build,” organisers said. “The room is full of possibility, but you have to come intentional.”

One of the most significant outcomes has been in property and development.

Through IWMC networks and partnerships, several women have secured land in Victoria Falls and Hwange area. Plans are underway to develop the sites for tourism, housing, and community projects in two of Zimbabwe’s key growth areas. For many, it marks their first



step into land ownership and has opened discussions around joint ventures and investment.

Dr Miriam Mukorombindo, one of the founders of the conference said that,they were encouraged by the results of their dream.

“ It’s so empowering to watch the dream that started tgree years ago come to life and transform many lives, we keep moving up the ladder and making sure women from all walks of life self actualise,” she said

The impact has also reached education. Women delegates have gone on to help build school blocks using sustainable materials and methods, bringing classrooms closer to children in underserved communities. The projects combine eco-friendly construction with local labour, creating both infrastructure and jobs. Still undergoing, the projects highlight what can happen with collaboration.

Beyond development, IWMC has become a launchpad for business. Delegates have secured brand partnerships and moved into in-

fluencer marketing, working with corporates and agencies to grow their visibility.

Many IWMC alumni are also reinvesting in their communities through philanthropic work. Delegates are funding scholarships, donating food and sanitary packs, supporting women’s shelters, and running mentorship programs for girls.

Sympathy Mangwenya, Events Director for IWMC, said this spirit of giving back defines the conference.

“What we are seeing is women who succeed and then turn around to lift others. That’s the IWMC story. It’s not just about profit. It’s about purpose, impact, and leaving doors open for the next woman,” Mangwenya said.

As IWMC enters its third year, organisers say the results speak for themselves. Capital is moving, ideas are crossing borders, and women are building legacies that extend far beyond the conference room.

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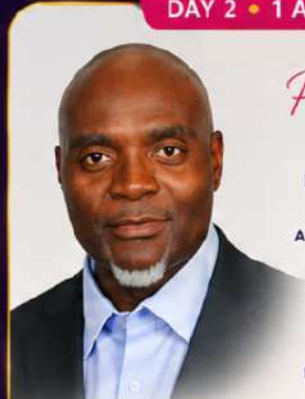


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International Women's Multisector Conference 2026: Meet The Presenters: **Ann Kleynhans, Prof McEdward Murimbika and Faith Mangope**

Ann Kleynhans

Ann Kleynhans is a respected South African entrepreneur, philanthropist, and business leader with more than three decades of experience in information technology, infrastructure development, property, agriculture, and social impact. As the Founder of CEOS Technologies (1998) and Co-Founder of CEOS Holdings Group (2004), she has led major projects across healthcare infrastructure, security systems, and property development while building businesses focused on long-term sustainability and innovation.

Beyond business, Ann is the Founder and President of Unite As One Empowerment, an international movement established in 2019 to develop and empower young people through entrepreneurship, leadership, and community development. She is also passionate about agriculture and environmental sustainability, serving as a qualified beekeeper who mentors women and youth through hive development initiatives.

Her leadership has earned widespread recognition, including awards such as GovTech ICT Business Woman of the Year, Most Influential Woman in ICT across Africa, SADC and South Africa, International Business Enterprise Woman in Rome, and Most Motivated IT Solutions Business Leader.

At the International Women's Multisector Conference 2026, Ann Kleynhans will share practical insights on building sustainable businesses, leading with purpose, creating opportunities for others, and using entrepreneurship

to drive economic growth and lasting social impact across Africa.

Professor McEdward Murimbika

Professor McEdward Murimbika is one of Africa's foremost experts on entrepreneurship, innovation, and venture development. He is the Founding Director of the Wits Crucible Centre for Entrepreneurship at Wits Business School, where he leads one of the continent's leading platforms for entrepreneurial growth, innovation, and business development.

With more than 30 years of experience as an entrepreneur, strategist, consultant, academic, and business leader, Professor Murimbika has founded, advised, and supported businesses across multiple industries while mentoring entrepreneurs throughout Africa. Holding dual PhDs in Management and Archaeology, he combines academic excellence with practical business experience to help organisations and entrepreneurs navigate rapidly changing markets.

