



The SACANCHAM Newsletter

Keeping in touch.....

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Greg Nott, Chairperson

FROM THE CHAIR

February 19th 2018: What an exceptional few days we have experienced, days and decisions that will usher in a new era for our country.

We live in challenging and exciting times and on a continent which is alive with opportunity. SACANCHAM is poised and ready to embrace the opportunities that Africa offers.

Our Chamber is proactive. We keep abreast of all significant developments within Southern Africa and the SADC countries. We enjoy high level contacts, which include major decision-makers and influencers, in both government and business, who recognise the importance of investment, trade and the creation of an enabling and sustainable environment where business can flourish. The Chamber also acknowledges the importance, significance and relevance of CSI initiatives and to this end looks to enhance grass-root developmental projects. Relevant, current information is made available to our members through our monthly newsletters and on our website. Our Patron, H.E. Sandra McCardell,

High Commissioner to South Africa, fully supports the Chamber, having done so from its conception. The High Commission of Canada, Trade Office is a vital component of our success, and they plan to strengthen the relationship even further.

SACANCHAM's journey through 2017 was exhilarating. Our forward-looking Board of industry leaders, all experts within their respective fields, will guarantee that 2018 not only maintains the momentum, but that the planned developments, events and new offerings will ensure that our members will benefit in a highly visible way from belonging to the Southern Africa-Canada Chamber of Commerce. 2018 heralds a new milestone in our collaborative journey.

On behalf of the SACANCHAM Board, I would like to wish our members, our partners and all friends of the Chamber a prosperous 2018. *Meilleurs voeux pour 2018, laissons-nous prospérer ensemble!*

For more information on the SACANCHAM Board members, visit our website www.sacancham.com

THE SACANCHAM BOARD

PATRON

Her Excellency Sandra McCardell,
High Commissioner to South Africa

GREG NOTT (Chairperson, Founding Director): Director, Norton Rose Fulbright

YVONNE MHINGA (Deputy Chairperson): CEO, Princess of Africa Foundation, UN representative

ALYSON D'OYLEY (Founding Director): COO ARM

HENNIE OOSTHUIZEN (Founding Director): Executive: Strategic Engagements and High Profile Relations USB-ED

MIKE MORGAN (CEO, SACANCHAM)

EDWYN O'NEILL: CEO, Bryte Insurance Co. Ltd.

KUSENI DLAMINI: Chairman, Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd; Chairman of the Board, Massmart

BRIAN LEVER: MD, AGT Foods Africa

FRIK LANDMAN: CEO, USB-ED

LENORE KERRIGAN: Country Manager – Africa, Open Text

NOLUTHANDO GOSA: Founder, Akhona Group

MARCELLO DI'FRANCO: Head of Office, Canadian High Commission Trade Office

SACANCHAM EVENTS CALENDAR

2017 was an exciting year.

The Chamber was formally recognised by our Patron, Her Excellency the Canadian High Commissioner to South Africa, at the Canada 150 celebrations in Pretoria in June; the first Board meeting was held in July, with the second following in September.

However, it was the fact that we managed to hold three highly successful events in August, September and November that showed our members we were serious about bringing them internationally-renowned speakers presenting thought-provoking and challenging workshops.

Networking sessions were held after each event, where members and visitors mingled with Board members over tasty snacks and unique wines donated by one of our members, Leopard Frog Vineyards.

For more on the events held in 2017, go to www.sacancham.com.

Our **2018** Events Calendar is gathering momentum. Visit our website www.sacancham.com.

Our first event is a report-back from OUTA's CEO, Wayne Duvenage, hosted at Norton Rose Fulbright in Sandton. For more information, please contact the Chamber at info@sacancham.com or go to our website.

If you would like the SACANCHAM event team to address an issue you feel is pertinent, please contact Sandy at sandy@sacancham.com or on 082 433 6085.

As a Chamber, we welcome your suggestions.



*Her Excellency Sandra
McCardell: Canada 150
Pretoria*



*The Hon. Ahmed Hussen, Min.
Immigration, Refugees and
Citizenship, Canada*



*Dr Morne Mostert 'African
Megatrends'*



*Professor Arnold Smit
'Developing Board
Leadership'*

OTHER EVENTS

Board members and our CEO attended the **Mining Indaba** (5-8 February) in Cape Town. Our Canadian High Commission Trade Office friends were attracting the crowds to their stand, where the Chamber was also promoted. Photos will be loaded onto the website.

