

manufacturing indaba



14 - 15 JULY 2026

CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Sandton Convention Centre
Johannesburg . South Africa



**MADE IN
AFRICA**

**THEME: Made in Africa -
Scaling Growth, Shaping Trade**

AFRICA'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR

– AN AWAKENING GIANT

Africa's current population of around 1.2 billion people is projected to reach 1.7 billion by 2030

By embracing the multitude of opportunities that stand before African manufactures, such as increased political stability, growing investment prospects, Industry 4.0, enforcement of policies empowering black and female manufacturers in addition to government funding incentives, the continent can aspire to compete on a global scale and realise its true potential at long last.

The Annual Manufacturing Indaba has shown impressive growth year on year and has proved its value in catalysing business connections and helping manufacturers to innovate and grow their potential.

The event is designed specifically for private & 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.



MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRIALISATION TO UNLOCK AFRICA'S POTENTIAL

Manufacturing's impact on the economy and society makes it an unbeatable ingredient in the success of a state, region and continent. The manufacturing sector faces ever-challenging skills and technology requirements, as well as the need to continuously improve productivity and performance. The annual Manufacturing Indaba assembles manufacturers and key decisionmakers from various countries, and provides a platform to discuss these challenges: how to prevent further deindustrialisation, reduce job losses and stabilise the industrial base in Africa and the way forward for finding solutions for growth across the manufacturing sectors.

Industrialisation is considered the engine of economic growth, leading to the accumulation of physical and human capital. In recent years, African countries have witnessed steady economic growth owing to their vibrant manufacturing sectors. This has subsequently boosted exports of many African countries, supporting the diversification of their exports mix, and reducing their reliance on imports. Africa's manufacturing sector has only witnessed the onset of its potential. While the cost of labour in developing countries is on the rise, the World Bank predicts that these manufacturing jobs could migrate to Africa within the next few decades.



The Manufacturing Indaba will build on the G20 momentum to create actionable roadmaps for African industrial growth. By fostering dialogue, forging partnerships, and promoting innovation, the Indaba will serve as a catalyst for transforming Africa into a globally competitive manufacturing powerhouse.



THE 2-DAY MANUFACTURING INDABA CONFERENCE

Manufacturing activities promote development in that they boost the value generated in an economy by creating activity further along value chains, from raw materials to finished products. The introduction of innovative technologies and methodologies in the manufacturing realm further increase productivity levels. In addition, manufacturing creates employment opportunities, boosts the skills of the workforce, reinforces the economy, extends developments into the wider economy and tends to support social stability.

Africa's rapidly expanding young population and simultaneous surge in demand for consumer goods and food has deemed the continent a progressive business and industrial proposition for the private sector. Ultimately, African people are required to produce more quantity with improved production methodologies. In addition, we need to generate greater value from our raw materials and resources by converting them into products through manufacturing.



Manufacturing plays a prominent role in Africa's economic development - made evident by how industrial growth positively affects the overall GDP and productivity of the nation.



REASONS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE

The success of the African economy depends on a strong and innovative manufacturing base.



The conference agenda aims to promote a positive change to the environment that supports resilience and addresses challenges that exists within Manufacturing. Manufacturing employs more than 1.6 million people, provides base load and scale for infrastructure, such as electricity, rail, water supply and many other municipal services.

LEARN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MANUFACTURING

Learn about the role of Industry 4.0 to accelerate change, the importance of improving efficiency and productivity in Manufacturing, and hear from international speakers about lessons learnt in achieving Manufacturing Excellence.



DISCOVER THE LATEST TECHNOLOGIES & TRENDS BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

The conference and exhibition offers opportunities to hear about the latest technologies and practices, including robotics, additive manufacturing, energy efficiency, cybersecurity, industrial automation, innovation, productivity, and more.



LEARN FROM THE INDUSTRY LEADERS

Hear from a diverse group of luminaries and high profile speakers, sharing real-world insights about the manufacturing opportunities in Africa. The event attracts elite CEOs, high-level executives and Government officials from across Africa.



MEET BUYERS AND DO BUSINESS AT THE EVENT

The Business Matchmaking Programme and Hosted Buyer Campaign affords all exhibitors and conference delegates the opportunity to request onsite meetings with high-level buyers, attendees, speakers, sponsors and investors at the event.

MEET & CONNECT WITH SECTOR SPECIALISTS

From the conference refreshment breaks and evening cocktail reception to the lively atmosphere on the exhibition floor, the event provides endless opportunities to meet fellow delegates and share knowledge and ideas.