His work focuses on entrepreneurship, innovation ecosystems, strategic management, venture growth, future economies, and inclusive economic development. He has collaborated with international organisations including the World Economic Forum, the World Bank, and UNESCO-related initiatives, contributing to entrepreneurship programmes and policy development across Africa.

At the International Women's Multisector Conference 2026, Professor Murimbika will explore how entrepreneurs can harness innovation, technology, regional integration, and cross-border collaboration to build resilient, future-ready businesses. His presentation will provide delegates with practical

strategies for creating sustainable enterprises that contribute to Africa's long-term economic transformation.

Faith Mangope

Faith Mangope is an internationally acclaimed broadcaster, entrepreneur, technologist, and philanthropist whose work is transforming Africa's digital future. As the host of Metro FM Talk, South Africa's largest commercial radio programme, she reaches millions of listeners while leading important conversations on business, leadership, governance, and economic development.

Faith is also the Founder of the Faith Mangope Technology and Leadership Institute (FMTALI), an organisation dedicated to equipping young people with critical digital skills in areas such as artificial intelligence, software development, cloud computing, data analytics, entrepreneurship, and leadership. Through its unique "train, place, and change lives" model, the institute empowers young people from disadvantaged communities and connects graduates directly with employment opportunities.

Her remarkable career includes introducing former United States President Barack Obama at the Mandela Washington Fellowship Town Hall, recognition among South Africa's most influential women, membership of the BRICS Business Council Skills Working Group, and leadership roles in broadcasting, education, and executive development.

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Post-mortem examinations have revealed that the wife and two daughters of alleged UK triple murder suspect Ndodana Mkhanyisi Tshuma died from blunt force trauma.

The findings come as Tshuma, who is wanted by British authorities, appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrates' Court on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm while extradition proceedings to the United Kingdom gather pace.

Tshuma is accused of murdering his wife, Nothabo Zandile Khumalo, 42, and their daughters, Natalie, 15, and Nala, 5, whose bodies were discovered at the family's home in Great Denham, Bedfordshire, last week.

According to Sky News, forensic post-mortem examinations conducted under the direction of the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Major Crime Unit found that all three victims died from blunt force trauma.

Meanwhile, SAPS investigators say Tshuma was found carrying an unlicensed firearm loaded with two rounds of ammunition when he was arrested in Kensington, Johannesburg, on Friday.

National police spokesperson



Brigadier Athlenda Mathe said investigators established that Tshuma allegedly purchased the firearm shortly after arriving in South Africa.

"On Friday, during his arrest, he was found in possession of an unlicensed firearm. According to our investigation, after landing in South Africa on July 5, he went to one of the townships where he bought this particular unlicensed firearm," Mathe said.

"We have a separate investigation being conducted by Gauteng Organised Crime and Crime Intelligence to trace the person who sold him the firearm that was found with two rounds of ammunition," she said.

Police believe the firearm was intended to be used to end Tshuma's

own life before authorities tracked him down.

"It is our suspicion that this particular firearm was going to be used to end his life. It is commendable that our teams worked quickly to arrest him before that process could unfold so that he can answer to the crimes that he committed in the UK," Mathe said.

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Justice and Constitutional Development Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi praised the coordinated efforts of SAPS, Interpol and other law enforcement agencies that led

to Tshuma's arrest.

"I must commend SAPS, Interpol and the multidisciplinary team for the sterling work they have done this week in the arrest of Mr Ndodana Mkhanyisi Tshuma, a fugitive wanted for the murder of his wife and two children in the UK," Kubayi said.

She confirmed that Tshuma entered South Africa through OR Tambo International Airport on July 5, before British authorities had issued an international alert.

"At the time he went through OR Tambo, he had not yet been flagged by the British authorities. Had he been flagged, he would not have entered the country," Kubayi said.

She said South African authorities moved immediately once Interpol circulated the alert.

"Once we received the alert from Interpol, we acted swiftly, with a multidisciplinary team conducting tracing, and the suspect was arrested in Kensington, Johannesburg."

Kubayi confirmed that the extradition process is under way and that she will sign the required legal documents to facilitate Tshuma's return to the United Kingdom.



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Johannesburg, South Africa: Africa is home to some of the world's most spectacular golf courses, breathtaking landscapes and unforgettable tourism experiences. Yet despite its enormous potential, the continent accounts for only a small share of the global golf tourism market.

