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South African Aerospace, Maritime and Defence Industries Association



South African Defence Dominance: Shining Bright at DSA 2024!



The recently concluded Defence Services Asia Exhibition and Conference (DSA), held from **May 6th to May 9th, 2024**, at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC) in Kuala Lumpur, marked another milestone in the South African Defence Industry. Hosted, supported and co-organised by the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Home Affairs, DSA stood as the premier platform showcasing the world's most advanced technologies, systems, hardware and electronic warfare.

DSA Exhibition and Conference Sdn Bhd, a Malaysian-owned company, played a vital role in orchestrating this grand event, hand-in-hand with the Malaysian Government. With a rich history dating back to its inception in 1988, DSA has evolved into one of the top-tier defence and security exhibitions globally, providing unparalleled access to industry experts and government decision-makers.

Over the past three decades, DSA has continuously raised the bar and DSA 2024 was no exception. This year's edition featured a comprehensive display of sophisticated technologies in Land, Air, and Sea Defence, Homeland Security, Combat Robotics, Cyber Defence and Security, HADR (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief), UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) and Battlefield Medicine.

Participation in DSA is highly coveted for numerous reasons. It ranks among the world's top five defence and homeland security shows, offering unparalleled access to government ministers, key decision-makers and international delegations. It serves as a convergence point for leading defence and security companies and organisations, providing a platform to showcase their capabilities and forge strategic partnerships.

Notably, South African companies made a strong presence at DSA 2024, underscoring the country's expertise and innovation in the defence sector. Among the prominent participants were Milkor, Denel Reutech, Sandock, DCD, Paramount, OTT, Swatek, Reunert Applied Electronics, Lotus International Co Ltd and Rapid Mobile. Their participation not only showcased South Africa's technological prowess but also fostered collaboration and networking opportunities on a global scale.

The South African Aerospace Maritime and Defence Industries Association (AMD) takes immense pride in the visibility achieved by South African companies at DSA 2024. It reflects the strength and capabilities of the South African defence industry on the international stage. AMD extends its appreciation to all participating companies for their contribution to making DSA 2024 a resounding success.

As we reflect on the achievements of DSA 2024, we look forward to continued collaboration and innovation within the global defence and security community. DSA remains a cornerstone event for fostering dialogue, forging partnerships and advancing technological advancements in defence and security.



A Thrilling Update: Shaping the Future of National Security at the AMD National Safety & Security Town Hall

National Safety and Security Town Hall 2024

15 MAY

YOUTUBE STREAM

WORKSHOP 17 Sandton, Johannesburg

Participating Political Parties: EFF, RISE MZANSI, DA, ANC, TFP, ACTIONSA

Follow for more information. | Stream the conversation on @defenceWebSA

We are excited to provide an update on the upcoming inaugural National Safety and Security Town Hall, a pivotal event aimed at addressing and shaping the future of South Africa's national security landscape. Scheduled for **May 15th**, this significant gathering will take place at Workshop 17 in Sandton, Johannesburg.

The National Safety and Security Town Hall serves as a platform for South Africa's political parties to present their positions on critical national security matters. It is a momentous opportunity for dialogue and engagement, allowing stakeholders to discuss pragmatic solutions to safeguard our nation's prosperity.

We are honoured to have our Acting Chairperson, Ms Michelle Nxumalo, gracing us with her presence and delivering the closing remarks. Michelle's remarkable leadership and dedication to national security will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact as we conclude this pivotal event.

Additionally, we are thrilled to have our Executive Director, Mr Sandile Ndlovu, delivering the welcome and opening remarks.

With his wealth of expertise in defence strategy and leadership, Sandile's insights are invaluable as we navigate toward a safer South Africa.

To facilitate broader engagement, we encourage the use of the hashtag #AMDTownHall2024 on social media platforms. This hashtag will provide interested members of the public with an opportunity to engage with the participating political parties on critical national security issues.

We invite all AMD members to join us in shaping the future of South Africa's national security landscape. Whether you attend in person at Workshop 17 in Sandton, Johannesburg, or join virtually, your participation is crucial. Your voice matters in this crucial dialogue!

Let's come together to build a safer, stronger South Africa. Together, we can explore pragmatic solutions and ensure the prosperity and security of our nation.

