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CONFERENCE THEME 2025: Reimagining The Future Together - Cultivating Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity

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PROGRAMME | SA AUTO WEEK 2025

DAY ONE | Wednesday, October 01, 2025

“REIMAGINING THE FUTURE TOGETHER - Cultivating Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity”

TIME SLOT	PRESIDENTIAL STAGE	INNOVATION STAGE	naamsa NINETY STAGE
07:00 - 08:00	ALL DELEGATES ARRIVES TEA/COFFEE		
08:00 - 09:00	SETTING THE SCENE: THE YEAR THAT WAS! - Tumelo MOTHOTOANE, Master of Ceremonies: PANEL DISCUSSION: From Cape Town to Gqeberha What significant changes have shaped the automotive industry in the past year? MODERATOR: Tumelo MOTHOTOANE, MC PANELISTS: - Greg CRESS, Principal Director: Automotive and eMobility at Accenture; - Dex MACHIDA, Auto Industry Leader at KPMG; - Duane NEWMAN, Climate Change and Sustainability Africa Leader at EY; - Paul-Roux DE KOCK, Data and Analytics Director at Lightstone Auto; and - Hiten PARMAR, Executive Director: Electric Mission	BY INVITATION ONLY PREMIER's INVESTMENT BREAKFAST SESSION - Joanne JOSEPH, Master of Ceremonies - Welcoming Remarks by Sponsoring Partners - Harald HARVEY, Chairperson of the Board, Localisation Support Fund; and - Vuyisile KOKO, EC Provincial General Manager: Old Mutual - Keynote Speaker: Hon. Mlungisi MVOKO, Acting Premier: Eastern Cape Province PANEL DISCUSSION: How can the Eastern Cape remain an investment magnet for the auto industry in SA? MODERATOR: Joanne JOSEPH, MC PANELISTS: - Hon. Hon. Mlungisi MVOKO, Acting Premier; - Hon. Nonkqubela PIETERS, MEC: Economic Dev; - Billy TOM, President and CEO: Isuzu Motors SA; - Abey KGOTLE, CEO Designate: Mercedes-Benz; - Neale HILL, MD: Ford Motor Company.	Youth Empowerment and the Future of Mobility: High School Learners MODERATOR: Tshetlhe LITHEKO, Chief Policy Officer: naamsa PANELISTS: - Tania HUGHES, General Manager - Talent, Global Mobility and Workforce Planning at Toyota SA Motors - Luaneta LOGI, Department Executive Human Capital at Isuzu Motors SA - Vernon NAIDOO, Manager Community Trust at VW Group Africa - Sue HAGEMANN, Key Account Manager at Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator
09:00 - 09:15	EXPO VISITS COMFORT BREAK NETWORKING		
09:15 - 10:00	SALIENT INGREDIENTS TO ATTRACT NEW INVESTMENT FOR AUTO MANUFACTURING IN SA PANEL DISCUSSION MODERATOR: David FURLONGER, Editor-at-Large: Financial Mail and Business Day PANELISTS: - Vuyani JARANA, Board Chairperson: ECDC; - Andreas BRAND, CEO: Mercedes-Benz SA; - Rashmee RAGAVEN, Director: Advanced Manufacturing Invest SA - the dtic; - Mickey MAMA, Head of Department: DEDEAT; - Conrad GROENEWALD, COO: Great Wall Motors; - Bronwyn KILPATRICK, CFO: Toyota.	BY INVITATION ONLY STATE OF THE AUTO INDUSTRY PRESENTATION MODERATOR: Joanne JOSEPH PANELISTS: - Billy TOM, naamsa President; - Peter van BINSBERGEN, VP: Manufacturing OEMs; - Jan AICHINGER, VP: Medium and Heavy Commercial Vehicle OEMs; - Thato MAGASA, VP: Retailing OEMs; and - Neale HILL, Immediate Past President	UNDERSTANDING THE AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY CHAIN PANEL DISCUSSION: The Role of Raw Materials Localisation in Driving the NEV Transition MODERATOR: Grant LEPPAN, Industrial Development Specialist: naamsa PANELISTS: - Kobus SAUER, Senior Industry Specialist: IDC Autos and Transport Equipment; - Goodrich KOWANE, Manager: Hulamin; - Tshepo RAPUDI, Chief Investment Officer, AITF; - Rowan GOVENDER, Executive: Component Suppliers and Investor Support: AIDC-EC