The official launch of the Africa Golf Tourism Convention (AGTC) 2026 marks a significant step towards changing that narrative.

Hosted at the Birchwood Hotel & OR Tambo Conference Centre in the City of Ekurhuleni, leaders from government, tourism, business and the golf industry came together to launch this continental platform, designed to position Africa as a leading golf tourism destination while driving investment, trade, business events and economic growth.

Taking place from 18 to 21 August 2026 in Gauteng, AGTC will bring together tourism authorities, golf clubs, resorts, investors, airlines, destination marketing organisations, hospitality brands, corporate leaders and policymakers from across Africa and international markets to unlock partnerships and showcase Africa as one marketplace.

Neo Peete, Founder and Convention Director of AGTC, said golf tourism presents a unique opportunity to stimulate tourism, create jobs, support local businesses and attract international visitors.

"Africa has all the ingredients to become one of the world's leading golf tourism destinations. AGTC creates a platform for governments, tourism boards, investors and the private sector to collectively showcase Africa's diverse tourism offering. When Africa works together, we become far more competitive on the global stage."

Beyond the Convention itself, AGTC aims to leave a lasting legacy through initiatives including the Hosted Buyer Programme, Destination Showcase, She Belongs Women's Forum, and the Caddie Ambassador & Youth Skills Development Programme, ensuring the benefits of golf tourism extend to communities across the continent.

Welcoming the Convention to



Africa Unites Behind New **Golf Tourism Convention** to Drive Investment, Tourism and Economic Growth



Gauteng, Nonnie Kubeka, Executive Director of the Gauteng Convention & Events Bureau, said hosting AGTC reflects the province's ambition to remain Africa's leading destination for business events.

"Business events create lasting economic value by supporting local businesses, creating jobs and positioning destinations globally. We

are proud that Gauteng will host the inaugural Africa Golf Tourism Convention, bringing together leaders from across the continent to collaborate, innovate and invest in Africa's future."

As Africa's economic hub and gateway to the continent, Gauteng offers world-class infrastructure, accessibility and business tourism expertise, making it an ideal host for an event of this scale.

From a destination marketing perspective, Barba Gaoganediwe, Head of Destination Marketing and Communications at the Gauteng Tourism Authority, said collaboration remains central to unlocking Africa's tourism potential.

"No destination can unlock its full potential alone. By working together, destinations and industry partners can collectively market Africa, diversify tourism experiences and encourage travellers to explore more of our continent."

A highlight of the launch was a leadership panel discussion exploring "The Future of Golf Tourism in Africa: Positioning the Continent Through Tourism, Trade & Investment." The discussion reinforced golf tourism as a catalyst for investment, entrepreneurship, women's empowerment, youth employment and destination competitiveness.

Delegates also received a preview of the inaugural Convention programme, which will feature

keynote presentations, destination showcases, investment forums, business-to-business meetings, exhibitions, networking events and a Golf & Demonstration Day at Serengeti Estates.

The Convention comes at a pivotal time as African countries seek new ways to grow visitor economies, attract investment and increase intra-African travel under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

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A Shared Vision: Chinese Consulate and Gauteng Education Department Unite to Power Literacy and Legacy on Mandela Day

DSE News Network
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — In a powerful demonstration of international solidarity and community upliftment, the Chinese Consulate General, alongside Chinese enterprise representatives, joined hands with the Gauteng Department of Education to celebrate Mandela Day by delivering critical infrastructure to local schools.

The commemoration was marked by the official donation of water tanks and power inverters—essential utilities aimed at ensuring uninterrupted learning and dignity for students in the region.

The event was attended by the Honorable MEC for Education, Department officials, community leaders, and representatives from CNBMS, including Mr. Sunny Pannani.

