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The Afrika-Verein Veranstaltungs-GmbH along with the Southern African - German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK) is organising within the framework of the Southern Africa Initiative of German Business (SAFRI), the **3rd German-South African Business Forum** (www.dsawf.de).

Venue of the event will be the Haus der deutschen Wirtschaft in Berlin in cooperation with the Federations of German Industry (BDI), of German Wholesale, Foreign Trade and Services (BGA) and the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK). The Business Forum provides the biggest platform for German-South African cooperation in the private sector and brings together up to 300 German and South African representatives of business and politics. South Africa continues to be interested in almost every economic sector to partner with Germany in international trade and as an investor to the country. The current Year of Science 2012/2013, organised by respective countries and their ministries of science and technology, addresses various economic topics such as the renewable energy sector.

South Africa's economy, the largest on the continent, continues to grow and the government plans to invest 300 billion Rand into infrastructure to increase its productivity through Transnet and other programs. A 9.5 billion tax relief and focused spending on education, health, public and social administration is said to increase the countries overall competitiveness. The South African automotive industry, who achieved a significant production increase in 2011, is considered as the role model.

As per usual our forum deals with up to date economic and political developments with the focus on the business potential of German-South African cooperation. Amongst others, the following main topics will be discussed at the conference:

- I. Infrastructure and Transportation**
- II. Urban Renewal and City Development**
- III. Renewable Energies and Green Economy**
- IV. South Africa as a partner for the SADC-Region**

Further information can be found at www.gsabf.de.

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