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# 1<sup>st</sup> German - South African Business Forum

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Siemens AG, München

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In the framework of the Southern Africa Initiative of German Business (SAFRI, the German-African Business Association (Afrika-Verein), together with the Federation of German Industries (BDI) and the German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) are organising the 1<sup>st</sup> German - South African Business Forum. The conference is supported by the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa in Berlin, while the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology has taken over patronage. The 1<sup>st</sup> German – South African Business Forum will take place from November 30<sup>th</sup> until December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at the Siemens AG in Munich.

The Republic of South Africa with its GDP of US-\$ 277 BN (2008) is the largest African economy and the most important business partner for Germany in Africa. More than 600 German enterprises are already active within different sectors in South Africa. The stock of German direct investment accounted for approx. € 4 BN in 2008. The German – South African trade reached a volume of more than € 12 BN at the end of 2008.

Germany continues to be an important business partner for South Africa as well. It is purchaser of 7,2 % (2008) of all exports from South Africa, while 11,3 % (2008) of all imports to South Africa originate from Germany. Imports from as well as exports to South Africa have constantly increased during recent years.

During the two days conference you will receive information about recent developments in South Africa and have the opportunity to get into direct contact with high ranking representatives from private business and political institutions. The 1<sup>st</sup> German – South African Business Forum will present current projects, business opportunities as well as skills transfer and development in the following sectors:

- Energy
- Health
- Water / Sewage
- Transport Infrastructure

Further Information about the 1<sup>st</sup> German - South African Business Forum can be found at [www.dsawf.de](http://www.dsawf.de). You may also contact Mr. Andreas Wenzel ([wenzel@afrikaverein.de](mailto:wenzel@afrikaverein.de), Tel: 040-419133-24) or Mrs. Romy Rösner ([roesner@afrikaverein.de](mailto:roesner@afrikaverein.de), Tel: 040-419133-20).