***In a note from Hartman KOUASSI,
Délégué Commercial Ambassadeur du
Canada en Côte d'Ivoire.....***

'Dear Colleagues,

Please note that AfDB President Adesina announced recently that AfDB will organise the **first edition of the Africa Investment Forum (AIF) on 7 – 8 November, 2018 in South Africa.**

That event is supposed to be fully transactional and to focus on creating deals between projects developers and investors.'

If you would like more information on this event, please contact Sandy on sandy@sacancham.com and we will forward what we have received.

On Friday 9th January, Ms Alyson D'Oyley, a founding director of SACANCHAM, hosted visiting Canadian MBA students and their lecturers at a 'cinq à sept' on behalf of the Chamber at the beautiful Bryanston Country Club. Mike Morgan, the CEO was present, in addition to Chamber members. What a fantastic get-together! The Canadian visitors kept mentioning the warmth with which they had been received, the selfless support given by big industries to start-ups, and South Africa's beauty. We'll load photos on the website www.sacancham.com.

11th February is the date on which Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was released from prison. Our Chairperson Greg Nott, the CEO Mike Morgan and the Chamber Co-ordinator attended a fun-filled gathering in celebration of this historic event, and to revisit Madiba's belief in Oliver Tambo's values of Passion, Patriotism, Integrity and Humility. Founding Director Hennie Oosthuizen received an award. More details on the next page!

IN THE NEWS

OH, BEHAVE! CANADA TELLS ITS COMPANIES

Sunday Times
Over a week ago, Minister of International Trade Francois-Philippe Champagne unveiled two initiatives to strengthen the country's approach to responsible business abroad.

Sandra McCardell, Canada's High Commissioner to South Africa, told TimesLIVE that the first move is the creation of an **independent Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE)**, the first of its kind in the world.

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FINTECH COOPERATION: CANADIAN REGULATORS CONCLUDE AGREEMENTS WITH AUSTRALIA AND FRANCE

January 9, 2018

Fintech cooperation agreements with Australia and France were concluded late in 2017 by Canadian securities regulators representing Canada's eight largest provinces.

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HUIT STARTUPS AFRICAINES ONT ÉTÉ MISES À L'HONNEUR LE JEUDI 25 JANVIER À CASABLANCA.

Des entreprises innovantes qui œuvrent dans des secteurs diversifiés, notamment l'agritech, l'écoconstruction, la télé-médecine, le renouvelable, l'e-commerce...

Les organisateurs ont opté pour la capitale économique marocaine pour cette seconde édition du Startup of the year Africa qui a départagé 600 startups.

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KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN CANADA'S ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND EXPORT CONTROLS DURING 2017 & WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2018

An article that appeared in McCarthy Tétrault (Canada) January 22 2018.

Over the past year, there have been major changes to Canada's export

controls and economic sanctions regimes that will have a significant impact on companies doing business abroad during 2018 and beyond.

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HUGE UNTAPPED POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT INVESTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Vanessa Jacklin-Levin / IOL Business Report / Opinion / 28 January 2018

Impact investment is to a large extent still fairly unknown and under-used in South Africa, despite the vast opportunities in a country with a massive scarcity of resources,

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MEMBER NEWS

The top management of AGT Foods achieved multiple awards for excellence last year.

[Toowoomba business, AGT Foods Australia, has won one of the prestigious Premier of Queensland's Export Awards 2017 in the agribusiness category.](#)



[AGT Executive Chairman recognised for Distinguished Service](#)



[Murad Al-Katib of AGT Food and Ingredients Inc. from Canada named EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2017 / AGT's Murad Al-Katib wins international peace award alongside Elton Musk / AGT Food and Ingredients Inc. CEO Murad Al-Katib to Chair Government of Canada's National Agri-Food Economic Strategy Table](#)



SACANCHAM had the pleasure of welcoming one of our Canadian members, Blutip Power Technologies, in 2017. Their commitment to clean energy is impressive.

[Getting Serious About the Environment](#)

To feature in Member News, please forward your information to:

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SACANCHAM AWARD

At an event filled with music, laughter and wonderful company, one of our founding directors and a member of the SACANCHAM Board, Hennie Oosthuizen, received a well-deserved award in recognition of his support for an inclusive and progressive society from 1873 FM, a radio station that stands 'for a borderless mind, promoting and defending the values of openness, inclusivity and diversity'. Realising that few of their listeners knew the role chambers played in the economy, they interviewed the German, EU, Nordic, Spanish, Amcham and SACANCHAM organisations. More will be interviewed at a later stage. Hennie did us proud. To listen to his interview, click [here](#). The award was presented by The 1873 Network Chairperson, Mutumwa Mawere. For more: www.sacancham.com.

