

Monthly Newsletter

South African Aerospace, Maritime and Defence Industries Association

AMD Strategic Planning Session 2024:

Shaping the Future of South Africa's Defence Industry



On **October 28th and 29th, 2024**, AMD hosted a vital Strategic Planning Session at Kievits Kroon Gauteng Wine Estate. This two-day event was spearheaded by AMD's Policy & Strategy Committee, that sought to emphasise the importance of aligning AMD's mission and vision with South Africa's evolving defence and security landscape to set the direction and objectives for the next 2-5 years, aiming to position the South African Defence industry for growth, resilience and global competitiveness.

The session's agenda revolved around reinforcing AMD's core objectives while promoting enhanced collaboration across the defence sector. Discussions highlighted the need for a unified vision to propel AMD and its members forward, ensuring that the association remains relevant, resilient and strategically positioned to support South Africa's defence interests on both a local and global scale.

Key takeaways from the planning session emphasised AMD's commitment to sustaining partnerships, enhancing industry competitiveness and driving positive transformation within the sector. In addition to reinforcing AMD's role in the defence landscape, the gathering underscored the value of stakeholder alignment and long-term sustainability, with a renewed focus on growth, adaptability and inclusivity.

Armcor provided insights through a presentation, offering perspectives on supporting AMD's objectives and fortifying the nation's defence capabilities. The session also provided an opportunity to review the Programme of Action for AMD committees. The revised Programme of Action will serve as a benchmark for committee operations and align with AMD's evolving goals. Each committee's Programme of Action will reflect the contributions and insights gained from this session, allowing for seamless integration of the strategic objectives discussed.

The Strategic Planning Session stressed the association's commitment to encouraging an adaptive, forward-thinking approach. As AMD steps into the future, the groundwork laid at Kievits Kroon serves as a blueprint, positioning the Association as a vital partner in the national security landscape and as a key driver of South Africa's economic growth and technological advancement.

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President Ramaphosa appoints new leadership to the National Conventional Arms Control Committee (NCACC)



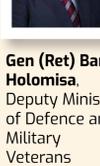
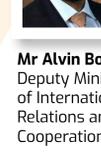
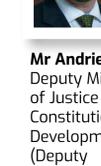
President Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed a distinguished panel of 11 Ministers and Deputy Ministers to serve on the National Conventional Arms Control Committee (NCACC) for a five-year term, with Minister in the Presidency, Ms Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, as the Chairperson and Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, Mr Andries Nel, as Deputy Chairperson. The NCACC is tasked with overseeing and regulating South Africa's conventional arms trade, a mission that aligns closely with the defence industry's goals for national security, transparency and global credibility.

The President's decision, in line with Section 5(1) of the National Conventional Arms Control Act of 2002, signifies the government's dedication to ensuring that South Africa's trade in conventional arms adheres to international law and the stringent standards outlined in national legislation. The NCACC's mandate, per Section 4 of the Act, focuses on balancing the economic and security interests of South Africa

with responsible, lawful oversight of arms trade activities. This directive is a vital tool in maintaining a transparent control process that builds trust, both within South Africa and internationally.

From an industry perspective, the committee plays a vital role in facilitating a stable, regulated environment for South Africa's defence trade. It provides guidance that protects national security while fostering business confidence and adhering to rigorous ethical standards. By maintaining robust control measures and conducting inspections and investigations, both domestically and internationally, the NCACC strengthens South Africa's commitment to lawful defence trade practices, reinforcing its position as a reliable global defence partner.

The newly appointed members of the NCACC include:

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Ms Khumbudzo Ntshavheni , Minister in the Presidency (Chairperson) | 
Ms Angie Motshekga , Deputy Minister of Defence and Military Veterans | 
Mr Ronald Lamola , Minister of International Relations and Cooperation | 
Ms Thembi Simelane , Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development | 
Mr Senzo Mchunu , Minister of Police | 
Dr Blade Nzimande , Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation |
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Mr Parks Tau , Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition | 
Gen (Ret) Bantu Holomisa , Deputy Minister of Defence and Military Veterans | 
Dr David Masedo , Deputy Minister of Finance | 
Mr Alvin Botes , Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation | 
Mr Andries Nel , Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development (Deputy Chairperson) | |

The President expressed confidence in the new committee's ability to uphold South Africa's principles in arms control, reinforcing the importance of transparent governance and international cooperation in the defence industry. This appointment marks a renewed commitment to secure and ethical arms trade practices that align with the country's strategic objectives.

