



Message from British Chamber CEO, David Dawson

Dear Reader

Welcome to this mid-year British Chamber newsletter. It is clear that we still live in uncertain times, with an emerging markets crisis, US\$ strength and consequent Rand weakness, an SA bonds sell-off, all affecting the economy. Coupled with ongoing questions around political leadership, societal and industrial tensions and ever more layers of corruption being uncovered weekly, it is sometimes a challenge to remain positive. However, being positive and engaged is what your Chamber is about. We also attempt to lobby and influence behind the scenes. As this activity becomes more formalised we will be able to share more specifics with you, our members.

As we know from the successful rugby events last month, sport is a great way of bringing people together and lightening the mood. So, for those of you following the soccer World Cup, enjoy, and at time of writing England are still in it!

Best wishes



Commonwealth Business Forum 2018

The Chamber, through the Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council, were invited to attend the Commonwealth Business Forum in London, along with a delegation of members. The Forum ran from 16 – 18 April and was attended by business leaders and government figures from all 53 member nations, with the aim of forging a collaborative and mutually beneficial partnership, as the Commonwealth goes forward into a rapidly changing world.



Alongside the business forum was the much anticipated Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) which saw President Cyril Ramaphosa announcing the “investment lions” tasked with driving international investment into South Africa. Rwanda was unveiled as the next CHOGM host country, set to take place in 2020.

Quarter 2 events: how many did you get to?

- Johannesburg April Briefing: [Making social policy a reality](#)
- Cape Town April Briefing: [Lewis Pugh](#)
- Johannesburg May Briefing: [Bonang Mohale, BLSA](#)
- Diversity is GREAT Breakfast: [Hosted by DIT](#)
- Partner Event: [Royal Wedding Party \(Pretoria\)](#)
- Cape Town Breakfast: [Invest SA One Stop Shop](#)
- Johannesburg Breakfast: ['Preparedness'](#)
- Johannesburg Briefing: [Rugby Chat with Jean de Villiers etc](#)
- Partner Event: [Brexit Breakfast \(Cape Town\)](#)
- Cape Town Members Event: [England Rugby Leadership](#)



Chamber 'Diversity in Business' Initiative

What started as the Chamber's Women in Business initiative is evolving rapidly to best reflect the concerns and requirements of our membership. A new more inclusive title, and a Terms of Reference document (click [here](#) to read) are some of the recent member-led developments. If you'd like to be involved - men and women are welcome! - please contact us. Johannesburg members can contact Cecilia on cecilia.albertyn@britcham.co.za. Cape Town members please contact Eimear on eimear.costigan@britcham.co.za

In celebration of the Royal Wedding...

...the British High Commission hosted parties in both Pretoria and Cape Town. Those Chamber members who attended received the best of British royal treatment this side of the equator!



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- [FGW Generators](#)
- [FTI Consulting](#)
- [Hogan Lovells](#)
- [Ceva Animal Health](#)
- [Clyde & Co](#)
- [CSI Thabile Networking Solutions](#)
- [Evolve](#)

MANY THANKS TO:

- **ABSA, WEIR** and **Jaguar Land Rover** for sponsoring recent Chamber events in Johannesburg
- **Bowmans** for sponsoring a Chamber event in Cape Town
- The InvestSA One Stop Shop for hosting a Members' breakfast in Cape Town


- [Quadrant Africa](#)
 - SANMAC Consultancy Services
 - [Swift Thinking](#)
 - [Tennelli Industries](#)
 - [TPN Training & Recruitment](#)
 - [Tribal Trading](#)
- High Commissioner Nigel Casey CMG MVO for hosting a Cape Town event at his residence
 - Member and strategic Chamber partner, **Department for International Trade**, for inviting Chamber members to a **Brexit Breakfast** in Cape Town and for sponsoring a Diversity in Business breakfast in Johannesburg




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CEO Profile


This month we get to know CEO David Dawson a little better with [this profile](#) that appeared in the Financial Mail in June.




DID YOU KNOW...?

Now available for download...

Greencape recently launched their 2018 Market Intelligence reports on the following green economy sectors: Energy Services, Sustainable Agriculture, Waste and Water. Find them [here](#).




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MEMBERS' BREAKFAST




Johannesburg Breakfast

Join us for the next breakfast event on 31 July on the topic of networking. Our breakfast events in Johannesburg and Cape Town are restricted to members only.



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