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FORTNIGHTLY ITALIAN NEWS MADE IN
SOUTH AFRICA

WOMEN'S DAY

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Chamber's Note

Women's Day

«Next time you are about to call a little girl “bossy”, say instead: she has executive leadership skills»—Sheryl Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer and Member of the Board, Facebook, at the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2013, China.

The ItalCham Team takes the opportunity, in celebrating the International Women's Day on 8 of March, to recognize the efforts of all female workers, mothers, or both, who substantially contribute to our economy. In addition to generating greater wealth, female participation in corporate life generates a fairer and more equitable society. Since we all agree that men and women are equal when it comes to performance, the exclusion of women would be equivalent to the loss of a significant share of talent. According to some, female workers have an aptitude for acquiring new skills that far exceeds that of many men. Furthermore, women certainly have an innate talent for multitasking. Can you imagine a man typing on a computer with one hand while feeding a baby a bottle with the other? Or a man who in the space of a day manages to do the laundry while listening to a podcast, iron while planning an important company activity, and clean the house while coordinating on the phone with colleagues for an important deadline? Or, again, a man able to take into account the cooking times of dinner while entering complicated data in an Excel sheet? His wife and children will probably have to order Chinese food that night.

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Women's Day

A special thanks also goes to all the women who, with dedication and passion, have contributed to the growth and the development of this Chamber over the years; without them ItalCham would not be the same today.

«We as italCham hope that female employment will continue to grow, that gender equality in the world of work will increasingly become a reality, and that we will see more and more skilled and talented women holding top positions, in companies and in the State.

We also hope to see more and more women nominated and awarded at our Business Excellence Awards, more and more women involved in the economic-trade relations between Italy and South Africa, more and more women attending our networking events and more and more female entrepreneurs joining us as Chamber members. Oh, we almost forgot... We also hope to see more and more women teach the art of multitasking to their husbands and male colleagues.

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Job Opportunities

7 new job vacancies on the SMILE Job Portal

- Trainee/Junior Restaurant Manager – Lievita
- Assistente Amministrativo – Consolato Generale d'Italia a Johannesburg
- Client Service Specialist – Elemental
- Manager – Casa Serena Retirement Home
- Deck fitters - Southern Wind
- Carpenters/Joiners/Cabinet Makers - Southern Wind
- Laminators - Southern Wind

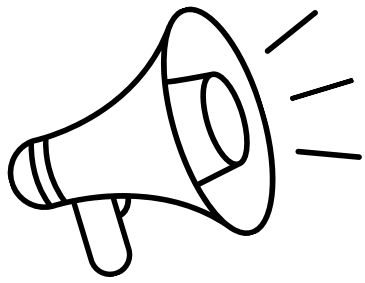


To view the job vacancies click the button below.

[JOB VACANCIES](#)

If you are currently hiring, please take a look at SMILE vetted candidates **[HERE](#)**





Tender Opportunity

The Italian Consulate General in Johannesburg has released a tender for outsourcing some services connected to the processing of visa applications, information and documents available on their website

The documents relating to the tender have been published on the website of the Consulate General of Italy Johannesburg - South Africa.

For more information, please visit the Consulate General of Italy's website by clicking on the button below.

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)



**Consolato Generale d'Italia
Johannesburg**



Call for two-years Scholarships

Università degli Studi dell'Insubria

CALL FOR TWO-YEARS SCHOLARSHIPS

SUPPORTING EXCELLENT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, ENROLLING IN A BACHELOR OR A MASTER DEGREE PROGRAM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF INSUBRIA FOR A.Y. 2023/24

The University of Insubria has issued a notice which provides 20 scholarships of 10,000 euros each, spread over two years (5,000 euros in the 2023/24 academic year and 5,000 euros in the 2024/25 academic year) for excellent International Students who wish to enroll during 2023/24 in any of their Bachelor or Master's Degree Courses, delivered in English or in Italian.

This is an excellent opportunity to study in Italy, in Como or Varese.

Applications must take place via the i-STUD portal by **31st May 2023 at 12** (Italian time).

For further information, please visit the University of Insubria website by clicking the button below:

VISIT WEBSITE



**UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI
DELL'INSUBRIA**

SMILE

BROUGHT TO YOU BY HEREFORD GROUP

The first SMILE event of 2023 took place on the evening of Thursday 2 March at the terrace of the beautiful Bedfordview headquarters of the Hereford Group, a great financial consultancy company, at the Italian Sporting Club in Johannesburg. The event, organized by the Italian-South African Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Com.It.Es. of Johannesburg, was a great success, with around 90 people attending.

The evening was sponsored by the Hereford Group (as main sponsor) and by the Com.It.Es. of Johannesburg, and involved a lot of networking and fun. The guests enjoyed a refreshing cocktail prepared by the guys from the African Spirit Distillery of Boksburg (which kindly sponsored rum and gin) and delighted their palate with an impeccable buffet dinner prepared by the Settebello Restaurant, whose service is always first-rate.