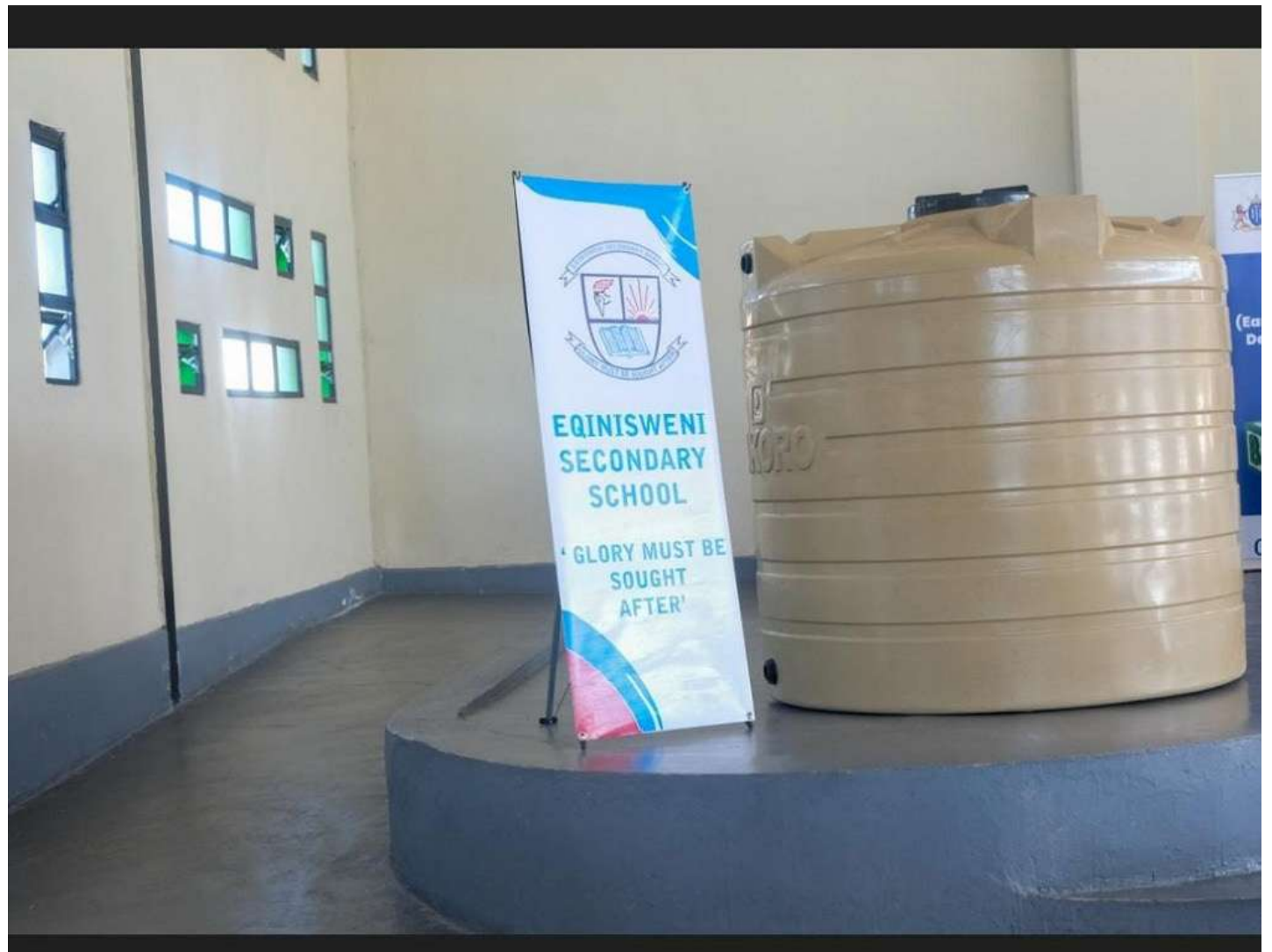
Speaking at the handover ceremony, a representative from the Chinese Consulate General emphasized that the donation was more than just a philanthropic gesture; it was a living tribute to Nelson Mandela's enduring vision.

“Through today's donation, we are here to demonstrate our commitment to carrying forward the legacy left by Mandela—the spirit to serve the community, to help those in need, and to show mutual care,” the representative stated, noting that these values deeply resonate with traditional Chinese culture.

Deepening Bilateral Bonds

The donation highlights the evolving, “all-round strategic and cooperative partnership” between China and South Africa. Representatives noted that while the two nations historically stood shoulder-to-shoulder in their respective struggles for national independence, today's battle is focused on development and shared prosperity.

