



**SAIBA**

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**RE: Briefing Note on The South African Indo-Afro Business Association Concerns on Crime**

### Overview

The South African Indo-Afro Business Association (referred to as "SAIBA"), a non-profit organisation established for a public benefit purpose within the meaning of section 10 of the Income Tax Act, 1962 as amended; was established by independent entrepreneurs under the auspices of AUBC (The African United Business Confederation) with a common vision to broaden and create a platform for the economic empowerment and development of business entrepreneurs in South Africa.

The fundamental Key Performance Area of SAIBA is to enable the commercial transition of South African Black, Coloured and Indian persons in the "business" arena from marginalised to leading and to provide a platform for engagement with stakeholders. In addition; SAIBA's objective is to promote and encourage meaningful participation of previously disadvantaged people in the mainstream of the South African social and economic landscapes

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## **AS-IS State**

SAIBA since inception in 2023 has steadily increased its membership to include South African Previously Disadvantaged People's businesses together with South African Previously Disadvantaged Persons in their individual capacity.

The current membership includes a diverse representation; from both the female and male gender, from youth to the elderly, from all 12 official languages, from clerical to professional roles, from diverse spiritual "faiths" and from sectors of education, healthcare, oil and gas, mining, logistics, air and ground transportation, information technology, food, agriculture and retail.

As a collective, looking nationally, SAIBA's individual and entity members have a significant impact on South Africa's socio-economic landscape. Our "social-economic contract" with the people of South Africa provides a livelihood and sense of belonging to many South African residents and their families and as a collective, our history of "racial" struggle binds us to ensure our children and grandchildren do not ever experience the same and hence binds us to South Africa.

**BUT**

For us to effectively deliver on our socio-economic contract to "SA. Inc" we on an hourly basis struggle with crime. We are very thankful for the work done and the support provided in "dealing with crime" and whilst we understand that poverty is a lead to criminal activity we are on a hourly basis faced with crime as a result of not being South African enough, as a result of tribalism, as a result of religious differences and as a result of success all of which contributes to us "being targeted". An example of such is the statistics showing that this targeted crime is moving from targeting material assets (watches, phones, etc...) to where Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal have been identified as hotspots for kidnappings for ransom and human trafficking of well-known and wealthy families (see below article)

<https://www.iol.co.za/undefined/children-becoming-targets-experts-confirm-average-of-50-kidnappings-a-day-in-south-africa-f6bec10f-1fe5-4ea4-931a-b64528090f5d>



## **TO-BE State**

President of the ANC and of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, said “ **I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities**”.

SAIBA commits and subscribes to the ideal mentioned above and is of the opinion that a key enabler is the “elimination of crime”. Whilst we acknowledge that this might be an aspiration that is not achievable for all; we are also of the opinion that it is achievable for many of the criminal acts being conducted today, and this is evident in other society’s around the world (developing and developed society’s).

To achieve success SAIBA is of the opinion that South Africa needs to, amongst others;

- strengthen its justice system and re-consider the severity index across the criminal activities being conducted;
- strengthen its police service force and re-consider the applicability for service;
- strengthen the police service by stronger partnership with the military;
- strengthen the police service partnership with community and private security, focussed on localised partnership;
- strengthen the police surveillance technologies and inclusion of a e-crime platform

With this in mind SAIBA confirms our determination to support South Africa and it’s people. We offer our support in the relevant task forces driving prevention against crime and request a face-to-face discussion with yourself to deliberate on the “struggles” faced and co-develop solutions to such. We look forward to your response and available dates for a meeting.

Regards,



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