



Message from British Chamber CEO, David Dawson

Dear Reader

Welcome to this edition of the British Chamber newsletter. You will see information on activities in an events-filled previous quarter. It's conference season all over at present with the various political conferences taking place in the UK and in South Africa. October is shaping up to be 'summit central' with Jobs, Health and Investment Summits all taking place.

Britcham has made an important decision regarding our Policy & Advocacy capacity and ambitions, and have decided to join Business Unity South Africa. See more information below. Please note below and in your inboxes the invite to our Annual Dinner Fundraiser which will be held on 15th November. Come and support your Chamber, have a great evening and stand to win super prizes.

See you then,



PM Theresa May Visit and SA-UK Business Forum

In August the UK Prime Minister visited Cape Town accompanied by 29 UK businesses. Chamber members were invited to hear the PM's speech and to participate in a South Africa-UK Business Forum.

Several Chamber members were in the spotlight at the event.

Jaguar Land Rover and **Turner & Townsend** each received Board of Trade Awards. Members such as **BP** Chairperson Thandi Orleyn featured in panel discussions. Board member Cheryl Buss of **ABSA** spoke eloquently about the British Chamber offering. The Forum was hosted by the **Department of International Trade** at the stunning Portside building.



The [PM's speech](#) addressed the future of the UK-Africa relationship and included the announcement of a £4 billion programme of UK investment in African economies that will pave the way for at least another £4 billion of private sector financing.

For more details and photos see [here](#). The visit was part of a [three nation African visit programme](#) which included stops in Nigeria and Kenya.

Boosting our Policy & Advocacy Capacity

We are pleased to announce that Britcham has joined Business Unity South Africa. BUSA is an organisation of business organisations such as professional and sectoral industry bodies and chambers. It has extensive and credible policy capacity which Britcham can participate in, contribute to and benefit from. Find their presentation to us [here](#). This is an exciting initiative which will enable Britcham to build on our own respected credentials and engage in the national debate at a more technical policy level than hitherto.

Diversity in Business Update

What started out as *Women in Business* has evolved and been renamed *Diversity in Business*, which encompasses more accurately what the group is about. Women AND men are welcome as this group is a platform to make a difference in all areas in business relating to diversity. Following a very successful [breakfast meeting at Bowmans](#) in August, the committee launched our own **Mentoring & Coaching** initiative. This initiative recognises the impact mentoring and coaching has on employee, and in turn, on company performance. The Committee went black tie for the 6th Annual [Gender Mainstreaming Awards](#) on 13 September, where we celebrated with companies being rewarded for their outstanding contributions in championing diversity. Amongst the winners were Chamber Members **EY**, **Vodacom** and **Absa** – congratulations! That's inspiration for 2019...

Diversity in Business



At the Diversity in Business Chamber Breakfast in August



Diversity in Business Committee members and guests at the Gender Mainstreaming Awards



Catch up on our Quarter 3 events!

click for details and pictures

- [July Business Briefing \(Johannesburg\)](#): Insights from EY's next Africa Attractiveness Survey
- [July Members' Breakfast \(Johannesburg\)](#): Networking 101 – tips from experts
- [August Business Briefing \(Johannesburg\)](#): Expropriation without compensation
- [Partner Event \(Cape Town\)](#): PM Speech & SA-UK Business Forum
- [August Diversity in Business Breakfast \(Johannesburg\)](#): Mentorship & Coaching
- [September Business Briefing \(Johannesburg\)](#): Artificial Intelligence and the Fourth Industrial Revolution
- [September Members' Breakfast \(Cape Town\)](#): Developing your networking skills
- [September Members' Breakfast \(Johannesburg\)](#): Blockchain (joint event with AmCham)

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- [Oryx IT Solutions](#)
- [Quiver Tree Capital](#)
- [Turner & Townsend](#)
- [UK Abroad](#)

MANY THANKS TO:

- **EY, Aggreko, LexAfrica** and **Virgin Atlantic** for sponsoring recent Chamber events
- **Bowmans, AECOM** and the **British Consulate General** for hosting Chamber breakfasts
- High Commissioner Nigel Casey CMG MVO for hosting a Sterling members' dinner at his Pretoria residence
- **BCW** for assistance with two networking skills sessions in Cape Town and Johannesburg



BRITISH CHAMBER OF BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA

ANNUAL DINNER 2018

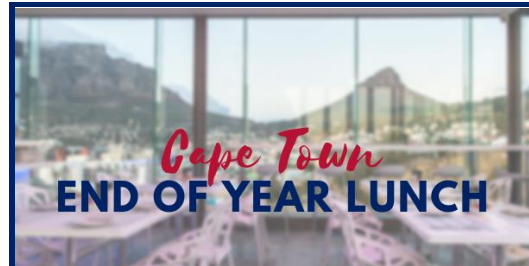
We look forward to you joining us at this year's annual dinner. You can expect fantastic prizes and entertainment. See you there!

TRADE *mission*

The [CWEIC](#) invites Britcham members to join a Commonwealth mission to Saudi Arabia this November. [Contact us](#) for more information.



Have you visited the [Members' Area](#) on our website? We've added new reports including the High Commission's Political and Economic review for Q3. Check out the events and offers too!



Wed 5 December will be our final get-together of the year in Cape Town. Join us for a relaxed afternoon enjoying the best of the Mother City - stunning views, fine wines and delicious food.



Johannesburg Breakfast

Next month's breakfast sees us tackle **Land Expropriation** from a legal perspective. Date: 02 November. Members Only.



Cape Town Breakfast

Our final 2018 breakfast topics are:
11 October: **Terrorism Preparedness**
15 November: **African Innovation**
Members Only.