By addressing immediate infrastructure gaps—such as water security and electricity stability through the donated inverters—the initiative aims to turn diplomatic friendship into tangible benefits for everyday South Africans.



Investing in the Future

At the heart of the initiative is a fierce commitment to youth development. Grounded in the belief that education is the ultimate cornerstone of a nation, the Chinese Consulate General re-affirmed its pledge to work with local government stakeholders so that “not a single school or a single student should be left behind.”

The ceremony concluded with an inspiring charge directly to the learners in attendance. Students were urged to prepare themselves physically, morally, and intellectually to become responsible global citizens.

“You are the future for the community, for the society, for your country, and also for the world,” the speaker concluded. “I hope

you become the voices of the China-South Africa friendship. I wish everybody a big success in your study, in your work, and in your life.”

As schools face ongoing utility challenges, this joint Mandela Day initiative serves as a shining example of how global partnerships can create a more inclusive, favorable, and enabling learning environment for the leaders of tomorrow.

Ten Reasons Why **Romelu Lukaku** Is Suddenly In The News, With A Move To The US Looking Likely

DSE Football News

On The DSE Football News we love the football stars. And they do not come bigger than Romelu Lukaku

Ten interesting things you missed about Romelu Lukaku this week.

Romelu Lukaku's future has become one of the most intriguing transfer stories of the summer, with the Belgian striker facing another major career decision. Napoli are expected to move him on as they look to reduce their wage bill, while clubs across Europe and Major League Soccer continue to monitor his situation.

Behind the headlines, there are several fascinating details shaping Lukaku's next move. Here are ten things you may have missed about the striker's current situation.

1. MLS Emerges As Serious Destination

The biggest surprise surrounding Lukaku's future is the growing interest from Major League Soccer. According to reports from Italy, MLS clubs are considering the Belgian as a potential marquee signing after his strong World Cup performances increased his global appeal.

A move to America would represent a different challenge for Lukaku. At 33, he could follow the path of other elite forwards who have extended their careers while becoming the face of a growing football market.

2. New York City FC Watching Closely

New York City FC have reportedly identified Lukaku as a possible headline addition. The club's interest highlights the increasing ambition of MLS teams to attract established international stars.

For Lukaku, joining a club in New York would offer commercial opportunities, a new lifestyle and the chance to become the attacking figurehead of an MLS project.



3. Napoli Want Permanent Exit

Napoli's priority is clear: they want a permanent transfer rather than another complicated loan arrangement. The Italian champions are looking to reshape their squad and reduce expensive commitments.

Lukaku's wages are considered a major factor, meaning Napoli believe moving him permanently would provide valuable financial flexibility ahead of the new season.

4. Huge Salary Creates Obstacles

One of the biggest challenges is Lukaku's reported salary package. The striker is believed to earn around €12 million gross per season, making negotiations difficult for many potential suitors.

Ajax, Monaco and Fenerbahce may admire his qualities, but matching his financial expectations could prove complicated. Any transfer may require compromise from both player and club.

5. Ajax Consider Shock Attacking Move

Ajax's interest is one of the more unexpected developments. The Dutch giants have reportedly

made enquiries about Lukaku's availability as they search for attacking experience.

A move to Amsterdam would be a fascinating return to the Netherlands for Lukaku, who spent time at Anderlecht before becoming one of Europe's most feared strikers.

6. Monaco Offer Champions League Appeal

Monaco are another club monitoring Lukaku's situation. The French side could provide something MLS cannot: continued European competition.

For Lukaku, Monaco would offer the opportunity to remain at a high level while competing in a league where his physical style and finishing ability could still make a major impact.

7. Fenerbahce Interest Faces Problems

Fenerbahce have also been linked with Lukaku, but their pursuit may have become more complicated. Their recent attacking additions could make another major investment difficult.

The Turkish club remains interested, but financial planning and squad balance could determine whether they move from monitoring into making a serious offer.

8. World Cup Boosted Lukaku Appeal

Lukaku's performances on the international stage have helped maintain his reputation as a dangerous striker. Despite criticism during parts of his club career, his ability to score important goals remains highly valued.

Clubs interested in him believe his experience, physical presence and leadership could still make a difference at the highest level.

