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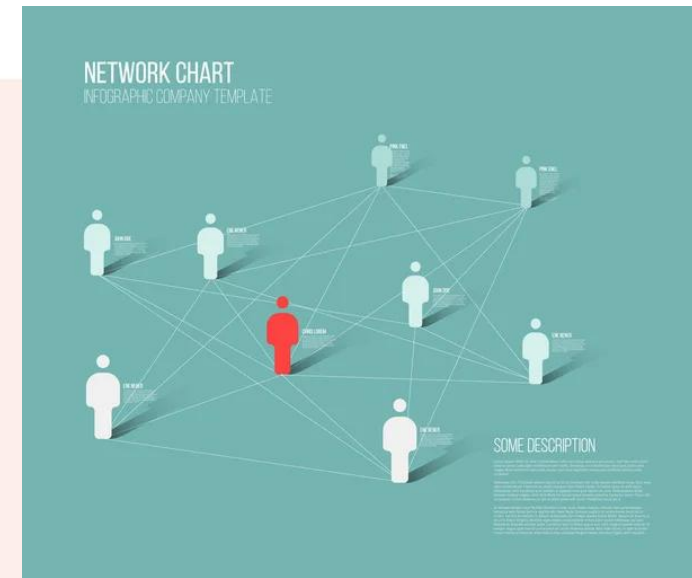
Welcome & Purpose of the Morning

Welcome to the Math4NL Networking Morning
From ideas → connections → collaborations

Today is all about:

- Understanding what effective networking really looks like
- Learning from people with deep experience in building professional networks
- Practising networking skills directly through speed networking
- Preparing for meaningful interactions during the Math4NL Community Event this afternoon

This morning is practical, interactive, and focused on you expanding your professional network.





Why Networking Matters (Especially in Mathematics)

- Mathematics is everywhere, but mathematicians are often invisible unless they connect
- Opportunities grow through people: projects, collaborations, internships, jobs, visibility
- Industry and society increasingly look for mathematical talent — but you need to be findable

Networking is not “selling yourself”, but:

- Making yourself available
- Learning what others do
- Creating bridges for future opportunities

Networking is a **core skill** for an impactful mathematical career.



The Role of Math4NL

Math4NL connects mathematics with industry and society.
It works only if **people know each other** and **find each other**.

Therefore, today's networking session helps to:

- Strengthen the community
- Build the next generation of connectors
- Prepare you for collaborations that Math4NL can support

(We'll speak about Math4NL in much more detail this afternoon — so no repetition now.)



The Morning Program

Talks to inspire and prepare you:

- *Building Your Professional Network* — Wil Schilders
- *Practical Aspects of Networking* — Sandjai Bhulai
- *Networking from an Industrial Perspective* — Mark Roest

Then:

Speed Networking — apply what you learned immediately

Final discussion — what worked, what surprised you, what you will use this afternoon



What to Focus on During the Talks

As you listen, consider:

- What makes a connection memorable?
- How do you explain your work in 30–60 seconds?
- What kind of people do you want to meet (today and in the future)?
- How can you help others in the room? (Networking is reciprocal.)

Take one or two key ideas from each talk and apply them directly afterwards.



Linking Morning → Afternoon

This morning gives you:

- A framework for how to network
- Practice through speed networking
- Energy and confidence before the larger Math4NL Community Event

This afternoon you'll meet people from academia, industry and research institutes

The conversations you start *this morning* will help make the afternoon much more productive.

Program this morning

Time	Title	Speaker(s)
10:00 – 10:05	Opening	Wil Schilders
10:05 – 10:35	Building Your Professional Network	Wil Schilders
10:35 – 11:05	Practical Aspects of Networking	Sandjai Bhulai
11:05 – 11:15	Short break	
11:15 – 11:45	Making Connections that Matter: Networking from an Industrial Perspective	Mark Roest
11:45 – 12:15	Speed networking	
12:15 – 12:30	Final discussion and closure	Wil Schilders
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 17:30	Math4NL Community Event	