

Densification defines Africa's urban trends and infrastructure in 2018

Why do we need to talk about infrastructure investment and delivery in sub-Saharan Africa?

Business spending in Africa will grow from \$2.6 trillion in 2015 to \$3.5 trillion by 2025. It is estimated that over the same period an additional 187 million Africans will migrate to cities, drastically redefining urban trends and requirements. However an annual investment of \$150 billion is still needed to close Africa's infrastructure gap and inadequate infrastructure in Africa still cuts growth by as much as two percentage points per year, leading to a loss of almost 40% of productivity.

Infrastructure plays a critical role in driving industrialisation and economic growth in Africa and the 6th annual **African Construction and Totally Concrete Expo** provides a definitive platform to support this. Over the years the event has evolved to become Africa's mega infrastructure show and the 6th annual edition will be held at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Johannesburg, South Africa from 16 to 17 May 2018.

Today the construction landscape in Africa is shifting. Increased competition in the marketplace and an increased number of smaller-scale projects has led to slimmer margins, decreased confidence in local construction companies and a paradigm shift towards generating new revenue streams outside of national borders.

Against this backdrop, the 6th annual **African Construction and Totally Concrete Expo** sets the stage for increased communication and collaboration amidst public and private sector operators across all disciplines of Africa's built environment. The overall event attracts more than 250 exhibitors and over 9 500 participants to form Africa's mega infrastructure show and biggest gathering of construction professionals under one roof. "We are expecting a wide variety of companies to exhibit at the expo, including suppliers and solution providers involved in pre-build, construction and finishing phases of the construction cycle. Alternative building solutions, Chemicals, tools, equipment, digital construction, smart buildings, finishes, materials and contracting services suppliers will also be on hand, showcasing the latest technologies and solutions," says **Tracy-Lee Behr, Portfolio Director**.

The **African Construction and Totally Concrete Expo** caters for the entire African construction, cement and concrete industries. The audience includes architects, engineers, contractors, quantity surveyors, government representatives as well as suppliers of products and services to the industry. From indoor to outdoor experiences, workshops to prizes, there is something for everyone at the African Construction and Totally Concrete Expo 2018. www.totallyconcrete.co.za