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Message from the CEO

Dear Members,

With the newly-elected Government of National Unity in place, positive signs are already beginning to show in certain sectors of the economy.

Due to the many success stories through projects hosted at JCCI, emphasis has been placed on securing additional funders and partners to work with. This will enable the JCCI to equip SMEs with all the necessary skills to operate a sustainable business.

We are also very pleased that the JCCI has forged a strategic partnership with Rotary International, an organisation which seeks to grow local economies. This collaboration brings together our two institutions with diversified membership bases and

shared objectives. This partnership has enabled us to leverage our collective resources and expertise to address pressing societal challenges, demonstrating our shared commitment to corporate social responsibility and community development.

Our goal continues to ensure that the JCCI becomes the flagship business Chamber in Africa offering discerning and unique services that differentiates JCCI from any other Chambers on the continent.

Regards, Bernadette





Trade News

JCCI and the City of Johannesburg’s Trade and Investment unit have established a Trade Council to develop a streamlined approach towards export development and promotion activities to enhance the City’s export and global competitiveness, contributing towards the City’s long-term economic growth.



The primary objective of the Trade Council is to establish and create an enabling environment for exports and reduce any barriers to economic growth by providing support to SMMEs looking at increasing their exports amongst other business objectives.

JCCI has hosted a number of Trade Days this year including:

- Doing business with India
- Select USA
- Unpacking the African Continental Free Trade Agreement
- Lithuania and Turkish delegation
- Johannesburg Business Forum in partnership with City of Johannesburg
- Old Mutual themed “Thought Leadership”
- Delegation from Shenzhen, China

In June, JCCI participated in the annual SAITEX event, a premier gathering that attracts international exhibitors and provides a dynamic platform for networking and collaboration.

Additionally, in partnership with the Federation of Singapore Food and Beverage sector, this presented an opportunity for 12 of our SMEs to exhibit alongside their Singaporean counterparts at a local Trade Exhibition.



Incubation Initiatives

JCCI recently implemented a very successful training and mentorship programme in partnership with the City of Johannesburg (COJ). The results included a graduation ceremony for over 120 SMEs in July 2024. The keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony was JCCI Past President, Dr Ernest Mahlaule, with officials from the COJ and the Department of Agriculture in attendance. Phase Two of this project will be launched within the next two months.

A further collaboration with the COJ, means we are able to equip another 150 SMEs with the tools and resources they need to thrive in today's competitive landscape. Leveraging the acclaimed JCCI Business Accelerator model, this initiative empowers SMEs with invaluable knowledge and support, enabling them to unlock new opportunities and reach their full potential.

We have seen all our participants learn and grow from the programme. Some personal growth and goal setting, some

have expanded business footprints, some accessed new markets and come to grips with local and international administration. We are very proud of the role the JCCI has played in upskilling all our local talent

The EYWA Programme commenced in July and we have 120 women enrolled. This programme is co-funded by the European Union. The focus is on start up business for women aged 18 to 35 and township economy based. Applicants are given the choice to improve employability with new

professional competencies; along with the opportunity to start their own business.

All the practical considerations like upskilling, preparing CV's, employment agency introductions; along with entrepreneurship skills, offering all business management skills and sector specific skills provided by experts from Spain, would be facilitated by JCCI.

We believe this to be unique programme for South Africa and JCCI is proud to be chosen as a partner.





JCCI Membership: Benefits that Count

While there are a host of benefits of being a member of JCCI, we thought it would be a good idea to remind you of three.

1

JCCI is able to provide useful networking opportunities to be introduced to local business people as well as local government officials and key people within foreign embassies and the EU.

2

Our Annual Conference is an important part of discussions with private sector, government, labour and civil society to promote economic growth.

3

JCCI hosts a variety of seminars and workshops that cover a wide range of topics to upskill and keep you informed on diverse developments within the business landscape while endeavouring to foster economic growth.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new members who have joined us as of the beginning of the year. We are delighted to welcome you all.