9. Allegri Decision Adds Drama

Napoli manager Massimiliano Allegri could still influence the situation. While the club wants to reduce wages, Lukaku's future may depend partly on whether Allegri views him as an important player.

If Allegri believes the striker remains central to Napoli's plans, a surprise stay cannot be completely ruled out.

10. Lukaku Faces Career Crossroads

The biggest question is whether Lukaku prioritises European competition or a new adventure abroad. A move to MLS could provide financial rewards and a fresh challenge, while staying in Europe would allow him to chase more trophies.

After a career featuring Manchester United, Inter Milan, Chelsea and Napoli, Lukaku is approaching another defining decision. His next destination could shape how football remembers the final chapter of his remarkable career.

Romelu Lukaku's transfer saga is about more than just finding a new club. It is a battle between ambition, finances and legacy. Whether he chooses America, remains in Europe or finds another challenge, his next move will attract global attention.

DSE Football News

Thomas Tuchel's latest England press conference after the heart-breaking World Cup semi-final defeat by Argentina produced a fascinating reaction across the British media. The German coach accepted responsibility for the loss but defended his tactical choices, insisting he had no regrets despite England surrendering a late lead.

While some pundits criticised his defensive approach, others praised his honesty, leadership and refusal to hide from difficult questions.

Here are ten key themes emerging from the British media reaction, as analysed by football experts on the DSE Football News.

1. Tuchel Accepts Personal Responsibility Fully

One of the biggest talking points was Tuchel's willingness to take the blame. British media outlets highlighted his repeated message that "if you need someone to blame, I take the responsibility". Rather than criticising players or making excuses, Tuchel positioned himself as the person accountable for England's collapse.

Several commentators viewed this as a sign of strong leadership. In the modern game, where managers often deflect criticism, Tuchel's decision to stand alone in front of the cameras earned respect from sections of the media.

2. Tactical Decisions Face Heavy Scrutiny

The main criticism focused on England becoming too defensive after taking a 1-0 lead. Newspapers and broadcasters questioned why England dropped deeper instead of continuing to pressure Argentina.

The decision to move into a back five became the central debate. Critics argued that it invited pressure from Lionel Messi and his teammates, while Tuchel defended the move as an attempt to deal with Argentina's attacking threat.

3. Experts Praise Honest Media Handling

Many journalists noted that Tuchel handled an extremely difficult press conference professionally. Instead of avoiding uncomfortable questions, he answered directly and accepted responsibility.



Ten Interesting British Media Reactions To Tuchel's Emotional Press Conference

The British media has often criticised managers for giving vague answers after defeats, but Tuchel's emotional honesty was viewed differently. His admission that the defeat was "our scar" showed the personal impact of England's failure.

4. Rooney Calls For Guardiola Option

Former England captain Wayne Rooney's comments added another layer to the debate. Rooney suggested England should continue with Tuchel unless Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola becomes available.

This created a wider discussion about England's long-term future. Some media outlets used Tuchel's press conference to revisit whether Guardiola remains the ultimate dream candidate for the national team job.

5. Shearer Defends Tuchel's Future Prospects

Former England striker Alan

Shearer offered a more sympathetic view, arguing that Tuchel's time with England should not be judged solely on one painful defeat.

The British media debate showed a divide: some demanded tactical improvement, while others believed reaching a World Cup semi-final represented significant progress. Tuchel's supporters pointed out that England came within minutes of reaching the final.

6. England's Physical Issues Gain Attention

Tuchel's explanation about fatigue became another major discussion point. He argued that difficult matches against Mexico and Norway affected England's physical performance against Argentina.

British analysts examined whether England's demanding route through the tournament had left players exhausted. Some accepted the argument, while others felt fatigue could not fully explain tactical mistakes in the final stages.

7. Kane's Defensive Role Sparks Debate

Harry Kane's positioning became one of the biggest talking points. Tuchel explained that Kane dropped deep because England were defending in a deep block.

The media questioned whether England's captain was being asked to sacrifice his attacking influence. Some argued that keeping Kane higher up the pitch could have offered England an outlet and reduced Argentina's pressure.

