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The European House – Ambrosetti has organized the fourth “**South Africa – Italy Summit**” which will take place on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 October 2017 in **Johannesburg** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The Summit is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Italian Embassy in South Africa, the South African Embassy in Italy, the Italian Trade Agency (ITA) and Confindustria, the General Confederation of Italian Industry.

For the second consecutive year, the Summit will also have the patronage and active cooperation of the **Province of Gauteng** – which accounts for 34% of South Africa’s GDP and 10% of the GDP of the entire continent – the main driver in the continuously multiplying relations between Italy and South Africa.

The fourth edition of **South Africa – Italy Summit** has been possible thanks to the contribution of some leading companies: **BBM Law, Building Energy, MA, Peu Group, Transnet, Terna**.

Paolo Borzatta, Senior Partner of The European House - Ambrosetti, underlines the importance of reinforcing relations between South Africa and Italy/Europe: “The aim of this initiative is to build a permanent, exclusive and influential community of business and political leaders from South Africa and Italy to encourage cooperation to grow their enterprises, their countries, and their continents”.

The Summit, very exclusive and by invitation only, will bring together the highest echelons of Italian and South African business leaders, eminent economists and representatives of government to discuss strategic opportunities in the two countries. The Summit will provide a **common platform** for entering and expanding into the Sub-Saharan continent. The goal is to **significantly increase investments** and trade synergies between the two countries and the respective continents. This edition will welcome **approx. 150 business leaders**, half of whom are Italian.

This year, there will also be **corporate delegations and representatives of Institutions** (Ministries and Embassies) from other African countries (Zambia and Botswana) and **other European countries**, as well as from South Africa and Italy.

A **Gala Dinner** and a reception cocktail at the Residence of the Italian Ambassador in Pretoria will provide further opportunities for networking and interaction.

Position papers prepared by The European House – Ambrosetti under the guidance of an **international Advisory Board** will be presented during the Summit.

The Summit will address the following **topics**:

1. **Decipher a shifting geo-economic scenario**
2. **Promoting railways and intermodal connectivity**
3. **Leaders of the Future**
4. **Energy investments and infrastructure for a sustainable Africa**
5. **“Made in Italy” meets “Made in Africa”.**

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

- **Paolo Borzatta** (Senior Partner, The European House - Ambrosetti)
- **Matteo Brambilla** (Managing Director Africa, Building Energy)
- **Rosetta Chabala** (CEO, ZAMEFA)
- **Marcus Cornaro** (Ambassador of EU to South Africa)
- **Theo de Jager** (President, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions – SACAU)
- **Jean Pier de la Porte** (Director Domus Africa; Co-editor Future African Cities)
- **Valerio De Molli** (Managing Partner & CEO, The European House - Ambrosetti)
- **Benedetto Della Vedova** (Deputy Minister, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation)
- **Pietro Giovanni Donnici** (Ambassador of Italy to Pretoria)
- **Alec Erwin** (Chairman, UBU Investment Holdings; former Minister of Public Enterprises and former Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa)
- **Serena Foracchia** (Deputy Mayor and Council Member for International Relations, Municipality of Reggio Emilia)
- **Siyabonga Gama** (Group Chief Executive, Transnet)
- **Yunus Hoosen** (Acting Head Investment Promotion and Inter-Departmental Clearing House, DTI, South Africa)
- **Lebogang Maile** (Member, Executive Council for Economic Development, Gauteng, South Africa)
- **David Malemolla Makhura** (Premier of Gauteng, South Africa)
- **Peter Malungani** (Chairman, Peu Capital Partners)
- **Jacob Mamabolo** (Member, Executive Council for Infrastructure Development, Gauteng, South Africa)
- **David Masondo** (Chief Executive Officer, AIDC Automotive Industry Development Centre, South Africa)
- **Luigi Michi** (Director, Strategy and Development, Terna)
- **Riccardo Maria Monti** (Chairman, Italferr)
- **Christopher Musonda** (Chief Executive Officer of Zambia Railways Limited)
- **Felix Mutati** (Minister of Finance, Zambia)
- **Nhlanhla Nene** (Resident Advisor, Thebe Investment Corporation, South Africa; former Minister of Finance, South Africa)
- **Tseke Nkadimeng** (CEO, Afric Oil)
- **Ronald Sibongiseni Ntuli** (Chief Executive Officer, Thelo Rolling Stock Leasing, South Africa; Board Member, African Export-Import Bank, South Africa)
- **McLean Sibanda** (Chief Executive Officer, The Innovation Hub, South Africa)
- **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos** (Chief Executive Officer, South African Institute for International Affairs, South Africa)
- **Nomatamba Tambo** (Ambassador of South Africa to Rome)
- **Stergomena Tax** (Executive Secretary, SADC)
- **Ismail Vadi** (Member, Executive Council for Roads and Transport, Gauteng, South Africa)
- **Boris Zala** (European Parliament, Member; Vice-Chair, Delegation for Relations with South Africa)
- **Andrea Zamboni** (Co-editor "Future African Cities", Domus Study Centre, Editoriale Domus)
- **Lindiwe Zulu** (Minister of Small Business Development, South Africa).

Other business leaders and high-level representatives of the Government of the two countries have been invited to participate at the Summit.

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