The Oceans Economy Conference & Expo 2024: Pioneering Maritime Advancement and Security

Scheduled for May 22nd and 23rd in Cape Town, the Oceans Economy Conference & Expo 2024 stands as the foremost event for Southern Africa's maritime domain. Bringing together luminaries from both commercial and defence sectors, this important gathering delves into an expansive spectrum of themes, spanning transportation, logistics, offshore enterprises, tourism, and maritime security. Over the course of two dynamic days, participants will delve into cutting-edge technologies while fostering crucial industry connections, culminating in a networking cocktail function.

Excitement looms palpably on the horizon for this eagerly anticipated event, poised to stimulate dialogues on novel maritime technologies and strategies aimed at fortifying South Africa's maritime assets. Anchored in overarching themes ranging from fisheries and environmental affairs to naval tactics and maritime rescue operations, the conference stands poised to ignite innovation and underpin the sustainable exploitation of maritime resources.

Central to the expo's allure is its vibrant exhibition segment, offering exhibitors an unparalleled platform to showcase their prowess. With a diverse audience comprising industry stalwarts and decision-makers, exhibitors seize the opportunity to spotlight their latest innovations, products, and services. This facet of the expo serves as a springboard for enterprises to showcase their capabilities while engaging with prospective clients and collaborators, thereby fostering synergies and propelling advancements in the maritime domain.

As the event's date draws near, stakeholders eagerly anticipate the chance to contribute to the shaping of the region's maritime trajectory. Bolstered by its comprehensive agenda and abundant networking prospects, the Oceans Economy Conference & Expo 2024 emerges as a transformative force, primed to galvanize maritime innovation and security across Southern Africa.

22-23 MAY

CAPE TOWN

OCEANS ECONOMY CONFERENCE & EXPO 2024



Preparations in Full Swing for Elective AMD and SAAMDEC AGMs

Excitement is building within the South African Aerospace Maritime and Defence Industries Association (AMD) and the South African Aerospace Maritime and Defence Export Council (SAAMDEC) as preparations kick into high gear for their respective Annual General Meetings (AGMs), scheduled for the **13th of June 2024**.

The AMD AGM marks a significant milestone as members prepare to gather physically at RCS to elect new leadership and chart the course for the future of the association. With the date fast approaching, the AMD team is leaving no stone unturned in ensuring a smooth and efficient electoral process. The AGM presents an opportunity for members to actively participate in shaping the direction of the organisation and contributing to its

continued success.

Simultaneously, SAAMDEC is gearing up for its AGM, which promises to be a momentous occasion for the Export Council. As stakeholders come together to reflect on the achievements of the past year and strategise for the future, the SAAMDEC team is diligently organising the agenda to ensure a productive and engaging event for all participants.

Both AGMs will serve as platforms for members to review financial reports, discuss key industry trends, and provide input on important strategic decisions. Additionally, the SAAMDEC AGM will include discussions on critical success factors that have defined the organisation's achievements over the past five years, adding a reflective element to the proceedings.

As the date draws nearer, members of both AMD and SAAMDEC are encouraged to mark their calendars and actively participate in these crucial events. Each member's contribution is vital to the success and growth of the Aerospace, Maritime, and Defence Industries Association. Together, we will shape the future of our industries and propel South Africa's aerospace, maritime, and defence sectors to new heights of excellence.

SAAMDEC SOUTH AFRICAN AEROSPACE MARITIME AND DEFENCE EXPORT COUNCIL

AMD SOUTH AFRICAN AEROSPACE MARITIME AND DEFENCE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

AGM 2024

13th JUNE

FEATURE

AMD Whistle-Blowing Channel

We wish to inform you about the introduction of a new "Whistle-Blowing Channel". Reports and concerns related to any whistleblowing matters can be captured to the Chairperson of the AMD Risk and Audit Committee, **Mr Marcus Capuzzimati** at marcus.capuzzimati@fuchs.co.za. Though we have not yet received any reports through this channel, it is crucial to emphasise the significance of this mechanism in fostering transparency and accountability within our association. The establishment of the Whistle-Blowing Channel underscores our commitment to providing a secure avenue for individuals to raise concerns and contribute to maintaining the highest ethical standards in our operations.