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10:00 - 10:40	THE VALUE OF REIMAGINING THE FUTURE, TOGETHER PANEL DISCUSSION: Anchor and Headline Partners ▪ MODERATOR: Shinny GOBIYEZA, Chief Operations Officer at naamsa ▪ PANELISTS: ○ Lee NAIK, CEO: TransUnion Africa; ○ Robert GWERENGWE, CEO: WesBank; ○ Charl POTGIETER, Managing Executive: Absa Vehicle and Asset Finance; ○ Andile AFRICA, CEO: AIDC-GP; ○ Kgomotso LEBELE, CEO: Accenture Africa; and ○ Bheka ZULU, CEO: Tshwane Automotive Special Economic Zone	THE SA AUTO INDUSTRY, A CATALYST FOR RE-INDUSTRIALISATION ▪ Expert Presentation: Andrew KIRBY, CEO: Toyota ▪ MODERATOR: Rashmika RAMESSUR, MD: Industry X Sales Lead, Accenture ▪ PANELISTS: ○ Andrew KIRBY, President and CEO: Toyota; ○ Rudi DICKS, Head: Project Management Office at the Presidency; ○ Denise VAN HUYSSTEEN, CEO: Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber; and ○ Arthur MTOMBENI, CEO: Shatterprufe.	A TALE OF A BLACK INDUSTRIALIST IN THE AUTO SECTOR A BLACK INDUSTRIALIST CASE STUDY: ▪ One-on-One Conversation: Tumelo MOTHOTOANE connects with Sipho SIKHOSANA, CEO: Ubumbano Opco
10:40 - 11:20	POSITIONING MHCV CHALLENGES ON THE NATIONAL AGENDA PANEL DISCUSSION ▪ MODERATOR: Patrick O’LEARY, Editor: FleetWatch ▪ PANELISTS: ○ Jan AICHINGER, MD: MAN Automotive; ○ Frank STEVENS, Director: Auto Sector, the dtic; ○ Maretha GERBER, CEO: Daimler Truck SA; ○ Duncan MUTENGWE, Acting CEO: NRCS; and ○ Banie CLAASEN, Managing Executive: Lending Products Absa Business Banking.	IN CONVERSATION WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MECs MODERATOR: Joanne JOSEPH, MC PANEL DISCUSSION ○ Hon. Nonkqubela PIETERS, MEC: Economic Development, EC Province; ○ Hon. Lebogang MAILE, MEC: Economic Development, Gauteng Province; and ○ Hon. Rev. Musa ZONDI, MEC: Economic Development, KwaZulu-Natal Province	Youth Empowerment and the Future of Mobility: University and TVET Students ▪ MODERATOR: Tshetlhe LITHEKO, Chief Policy Officer: naamsa ▪ PANELISTS: ○ Tania HUGHES, General Manager: Talent, Global Mobility and Workforce Planning, Toyota SA Motors; ○ Luaneta LOGI, Department Executive Human Capital at Isuzu Motors SA; ○ Sue HAGEMANN, Key Account Manager at Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator.
11:20 - 12:00	A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE AN AMERICAN CAR MAKER ▪ Keynote Speaker: Christopher SMITH, Global Chief Government Affairs Officer: Ford Motor Company One-on-One Dialogue with Joanne JOSEPH		
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH BREAK EXPO NETWORKING SESSIONS		

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13:00 - 14:00	EXPERT PRESENTATION: GLOBAL SHIFTS-THE GLOBAL AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY, POST US TARIFFS. ▪ Keynote Speaker: Donald MACKAY, XA Global Trade Advisory PANEL DISCUSSION: Global Trade Wars and the implications for South Africa and the Continent ▪ MODERATOR: Angelika GOLIGER, Chief Economist: EY ▪ PANELISTS: ○ Themba KHUMALO, Value Chain Development Advisor: AfCFTA; ○ Matthew STERN, Director: DNA Economics; ○ Bill BLACKIE, CEO: Business and Commercial Clients at Standard Bank; ○ Victoria BACKHAUS-JERLING, CEO: AAAM; and ○ Donald MACKAY, XA Global Trade Advisory	The TransUnion Summit 13:00 - 13:05 WHY THE TransUnion Summit Conversation, Why Now? ▪ Kulani MAKARINGE, Master of Ceremonies 13:05 - 13:45 The Future of Mobility - Signals of Change ▪ Lee NAIK, CEO: TransUnion Africa 13:45 - 14: 25 Mobility Inclusion - Responding to the Chinese Disruption ▪ Weihan SUN, Principal, International Research and Consulting, TransUnion Asia Pacific 14:25 - 14:55 The Mobility Showdown: Compete, Collaborate, or Capitulate ▪ MODERATOR: Lee NAIK, CEO: TransUnion Africa ▪ PANELISTS: To be confirmed ○ Neale HILL, President: Ford Motor Company; ○ Tony LIU, Chief Executive Officer, Chery Group South Africa; ○ Charl POTGIETER, Managing Executive: Vehicle and Asset Finance, Absa ○ George GLYNOS, Managing Director, Econometrix 14:55 - 15:00 Signals to Actions ▪ Kulani MAKARINGE, Master of Ceremonies	Connect to the Presidential Stage
14:00 - 15:00	DEVELOPING THE SOUTHERN CORRIDOR - UNLOCKING LOGISTICS FOR OEM GROWTH ▪ MODERATOR: Premeshin NAIDOO, Sector Head: TMT and Industrials, Absa Corporate and Investment Banking ▪ PANELISTS: ○ Themba KOZA, CEO: Coega; ○ Bonginkosi MABASO, Chief Commercial Officer: Transnet Freight Rail; ○ Thembela ZWENI, CEO: East London IDZ; ○ Bheka ZULU, CEO: TASEZ; and ○ Joy BALEPILE, Head: Automotive and Transport Equipment SBU at IDC.		
15:00 - 15:30	CATALYTIC POLICY REFLECTIONS The US Trade Wars and Implications for East London, South Africa, and Africa. ▪ Keynote Expert Presentation by Dr. Rob DAVIES; former Minister Trade, Industry, and Competition at the dtic.		Youth Programme Debriefing Session
15:30 - 16:00	▪ ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATION Dr. DAVIES and Rochelle DE KOCK, Editor: The Herald Newspaper		
18:00 - 22:00	CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY GALA DINNER - powered by Absa [BY INVITATION ONLY]		