Aerospace Indaba Drives Industry Collaboration and Innovation



The recent Aerospace Indaba, held on the 24th October 2024, brought together the South African Air Force and influential stakeholders from across the aerospace and defence sectors to discuss pressing advancements, challenges and opportunities in the industry. The event, a collaborative forum uniting government, industry leaders, and policymakers, aimed to strengthen partnerships and foster innovation in support of the South African aerospace sector's growth.

Led by provoking Director Mr. James Kerr, the Indaba presented thought-provoking sessions that included high-level presentations and discussions, covering topics like the economic outlook for aviation, general aviation's role, and the significance of sustainable practices. A notable breakout session, "Discussing the AMO/MRO Landscape within the Logistics Requirements of the SAAF and the Capabilities of Aviation Suppliers," featured a distinguished panel. On the panel were Dr Lindokuhle J Mpanza, Executive Manager for Continued Airworthiness & Systems Integration at Denel Aeronautics; Hennie Pietersen, Accountant Manager and Director of Maintenance at StarLite Aviation Group and Shai Shalem, CEO of

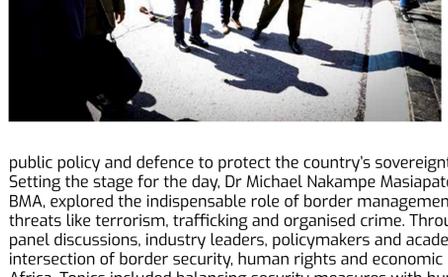
Safomar Aviation. The session spotlighted vital issues around maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) capabilities, emphasising their critical role in fulfilling the logistical needs of the South African Air Force (SAAF) through local aviation suppliers.

Esteemed speakers, including CEOs and industry experts, shared valuable insights on navigating global trends and positioning South Africa competitively within the international aerospace market. The Indaba reinforced the essential role of government-industry collaboration in driving growth and resilience, setting the stage for the next steps in South Africa's aerospace innovation journey. As the sector confronts evolving demands, events like the Indaba are crucial for generating forward-thinking solutions and bolstering South Africa's position in the global aerospace landscape.

BMA Conference & Expo 2024: Strengthening National Security Through Collaboration and Innovation

The Border Management Authority (BMA) Conference & Expo, held earlier this week at the CSIR, brought together key figures from government, industry and defence sectors to address pressing issues in border management and national security. Simphiwe Hamilton expertly served as Programme Director for the event, setting a professional tone that facilitated rich discussions on the complexities of securing borders in an interconnected world.

The conference was honoured by the presence of the Minister of Home Affairs, Dr Leon Schreiber, whose keynote address marked a pivotal show of government commitment to national security. Minister Schreiber highlighted the crucial role of effective governance in advancing border security and emphasised the alignment of policy with practice. His support reinforced the government's dedication to safeguarding South Africa's borders and affirmed the essential collaboration between



public policy and defence to protect the country's sovereignty. Setting the stage for the day, Dr Michael Nakampe Masiapato, Commissioner of the BMA, explored the indispensable role of border management in combatting threats like terrorism, trafficking and organised crime. Through a series of in-depth panel discussions, industry leaders, policymakers and academics examined the intersection of border security, human rights and economic integration across Africa. Topics included balancing security measures with human rights protections, leveraging technology to enforce regulatory frameworks, and fostering cross-border cooperation to facilitate trade without compromising ethical responsibilities or national security.

The expo showcased an impressive display of armoured vehicles from leading defence companies, including DCD, Paramount and GC2T. These exhibits testified the defence industry's commitment to equipping border agencies with high-performance solutions designed for the unique challenges of border protection, enhancing operational readiness and contributing to a safer and more secure environment for all South Africans.

The BMA Conference & Expo proved a valuable platform for advancing dialogue, strengthening partnerships and aligning strategies across sectors, promoting a collective dedication to the integrity and security of our nation's borders.

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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 directed to the Chairperson of the AMD Risk and Audit Committee at whistleblower@amd.org.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.