8. Argentina's Quality Receives Recognition

Despite criticism of England's tactics, many British outlets acknowledged Argentina's brilliance. Tuchel himself described them as the reigning world champions and praised their ability to find another level.

The performance of Lionel Messi was repeatedly highlighted. England's collapse was not seen purely as failure but also as the result of facing one of football's greatest teams.

9. England's Trophy Gap Remains Clear

Tuchel's comments about England still having a gap to close attracted significant attention. He suggested nations such as Argentina, France and Spain approach tournaments expecting to win, while England are still chasing that mentality.

British media debated whether this was a realistic assessment or an unnecessary admission of weakness. The conversation focused on whether England need greater belief before major tournaments.

10. Third Place Becomes Crucial Test

The media also shifted attention towards England's final match against France. While a bronze medal cannot replace a World Cup final appearance, victory would still represent England's best men's World Cup finish in six decades.

Tuchel described the game as an opportunity to respond immediately. British journalists will view the result as important evidence of whether England can recover emotionally from their devastating semi-final defeat.

Ten Interesting Reasons Why Pep Guardiola Might End Up As England Manager

DSE Football News

On the DSE Football News Network no football story passes without scrutiny.

In a digital newspaper where every story gets the hairdrier treatment - this week's big one was never going to pass by our experts - until now.

Pep Guardiola becoming England manager could be one of the biggest football stories of the decade - if it happens like that.

While Thomas Tuchel remains in charge, Guardiola's name continues to appear whenever the national-team job is discussed.

Several major news outlets have reported that Guardiola previously came close to taking the role, with some claiming he even had a verbal agreement with the Football Association before staying at Manchester City.

Here are ten reasons why the move could still happen - any one of these days - as per our football experts on DSE Football News Community.

