

## Thursday, 14th September 2017

08:00	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>
09:00	<b>Conference Opening:</b> Programme Director: JD Mdu
09:05	<b>Opening Panel Discussion – Manufacturing in KwaZulu-Natal</b> This opening panel session will feature key note addresses from senior government and private sector officials and representatives.  KwaZulu-Natal is South Africa's second largest provincial economy, contributing on average 16.0% to the country's GDP. The province is home to two of Africa's busiest and largest ports, Durban and Richards Bay. It also boasts the third highest export propensity and the second highest level of industrialisation in the country. KwaZulu-Natal is a major role player in the manufacturing sector.  Speakers: Councillor Zandile Gumede: <i>Executive Mayor eThekweni Municipality</i> MEC Sihle Zikalala: <i>Economic Development &amp; Tourism KwaZulu-Natal</i> Dr Tebogo Makube: <i>Chief Director for Industrial Procurement, the dti</i>
<b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>	
11:00	<b>Panel Discussion 1: The Best of KwaZulu-Natal Manufacturing</b> This panel session will feature industry best practice exemplars, providing delegates with the opportunity to hear from and question industry leaders on how they are achieving success and the factors that are driving this despite the challenging economic circumstances facing companies  Moderator: Ian Delpont: <i>DEFY Appliances</i>  Panelists: Deshan Naidoo: <i>MicroFinish</i> Premi Subramoney: <i>Chemsol Adhesives</i> Rajesh Ramkawal: <i>Altech UEC</i> Sandeep Desai: <i>Unilever</i> Nigel Ward: <i>Toyota South Africa Motors</i>
<b>12:30 LUNCH</b>	
13:30	<b>Panel Discussion 2: Understanding Industrialist Programmes, industrial financing, incentives and investment opportunities</b> Government has many levers that it can use to support industry. One of the measures used across the world is industrial finance – which is a combination of government incentives and availability of finance for industrial firms. South Africa has a robust system of incentives for key manufacturing sectors. In addition, there are financial institutions that are available to finance firms.  Moderator: Dumile Cele: <i>Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry</i>  Panelists: Pat Moodley: <i>IDC KZN</i> Dr Nuthan Maharaj: <i>City of eThekweni</i> Tumelo Chipfupa: <i>Cova Advisory</i> Pria Hassan: <i>Women of Africa Investment Group</i> Kayaletu Ngqaka: <i>Dube TradePort</i>
<b>15:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>	



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**Panel Discussion 3: Intra-African regional trade - How can manufacturers sell their products and services to the African market and develop export led growth**

Building investment capacity and promoting trade through investment in the rest of Africa presents great opportunities for South African & KZN companies. Investing in other African countries and supporting the industrialisation of South Africa's neighbours equally contributes to South Africa's own growth objectives. South African companies are some of the largest investors in other parts of the African continent and it is imperative that South Africa contribute to their continental partners. Investment opportunities in other African countries should not be overlooked and companies should not merely see the continent as an export destination so that there is a view of shared growth and value addition. For example: setting up an office in other countries, local procurement, incorporating local companies into the supply chain, bringing new opportunities into those countries for example the introduction of technologies and infrastructure development. Manufacturing companies need to take this step to further enhance industrial integration.

Moderator: Ashley Bhugwandin: TLIU

Panelists: Tsidiso Disenyana: *ECIC*  
Mervin Chetty: *Transnet*  
Lubin Ozoux: *SRSA*  
Damian Judge: *Kaytech*  
Trevor Graham: *Whirlpool*

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**CLOSING REMARKS: PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: JD Mdu**

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