January

- Fibreclean (Pty) Ltd
- KBH and 4IR Consultants (Pty) Ltd
- Miracle Drinks Africa (Pty) Ltd
- NG Global Energy Solutions (Pty) Ltd

February

- Drlifegud The Business Plug (Pty) Ltd
- Ibec Chartered Business Accountants (Pty) Ltd
- Lola Group (Pty) Ltd
- Redbank Holdings (Pty) Ltd
- StarBlaze Business Solutions (Pty) Ltd
- Southern Africa Conformity Assessment Authority (Pty) Ltd

- Triple Orange Manufacturing cc
- Bonakude (Pty) Ltd
- ELO Digital Office (Pty) Ltd
- Iberchem South Africa (Pty) Ltd
- Heneways Freight Services (Pty) Ltd
- Regal Distributors SA (Pty) Ltd

March

- Black and Diamond Coal (Pty) Ltd
- The Meter Man cc
- 2022 Environmental Science ZA (Pty) Ltd t/a Envu
- Connect Africa Technologies (Pty) Ltd
- Yooma HR Part of the Platinum Software Group

April

- Greer Services (Pty) Ltd
- Pegasus Trading BV (Incorporated in Belgium)
- Fochem International (Pty) Ltd
- Plus0 (Pty) Ltd

May

- Carexus Foundation NPC
- Christa Marais
- Liyana Beauty (Pty) Ltd
- Rely Precisions Castings (Pty) Ltd
- Van Zyl, Rudd & Associates SA (Pty) Ltd



Tip-Top Training

We are always looking for ways to enhance our members' ability to do business. To this end we ensure that topical, quality training courses are on offer.

Here are some of upcoming courses on offer. Please remember that there is a fee involved, but you always get a substantial discount if you are a JCCI member.

Export course 5 day
16-20 September 2024

Import 5 day training
14-18 October 2024

Incoterms training 1 day
16 September 2024

ICC Incoterms 1 day training
14 October 2024

For more information please contact Anthea on 011 726 5300 or e-mail her on anthea@jcci.co.za. We would encourage you to remember that we also host workshops/training sessions hosted with stakeholders which include SARS, Customs and other business support organisations.





Our Building: our Nest

We are really pleased to announce that our tenant on the 4th floor has renovated their offices. We are sharing some photo's of their new look!

There are still offices available in our building if you are looking for a safe, professional space, JCCI has very reasonable rates. We have the following space vacant

- 356sqm
- 178sqm
- 477sqm

For more information please contact Anthea on 011 726 5300 or e-mail her on anthea@jcci.co.za.



Certificates of Origin (CO)

JCCI and the Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry have become the first Chambers within the Association of South African Chambers (ASAC) to be granted the prestigious Certificates of Origin accreditation by the International Chamber of Commerce World Chamber Federation (ICCWCF) Certificate of Origin Chain.

This noteworthy achievement places ASAC in a globally recognised and trusted position for issuing Certificates of Origin (CO), which play a critical role in international trade transactions. COs certify the country of origin of a particular product and serve as essential documentation for customs purposes, trade agreements, and other regulatory requirements.

With this newly awarded accreditation, every CO issued by JCCI and the Cape Chamber now bears a distinctive internationally recognised quality label in addition to the Chamber stamp. This label serves as tangible evidence of our status as credible and trusted third parties in issuing COs, enhancing the credibility and reliability of the documentation provided to businesses engaged in international trade.

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Upcoming Events

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August

Thursday, 29 August
Johannesburg Business Forum (JBF) Plenary Meeting
Topic: COJ Policy on Combating Illegal Mining

October

Thursday, 31 October
JCCI Annual Conference
Topic: Growing SA Business: EU Trade & Investment Opportunities

Date tbc
Embassy of the Hellenic Republic (Greece)
Topic: Doing Business with Greece

Date tbc
Malawi Consulate General
Topic: Malawi Business Mission

November

Thursday, 7 November
Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia
Topic: Doing Business with Tunisia

Thursday, 14 November
Fragomen Africa
Topic: tbc