

Manufacturing Indaba 2019 to Address Pressing Topics

Event to educate industry professionals to keep abreast of prevalent changes within sector to affirm a competitive stance within local and global manufacturing environments

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Johannesburg, 3 April 2019 - Africa's revered manufacturing event, the **Manufacturing Indaba**, is set to host the elite of the manufacturing industry on the 25-26 June 2019 at the Sandton convention Centre, Johannesburg. The conference is set to explore growth opportunities, the latest manufacturing incentives and trends as well as to network and collaborate with relevant contacts vested in the sector.

The Indaba has announced its agenda which includes a dynamic itinerary of thought-provoking and engaging sessions discussing a range of topics, amongst which are the 4th Industrial Revolution, the future of African manufacturing along with exclusive insights into practical case studies and lessons learned on the journey to manufacturing excellence. In addition, dialogues will focus not only on the manufacturing sector, but the mining and gas interfaces.

The conference will host forums on the 4th Industrial Revolution and its implication on manufacturing units within the sector along with establishing a framework to accelerate change in this domain. Well-versed industry specialists will impart their knowledge on emerging opportunities and how to manage threats while proactively investigating strategies to fortify their competitive advantage and boost profits through the digitalisation of manufacturing operations. Panel discussions focused on this theme have been created to inform both small and large manufacturers on the relevance that Industry 4.0 has to every enterprise, thereby enabling manufacturing facilities to enhance their innovation tactics and subsequently their bottom-line.

Moreover, with the advent of the digital age and constant disruption of the sector brought about by innovative technologies, dialogues have been designed to educate players of the manufacturing domain about cybersecurity and industrial automation along with the associated risks facing manufacturers. Forums will also explore energy efficient technologies and solutions for security of supply for manufacturers.

The manufacturing sector is considered the powerhouse of emerging countries and economies. In response to this, the event's African Ministerial Panel is set to establish a roadmap to accelerate initiatives towards industrialisation, which African governments regard as an urgent necessity.

The Conference programme offers a stage for dynamic discussion and debate on the shifting complexity of the manufacturing landscape which deems acquiring constant access to emergent markets essential. Managing these changes requires a thorough understanding of future trends that will have a significant impact on manufacturers. Such discussions will cover a new approach to manufacturing innovation with regards to robotics and the future of African manufacturing; the future of trade – a perspective on the decade ahead, growing an African marketplace along with expanding exports. Furthermore, forums led by industry experts will unpack prevalent growth opportunities within the agro-processing environment as well as the impact that financial investment has on the manufacturing realm.

The productivity debate is a pertinent subject within the manufacturing space. Embracing technology, fostering talent across the generations by solving the manufacturing skills challenge through encouraging skills acquisition are essential elements to improving efficiency and productivity rates within the sector. Enactment of such strategies will be comprehensively unpacked to encourage manufacturers to create a competitive edge that will see them at the forefront of the industry.

The **Manufacturing Indaba 2019** is where industry players will assemble to deliberate prevailing and future concerns whilst acquiring access to relevant networks, content and ideas that empower individuals and manufacturing units to thrive in this vastly competitive sector. The event represents the ultimate marketplace for practical educational opportunities that assist industry professionals determine what is required to keep abreast of the prevalent changes within the sector and affirm a competitive stance within both the local and global manufacturing environments, thereby striving to contribute to Africa's manufacturing economy in its entirety.

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MORE ABOUT THE MANUFACTURING INDABA

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The annual Manufacturing Indaba will be hosted at Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg from the 25 - 26 June 2019. The two-day event has shown impressive growth year on year and has proved its value in catalyzing business connections and helping manufacturers to innovate and grow their potential. The aim of the annual Manufacturing Indaba and its provincial roadshows is to bring together manufacturers, industry leaders, government officials, capital providers and professional experts to explore opportunities and grow their manufacturing operations. The event is designed specifically for private and public company representatives to hear from industry experts as they unpack challenges and find solutions for growth across the manufacturing sectors and explore regional trade into Africa.

The event will comprise a two-day conference and exhibition and is hosted in partnership with the South African Department of Trade & Industry (**the dti**), the Department of Science & Technology and the Manufacturing Circle, representing the private sector.

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