

ABCSA NEWSLETTER



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BUSINESS BREAKFAST – HERMAN MASHABA

We had a well attended business breakfast at **Hogan Lovells** with Herman Mashaba speaking on the 17th of March. After giving us some interesting insights into his early life living under the apartheid regime, Mr Mashaba spoke about his drive to improve Johannesburg City. For example he is deploying an additional **1500 police** to the JMPD in order to boost security and crime prevention. He has also identified a need to construct **300,000 housing units** in the city centre to provide decent housing to the poor. Mr Mashaba highlighted his view that a better Johannesburg City will assist in boosting a better South Africa for all.



Mr Mashaba described how once starting his role as Mayor, he discovered that that there was more than corruption taking place in the City offices but in fact “**looting**” of government resources as he put it. This is obviously one of the key areas that the Mayoral team is now tackling.

To become involved with the business opportunities that the City offers see the following link:

http://www.joburg.org.za/index.php?option=com_content&id=4658Itemid=58&lang=en&task=view This web-page highlights the **eight business sectors** that the City is targeting for involvement from the private sector including foreign investors. These sectors range from Financial and Business Services, ICT, Freight and Logistics to Mining and Manufacturing. Other links from this page provides information on assistance given by the City’s Department of Economic Development for investing in Johannesburg and contacts for **Investment Agencies**.

THE ONE-STOP-SHOP INVEST SA

One of our committee members Farai Chabata represented ABCSA at the **One Stop Shop Invest SA** launch (run by the DTI) in Pretoria on 17 March. This launch goes down as one of the legacies of the present government's commitment to attracting business to South Africa and its commitment to creating an inclusive economy which accommodates International Investors to contribute to the country's growth while creating mutually beneficially relationships. The One Stop Shop will have all spheres of regulatory bodies under **one roof** so Investors do not have to deal with multiple departments in order to finalise business transactions. The One Stop Shop is aimed at providing a speedy and seamless route when processing the paperwork needed to complete business dealings. The event was attended by **President Zuma**, Minister of Trade and Industry **Rob Davies** and the Minister of Small Business Development **Ms Lindiwe Zulu** who spoke about creating a conjunctive environment for investment and reiterated the importance of Small Business to the growth and sustainability of South Africa's economy. Minister Zulu has been very vocal and active in her quest to convince the



International community of the value of Small and Medium Businesses from South Africa to the world.

The following link, www.gov.za/Invest%20SA%3AOnestopshop provides further details about the One Stop Shop including **Sector Opportunities** (of which there are 18), **Financing** for Foreign Investors and Investment Services provided by the DTI. The web-site also provides information on **tax incentives** and **training allowances** for investors. One of the Government's objectives is also to assist in the **economic development of our neighboring countries** and towards this end the DTI can provide key introductions to relevant Promotions Agencies, Project Stakeholders and Financial Institutions.

General enquiries around these issues can be made to **Dean Hoff** at the DTI at 012 394 1893 or 083 265 6052. We have made contact with Dean from ABCSA so please mention your link to the Chamber if contacting him. To further promote South African products and services into global markets, the DTI also has a program to sponsor attendance to **international trade shows**. Further information on the schedule of shows and the related business sectors can be found at www.thedti.gov.za/invitations/national_pavilion2017-18.pdf

UGANDA – OIL AND GAS

Through our contacts with **Africa House**, we are pleased to pass on an invitation to any interested ABCSA members to take part in a guided tour to Uganda **in late May** focused on the **oil and gas** sector. The trip will examine existing infrastructure, market conditions, the investment climate and the competitive landscape of the sector. For further information, contact Liz Whitehouse at Africa House, liz@africainfo.co.za or 011 728 5878. The trip will be over five days starting on 21 May. Travel costs will be for the participants own account.

NEW MEMBERS

We would formally like to welcome two new members who joined the Chamber during the month;



- **Clover Fonterra**
- **Charl Niemand (Individual)**

We look forward to seeing Charl and the Clover Fonterra team at upcoming events and welcome them to the ABCSA Chamber.

THE CEO SLEEPOUT™

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RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

ABCSA will again be participating in the **CEO SleepOut™** will be held on the **22nd of June** at an iconic location in Gauteng to be announced soon. Registration is open from the **25th of April** when there will be a media launch. There are a number of events taking place during the month of June including Sympathy SleepOuts and School SleepOuts. These events can be organized by any company or school which will hold a SleepOut at their own location with the aim of accepting various items from the public as per a wish-list which will be available from the registration date. These events can take place country-wide. You can also visit the web-site at <https://theceosleepoutza.co.za>

ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Invites have been sent out for the 2017 ANZAC Day event which will be held at **Freedom Park**, corner of Koch and 7th Ave in Pretoria City. The dawn service will **start at 6 am** followed by a breakfast hosted at the official residence of the Australian High Commissioner. In case you have not RSVP'ed, email to invitations.pret@dfat.gov.au Please rely by the 18th of April.



KING IV GOVERNANCE SEMINAR

UNIVERSITY OF THE
WITWATERSRAND,
JOHANNESBURG



The Mandela Institute Wits School of Law has passed us an invitation for interested parties to attend a King IV Governance seminar - Creating Value and Profit. The seminar will be held at the Chalsty Teaching and Conference Centre, School of Law on the **11th of April**. Among other topics, the seminar will discuss guidance on the practical application of the key

principles of King IV and its implementation into your business. The following link provides further information and booking details www.wits.ac.za/mandelainstitute/events/ or phone 011 717 8468. The cost is R1495 per person.

EVENT SPONSORSHIP

ABCSA offers a variety of event sponsorship opportunities to showcase your company's services and strengthen your corporate brand in the ABCSA business community. Sponsorship packages are available at various price points and can be fully tailored to suit your organisation's needs and requirements. If you have a specific idea about sponsorship and brand exposure or would like to do something out of the ordinary, please contact alison@abcsafrica.org

LOOKING FOR A NEW TREASURER

One of our committee members, **Daniel Mcloughlin**, the ABCSA treasurer will be leaving the Chamber and South Africa in early April. He is returning to Australia to take up a new position with his current company **Orica** (Mining explosives and chemicals). Dan has been running the finances for the Chamber and has been instrumental in setting up an accounting system to keep all the numbers in order. We all thank Dan for his work at the Chamber and wish him the best of luck with his new role. This means that the Chamber needs a new treasurer. If anyone is prepared to take on this volunteer role (or knows of someone suitable) and become an ABCSA committee member, please contact **Shane Hunter** on **082 337 5575** or email shunter@abcsafrica.org.
