



SAIBA

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RE: Briefing Note and Invite from The South African Indo-Afro Business Association

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. This is further supported by the promotion of meaningful participation of previously disadvantaged people in the mainstream of the South African economy with emphasise on African economic development.

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SAIBA since inception in 2023 has steadily increased its membership to include South African Previously Disadvantaged People's businesses together Previously Disadvantaged Persons in their individual capacity. The current membership includes a diverse representation of gender, spirituality and age 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 members have a significant impact on South Africa's socio-economic landscape. Our "social contract" with the people of South Africa, honours on a daily basis many paying jobs and honours many non-profit corporate social responsibilities. In addition our "economic contract" with the country of South Africa; honours on a daily basis many commercial businesses that contribute to the tax regime, that contribute to commercial delivery of goods and services and equally imperative contributes to the business development growth agenda of South Africa. 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.

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For us to effectively deliver on our socio-economic contract to "SA. Inc" we on an hourly basis struggle with bureaucracy, struggle with divisions of not being South African enough, struggle with tribalism and struggle with "getting a seat at the table to voice our contribution" and as a result "being marginalised".

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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**" and it is to this that we want to reiterate and confirm our determination to support South Africa and it's people. We therefore humbly request and cordially invite you, President Cyril Ramaphosa, to a SAIBA "launch" hosted dinner and request that you advise your availability.

Regards,



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(Chairperson: SAIBA)



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