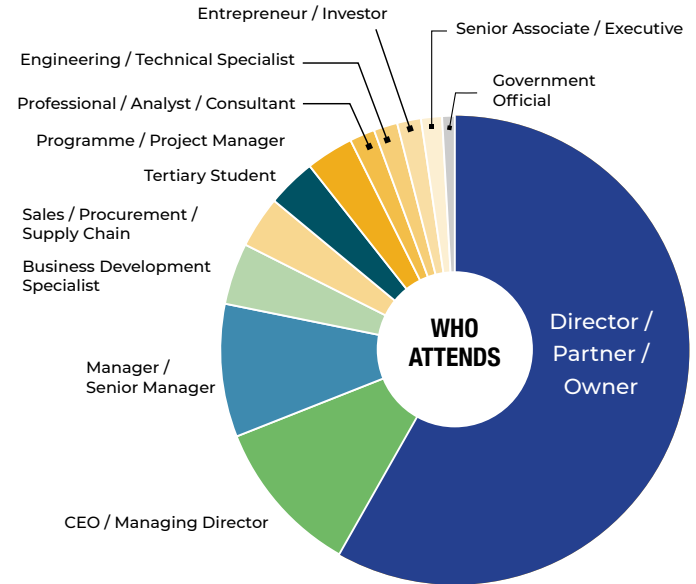
EXPLORE THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

Explore what is needed in Africa to grow the market, which incentives and other financial mechanisms are available to assist manufacturers, the need for Industrialisation and how to solve the manufacturing skill challenge.

WHO ATTENDS MANUFACTURING INDABA?

Conference Delegate and Exhibitor profile:

- Small, medium and large manufacturers
- Allied industries (cement, iron, steel producers, etc.)
- Pharmaceutical manufacturers
- Automotive cluster, manufacturers, part manufacturers
- Industrial Development Zones (IDZs) and Manufacturing
- Development Agencies
- Private investors: global and domestic
- Government representatives
- Financial institutions and banks
- Chemical manufacturers
- Agro-processing
- Aerospace & defense
- Companies in the energy sector, biofuels, nuclear, renewables, green and energy saving industries
- Service providers, i.e. law firms, consulting firms
- International manufacturers wanting to establish themselves in South Africa
- Policy makers
- Private equity investors
- Industry sector specialists
- Exporters of manufactured goods
- IT solutions providers
- Trade publications / media
- Industrial suppliers
- Logistics / supply chain companies
- Academic & research bodies



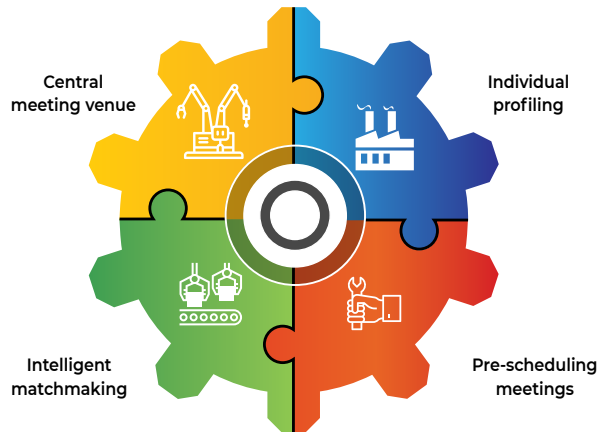
BECOME AN EVENT PARTNER

Participating as an Event Partner at Manufacturing Indaba an ideal way to position your company as a market leader at this premier event. Manufacturing Indaba provides an excellent opportunity for your organisation to reach an elite group of manufacturers, thought-leaders and professionals from across the province. Manufacturing Indaba offers a variety of customisable marketing opportunities that fit your brand's needs and objectives.

DOING BUSINESS AT THE EVENT

THE EVENT AFFORDS AMPLE NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DELEGATES AND EXHIBITORS:

- Exhibitor booths are open to conference delegates & the public
- Cocktail reception and business networking evening
- Delegate lunch is hosted in the exhibitor area, to maximise visibility
- B2B platform, designed for companies to do business at the event
- An exclusive Procurement Programme to attract Buyers



BUSINESS TO BUSINESS (B2B)

The Manufacturing Indaba **B2B Programme** affords all exhibitors and conference delegates the opportunity to meet and engage with this year's high level speakers, exhibitors, sponsors and delegates on a one-on-one basis at the event. Using the most sophisticated technology in the industry, the Manufacturing Indaba B2B Programme promises return on your investment. It is uniquely designed to help you to make the right contacts, fulfill your business and target market objectives and establish long-lasting and valuable contacts in the manufacturing sector.

HOW THE BUSINESS MATCHMAKING PROGRAMME WORKS:

- 1. Individual profiling** – Using the information that you provide, as well as our added background research, we will develop your own unique profile. Our matchmaking software will then apply your purpose and goal at the Indaba in its database search of contacts that are most suited to your needs.
- 2. Intelligent matchmaking** – Once we have established your key contacts, you will be able to go online and select the person or company with which you would like to interact with. When you have reached a decision, you may send meeting requests – and let the matchmaking begin!
- 3. Pre-scheduling meetings** – We will ensure that meetings are duly confirmed through the online private diary for tracking a meeting's status and conferring over details such as suitable times.
- 4. Central meeting venue** – An email or text reminder will be sent to both participants for meetings in a pre-confirmed area at the Manufacturing Indaba.