DAY TWO | Thursday, October 02, 2025

“REIMAGINING THE FUTURE TOGETHER - Cultivating Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity”

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07:00 - 08:00	ALL DELEGATES ARRIVES TEA/COFFEE		
08:00 - 08:10	All delegates seated and MC Opening Remarks Joanne JOSEPH and Tumelo MOTHOTOANE, Masters of Ceremonies		
08:10 - 08:20	Opening and Welcome to Gqeberha Babalwa LOBISHE, Executive Mayor: Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality		
08:20 - 08:40	Welcome to the SA Auto Week Address Billy TOM, naamsa President		
08:40 - 09:00	Reflections from the Labour Movement Irvin JIM, General Secretary: NUMSA		
09:00 - 09:20	Opening Remarks by the Hosting Province Hon. Mlungisi MVOKO, Acting Premier: Eastern Cape Province		
09:20 - 09:40	Geo-political shifts and diversifying automotive trade into Africa as the next frontier of growth HE Wamkele MENE, Secretary-General: AfCFTA - Video Message		
09:40 - 10:00	Ministerial Keynote Address Hon. Parks TAU, Minister: Trade, Industry, and Competition		
10:00 - 10:30	Celebrating naamsa Ninety Birthday and Photo Opportunities on Stage		
10:30 - 11:00	PRESIDENTIAL WALKABOUT AT THE EXPO COMFORT BREAK NETWORKING B2B MEETINGS		

