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## 3<sup>rd</sup> German-South African Business Forum 2012

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The German-South African Business Forum provides the biggest platform for German-South African cooperation in the private sector. The Forum brings together up to 300 German and South African representatives of business and politics and is well acknowledged by both governments. 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 the respective countries and their ministries of science and research addresses various economic topics such as the renewable energy sector.

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

As 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

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