BOOK YOUR 2-DAY EXHIBITION SPACE FOR MANUFACTURING INDABA

The 2-day Manufacturing Indaba Exhibition, taking place from **14 – 15 July 2026** at the Sandton Convention Centre, provides a platform for companies to showcase their manufacturing technologies, solutions and services. With their tightly focused profiles and carefully targeted audiences, exhibitions are highly cost-effective sales and marketing platforms.

By participating as an exhibitor you have an opportunity to promote your company to delegates, exhibition visitors, international investors, buyers and governments worldwide.

Exhibitors also gain access to the Business Networking programme, which offers networking opportunities for businesses to meet and interact with potential business partners. Exhibitors can network, meet potential clients and establish business relationships with key speakers, sponsors and delegates through pre-arranged meetings.

Research has shown that face-to-face meetings are the most effective way to strengthen relationships with both prospective customers and current customers. Share your product or service with an industry relevant audience of decision-makers from across the continent. You will have access to elite visitors and buyers, which allows you to get valuable feedback, test different marketing techniques and rapidly expand your sales leads.



THE EXHIBITION IS IDEAL FOR SMALL AND LARGE MANUFACTURERS WISHING TO:



Display products or services in front of a large audience in an efficient, cost-effective way



Do market research or test ideas in a real-time, vibrant environment



Collaborate with other manufacturers in the value chain to enhance your business



Interact with key players in the manufacturing industry



Network and meet potential clients



Rapidly generate sales leads and optimise your sales strategy



Launch a new product



Close business deals



Attract potential investors



Have face-to-face conversations with your target audience



SECTORS

- Automotive sector
- Clothing, Textiles, Leather & Footwear sector
- Agro-processing
- Chemicals Sector
- Steel Industry
- Plastics
- Mineral Beneficiation
- Metals fabrication, capital and rail transport equipment
- Mining Capital Equipment
- Business Process wServices(BPS)
- Film sector
- Green industries
- Marine manufacturing and associated services
- Aerospace and Defence
- Electrotechnical
- Advanced Materials

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2025 THEME:

Igniting Africa's Industrial Revolution:
Innovation, Integration and Inclusive Growth

664 Registered Participants



45 CEOs attended



5 Addresses

15 Conference sessions



86 Conference Speakers

3 Plenary panels
12 Breakaway sessions

Exhibitors
148



Pavillions
8



5438
Registered Visitors

4 Strategic Partners

18 Endorsing Partners



11 Partners / Sponsors

1349

Scheduled B2B Connect Meetings



16 Knowledge Hub speakers

11 Manufacturing Insights Hub speakers



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

2 EAST AFRICAN DELEGATIONS



Botswana



Eswatini



Ethiopia



Ghana



Kenya



Lesotho



Mauritania



Namibia



South Africa



Uganda



Zambia



Zimbabwe

The Value of
Media Publicity

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R20 444 523,81



35 Media partners

2 Live Broadcasts from the event



Social Media Reach

7 656 178 PEOPLE

WHAT DO OUR PAST ATTENDEES THINK?

Jacques Liebenberg - Exhibition Visitor

Great show. Nice balance of exhibitors and sectors, business workshops. Definitely worth visiting.

Phumzile Mauku - Strategy and Communications Division - Trade & Investment Unit, Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA)

We would like to express our appreciation and the way we have been received by the Manufacturing Indaba Crew. Our exhibitors are very excited with the interaction and the experience at the show.

DESTEA - Exhibitor

Thank you very much for the opportunity to expose our enterprises. It was worth attending both on the exhibition side and the discussions. The space you chose for us was perfect and as a cherry on top one of the exhibitors got an interview from the SABC, which was the greatest exposure she could get. If we attend again next year, we will request the same space.

Charné Potgieter - Exhibition Visitor

The Manufacturing Indaba was very well organised with easy registration. I enjoyed the insightful presentations about the manufacturing industry as well as visiting all the exhibitor stands, which provided wonderful networking opportunities.

Humble Gratitude Dondolo - Exhibition Visitor

Great platform for business match making, networking with sector specialists from various sectors in other countries, but most importantly securing markets for businesses participating.

Tatenda-Tatty Shewaz - Exhibition Visitor

Wow! What a wonderful exhibition... the exhibition was so phenomenal from the entrance to the inside, which was very warm.. Every company was prepared and on their toes, took a picture with one of the friendly assistant from #EnviroBlend #ManufacturingIndaba





The Manufacturing Indaba 2025 was a powerful platform for exchanging ideas and forging connections across the industry. I'm grateful to have contributed to the dialogue shaping the future of manufacturing in Africa.

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