

## Manufacturing Indaba Announces the Women in Manufacturing Breakfast hosted by Absa

*Johannesburg, 16 October 2024* – [Manufacturing Indaba](#) is proud to announce an exciting partnership with Absa to host the highly anticipated [Women in Manufacturing Breakfast Forum](#). This event, set to take place during the annual Manufacturing Indaba, is a significant initiative aimed at empowering and supporting women in the manufacturing sector.

Manufacturing has long been a cornerstone of economic growth and innovation, and women have been playing an increasingly vital role in driving this industry forward. The Women in Manufacturing Breakfast Forum seeks to celebrate the contributions of women in this sector, while also providing a platform to address the challenges they face and to explore avenues for further growth and success.

### Empowering Women in Manufacturing

As a key event on the Indaba's agenda, the Women in Manufacturing Breakfast Forum will bring together leading female professionals, thought leaders, entrepreneurs, and industry experts. The event aims to:

- **Highlight the achievements** of women who have made significant strides in manufacturing.
- **Facilitate networking opportunities** that encourage collaboration and mentorship.
- **Address the challenges** women encounter in this traditionally male-dominated industry.
- **Explore strategies** to foster an inclusive and diverse environment in the manufacturing sector.

Absa's commitment to fostering gender equality and empowering women aligns perfectly with Manufacturing Indaba's vision of driving inclusive growth in the sector. As a financial services leader, Absa recognises the importance of supporting women in business and is dedicated to helping them unlock their full potential through financial solutions and strategic partnerships.

### A Strategic Partnership for Inclusive Growth

Speaking on the partnership "We are thrilled to be partnering with the [Manufacturing Indaba](#) to host the Women in Manufacturing Breakfast Forum," says Sachin Chanderdhev, Manufacturing specialist at Absa Business Banking. "We believe in the power of diversity and the importance of enabling women to thrive in every industry, including manufacturing. This event is a significant step towards creating a more inclusive future for women in the sector."

The Manufacturing Indaba, now in its 11th year, continues to be the leading platform for the manufacturing industry in Africa, bringing together industry leaders, government representatives,

and innovators to drive industrial growth and development. This partnership with Absa further solidifies the conference's commitment to promoting inclusivity and supporting the advancement of women in the industry.

#### Event Details

- **Date:** 23 October 2024
- **Time:** 08h00
- **Location:** Sandton Convention Centre, Sandton
- **Keynote Speaker:**
  - Andiswa, Economist CIB: Framing the operating landscape informing your strategic direction
  - Pranita, Head: CVP Commercial : Key focus areas in manufacturing Sector
  - Weli, Area segment Manager- SME: She thrives with Absa
  - Mbombo, Head: Sustainability: The sustainability and ESG agenda

The Women in Manufacturing Breakfast promises to be an inspiring and impactful event, offering attendees the chance to connect, learn, and contribute to the ongoing transformation of the manufacturing industry.

For more information on how to register for the event, please visit [www.manufacturingindaba.co.za](http://www.manufacturingindaba.co.za)

#### About Manufacturing Indaba

The Manufacturing Indaba is Africa's premier event for the manufacturing sector, driving industrial development, economic growth, and job creation. It provides a platform for engagement between policymakers, industry leaders, and innovators to address the most pressing challenges facing the sector.

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