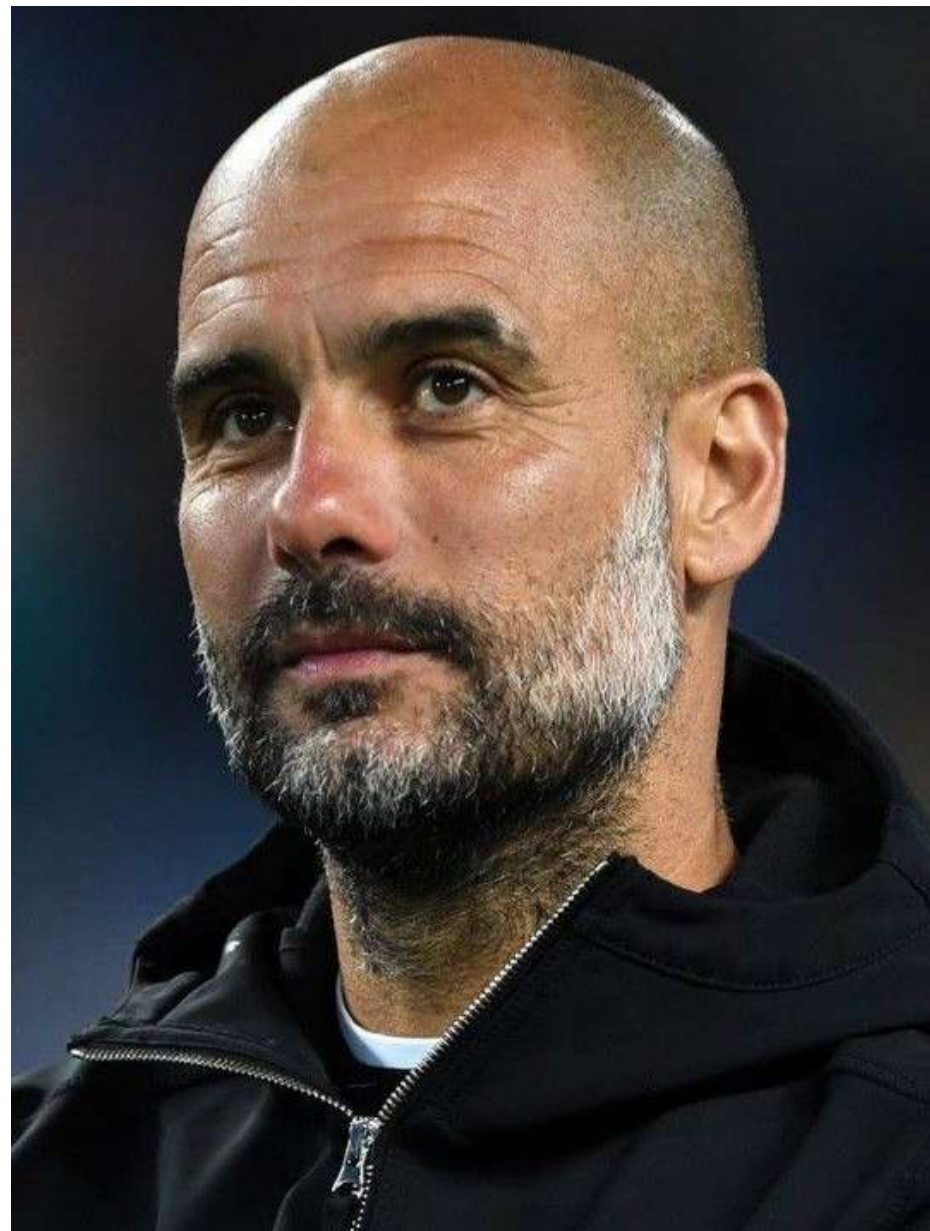
1. FA Still Wants Guardiola

One major reason is that the Football Association may still view Guardiola as the ideal long-term successor for England.

Reports from The Athletic, The Sun and The Mirror have suggested Guardiola was previously the FA's preferred candidate after Gareth Southgate's departure. His tactical intelligence, trophy record and experience managing elite players make him a dream appointment.

2. International Football Appeals

Guardiola has increasingly spoken about the possibility of managing a national team. Reports from The Guardian highlighted that Guardiola has not ruled out international management after leaving Manchester City. England could appeal because it offers a different challenge: fewer matches, more



preparation time and the chance to shape a national football identity.

3. Perfect Golden Generation

England's squad contains many technically gifted players who fit Guardiola's philosophy. Stars comfortable with possession, positional play and tactical flexibility could thrive under him. The likes of creative midfielders and attacking full-backs match the style Guardiola has developed throughout his career.

4. Tuchel Pressure Could Grow

Although Tuchel has committed to England, criticism after major tournament setbacks could increase speculation. Reports from Sky Sports and The Guardian have covered scrutiny surrounding England's tactical decisions and performances. If results disappoint before Euro 2028, Guardiola could quickly become the obvious alternative.

5. Premier League Legacy Advantage

Guardiola understands English football better than almost any foreign manager. His years at Manchester City gave him deep knowledge of players, media expectations and the domestic football culture. That experience could make his transition into international management smoother.

6. World Cup Ambition Remains

England's biggest ambition is winning a major tournament. Guardiola has delivered league titles, domestic cups and Champions League success. Reports from outlets including BBC Sport and ESPN have frequently linked elite managers with England's search for tournament success. A coach with Guardiola's record would naturally attract attention.

7. Players Could Push Move

Top England players have worked under Guardiola or understand his reputation. A manager who commands immediate respect inside the dressing room could be attractive to the FA. Recent speculation has included calls from former England captain Wayne Rooney for Guardiola to be considered.

8. Guardiola Needs New Challenge

After years dominating club football, Guardiola may seek a different type of pressure. Managing England would allow him to build a legacy beyond club trophies. Winning England's first major men's tournament since 1966 would arguably become his greatest achievement.

9. Previous Agreement Matters

The strongest argument is that the opportunity was already close before. Reports from The Sun and GB News claimed Guardiola had a verbal agreement with the FA before changing direction and remaining at City. If both sides wanted the partnership once, that relationship could be revived.

10. Legacy Beyond Club Football

Guardiola has achieved almost everything possible at club level. Becoming England manager would offer a historic opportunity: transforming a talented national team into champions.

The chance to be remembered as the coach who finally ended England's long wait for a men's major trophy could be a powerful motivation.

Ultimately, Guardiola becoming England manager is far from guaranteed, but the possibility remains realistic because the interest appears to have existed before. With his tactical reputation, international ambitions and previous links to the FA, he is likely to remain one of the names discussed whenever England's future leadership is debated.

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