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11:00 - 11:20	Ministerial Address Hon. Barbara CREECY, Minister: Transport		Evolution of eMicromobility in South Africa Keynote Address: Igniting the Future: How Innovation Fuels Sustainable Mobility in Africa ▪ Linda CELE , FML Product Head: Key Accounts and Partnerships, WesBank PANEL DISCUSSION: An Exploration of eMicromobility in South Africa: Trends, Global Business Case study and Financing solutions. ▪ MODERATOR: Kyle DURHAM , Commercial Head: Sustainability, FNB ▪ PANELIST ○ Thanda SITHOLE , Economist: FNB/WesBank; ○ Johan STEYN , ABF Head: Sales and Sustainability, WesBank; ○ Neil DU PREEZ , Founder: MellowVans; ○ Danielle FRANK , Investment Banking Transactor RMB; ○ Stephan LACOCK , Project Engineer Electric Mobility.
11:20 - 12:00	GOVERNMENT - INDUSTRY SYMBIOSIS: AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY's STRATEGIC ROLE IN SA's ECONOMY ▪ EXPERT PRESENTATION: Prof. Justin BARNES , Director: African Industrialisation Services ▪ MODERATOR: Elmien SAMBANDAN, Automotive and Advanced Manufacturing Industry Leader: EY ▪ PANELISTS: ○ Justin BARNES ; ○ Mike WHITFIELD , CEO: Stellantis; ○ Ugo FRIGERIO , President: NAACAM; and ○ Miyelani MALULEKE , Senior Economist: Absa Corporate and Investment Banking		
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH BREAK EXPO NETWORKING SESSIONS		
13:00 - 13:20	SEPTEMBER 2025 NEW VEHICLE STATISTICS ▪ Paulina MAMOGOBO : naamsa Chief Economist in conversation w Lee NAIK : CEO TransUnion Africa	Ministerial Address Hon. Stella NDABENI-ABRAHAMS, Minister: Small Business Development	THE SUPPORT OF ENTREPRENEURS AND THE ROLE OF PROVINCE IN DEVELOPING SMMEs Presentation Technology Development and Innovation Support Instruments for the Auto Industry Ms Tandokazi NQUMA-MOYO TIA: GM: Strategic Partnerships, Business Development and ▪ Moderator: Tshetlhe LITHEKO ○ Ms. Unathi MAHOLWANA -Coega Development, Programme Manager: SMME Development Unit ○ Mr Khaya NJINGOLO -AIDC EC: Executive manager: Aftermarket Support Programme ○ Ms Tandokazi NQUMA-MOYO TIA: GM: Strategic Partnerships, Business Development and ○ Mr. Mpumi FUNDAM - ECDC: Senior Manager: Enterprise and Business Support Services
13:20 - 14:00	The Changing Face of the Automotive Retail in SA ▪ MODERATOR: Gregg CRESS , Principal Director: Automotive and eMobility at Accenture ▪ PANELISTS: ○ Ockert JANSE VAN RENSBURG , CEO: Motus ○ Tony LIU , CEO: Chery; ○ Amasi MWELA , CEO: cars.co.za; ○ Faan VAN DER WALT , CEO: We Buy Cars; and ○ Anele GEZA , CFO: BAIC SA	AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIAL RESILIENCE LOCALISATION, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, FUTURE MOBILITY, AND TRANSFORMATION ▪ MODERATOR: Irshaad KATHRADA , CEO: Localisation Support Fund ▪ PANELISTS: ○ Susan MANGOLE , DDG: Competition, and Transformation at the dtic ; ○ Junior SHABANGU , Executive Head: OEM Automotive Partnerships; ○ Jabu SELUMANE , CEO: AITF; and ○ Renai MOOTHILAL , CEO: NAACAM.	
14:00 - 14:20	B20 ECONOMIC LEVER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SOVEREIGN DETERMINATION ▪ Keynote Address: Cas COOVADIA B20 Sherpa	EXPERT PRESENTATION: Harnessing the Emerging Battery Value Chain for South Africa ▪ Keynote Speaker: Dr. Philipp WUNDERLICH , Global Battery Technology Lead, Accenture Netherlands PANEL DISCUSSION: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY	

14:20 - 14:40	B20 INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION ▪ Keynote Address: Andrew KIRBY, President and CEO: Toyota SA Motors	○ Dr. Philipp WUNDERLICH, Global Battery Technology Lead, Accenture Netherlands; ○ Liezel STRYDOM, Managing Director at Seriti Solutions South Africa; ○ Zakhele JIYANE, Managing Executive: Eastern Region at Vodacom; and ○ Sudipto MOITRA, General Manager - Enterprise Solutions at MTN.	
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14:40 - 15:30	THE ROLE OF B20, THE BENEFIT FOR SOUTH AFRICA, AFRICA AND THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY ▪ MODERATOR: Reagile MOATSHE, Corporate and Institutional Banking: Investec Bank ▪ PANELISTS: ○ Shameela SOOBRAMONEY, CEO: NBI; ○ Khulekani MATHE, CEO: BUSA; ○ Faisal MKHIZE, Chief Executive: Absa Business Banking; ○ Heather ORTON, Africa Strategy and Innovation Leader: EY		ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR VALUE CHAIN PLAYERS IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY Covering incentives, pre-lending, manufacturing sector support programs, funding partnerships and the collaborative ecosystem. ▪ Keynote Presentation by Kgalaletso TLHOAELE; Executive Sectors Enterprise Development, Absa Business Banking
15:30 - 16:00	REPORT BACKS AND CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS BY naamsa EXCO ○ Mikel MABASA, Chief Executive Officer; ○ Shinny GOBIYEZA, Chief Operations Officer; ○ Norman LAMPRECHT, Chief Trade and Research Officer; ○ Paulina MAMOGOBO, Chief Economist; and Tshetlhe LITHEKO, Chief Policy Officer.		

DAY THREE | Friday, October 03, 2025

“REIMAGINING THE FUTURE TOGETHER - Cultivating Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity”

07:30 - 08:00	ALL DELEGATES ARRIVES TEA/COFFEE
08:00 - 12:00	PLANT SITE VISITS ▪ VW Group Africa Plant, Kariaga; ▪ Isuzu Motors SA Plant, Struandale; ▪ Ford Engine Plant, Struandale; ▪ Transnet Port of Ngqura and Gqeberha; ▪ BAIC South Africa and FAW Trucks SA; and ▪ two Component Manufacturing Facilities around the Gqeberha area.
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH ON SITE AT THE PLANTS
Shuttle Service from Hotels to Coega Vulindlela Conference Centre	



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18:00 - 23:30

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