ItalCham SG, Pamina Bohrer, gave a speech about the relevance of the SMILE network within the Italian SA business community.



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SMILE (Small to Medium Italian League of Enterprises) was born in 2021 on the initiative of the Com.It.Es. of Johannesburg. It is a project conducted and developed by Com.It.Es. in collaboration with ItalCham, and sponsored by the Consulate General of Italy in Johannesburg and by the Embassy of Italy in Pretoria. The initiative was also approved and financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. SMILE business network aims to involve as many companies as possible, wherever there is a link with Italy. The free use of the platform is reserved for all Italian and Italian-South African professionals present in South Africa, as well as for all other South African companies that have a connection with Italy or with Italian citizens due to the products they import or the executive staff who represent them. It is precisely because of the success that this initiative is experiencing throughout the country that, in 2022, the Com.It.Es. of Johannesburg and ItalCham have decided to create networking events branded SMILE, in which not only SMILE members can participate (who, however, can buy tickets at a reduced price), but all those who have the desire to have a pleasant and fun evening of networking.

Martin Saunders, Operations Manager at Hereford, spoke about the reality of the Hereford Group, which in 2023 celebrates its thirtieth year of activity. As a financial advisory group, Hereford offers a wide range of services. Today, the company can count on 244 consultants spread throughout the country thanks to 12 different branches, and on 500 brokers who serve 63,000 "life clients" and 69,000 "investment clients". The group manages R30 billion in assets, serving 650 corporate funds with a total of 47,000 members. Hereford also has a further 17,000 members under the umbrella of medical care, and 3,000 customers using short-term services.

All companies that are interested in increasing their brand awareness through a sponsorship of a SMILE event are invited to contact us.



UPCOMING EVENT

ITALY MEETS SOUTH AFRICA

Business opportunities and instruments for Italian and South African companies: CDP Business Matching platform

ItalCham, together with Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP), the main Italian financial institution owned by the Ministry of Finance, in collaboration with the Embassy of Italy in South Africa, is organising the "Italy Meets South Africa Event" in order to promote business opportunities for Italian and South African enterprises.

The event will be the occasion to provide an overview of the existing tools supporting investments and trade relations between Italy and South Africa, including the International Cooperation and Development Finance instruments and CDP Business Matching Platform that will be officially launched in South Africa.

It will be a hybrid event, taking place in presence in Johannesburg (Sandton) and broadcasted live simultaneously in Italy and South Africa.

During the event CDP Business Matching Platform will be presented to the local business community. It is a free of charge digital tool recently developed to strengthen economic and trade ties between Italian and foreign companies.

After the plenary institutional session, Italian and South African companies registered to the event will be able to attend virtual B2B meetings on the CDP Business Matching Platform. The companies will have the possibility to visit the marketplace section on the Platform and choose the the appropriate business counterpart.

If you wish to take part remotely in the event, please register your company by clicking the button below.

Should you require any further information, please contact: enquiries@italcham.co.za

When: 4th April 2023

Time: 11:00 AM

Where: Johannesburg/Online

[REGISTER HERE](#)



UPCOMING EVENT

DANTE E MASHUDU

The show is inspired by the "Divine Comedy", the masterpiece of Dante Alighieri, the father of the modern Italian language. The Divine Comedy has been revisited in a South African key and Dante guides a South African poet, Mashudu, on her journey through Hell and Purgatory, where they meet various historical South African personalities.

It is a project conceived by the President of the Dante Alighieri Society of Johannesburg and implemented in collaboration with the Italian diplomatic-consular representations in South Africa, the Dante Alighieri Headquarters and the Dante Alighieri Committees of Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town.

For more information and tickets, please click the button below.

When: Thursday 23 March 2023 at 19:00

Where: UJ Art & Culture (University of Johannesburg, corner of Kings Ave and University Rd, in Auckland Park)

[**BUY TICKETS**](#)





ITALCHAM BUSINESS

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

11 MAY 2023

18:00

RANDPARK GOLF CLUB, RANDBURG (JHB)

AWARDS:

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OF THE YEAR
LIFETIME RECOGNITION AWARD
BEST SME FROM SMILE NETWORK

DRESS:

BLACK TIE

ADMISSION

R 1500

TABLES

GOLD R 15000

SILVER R 13000

BRONZE R 12000

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Member News

PRESS RELEASE

Stellantis and the South African Authorities Sign Framework Agreement to Manufacture Vehicles in South Africa

- Stellantis signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic) to develop a manufacturing facility in South Africa
- Cements the Region's Dare Forward 2030 ambition to sell one million vehicles by 2030 with 70% regional production autonomy
- Strengthens position in South African market with manufacturing project to be completed by 2025

CENTURION, March 8, 2023 - Stellantis has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic) to develop a manufacturing facility in South Africa. The signing ceremony took place at the office of Mr. Ebrahim Patel, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, and was attended by Mr. TP Nchocho, CEO of the IDC, Mr. Samir Cherfan, Stellantis Middle East and Africa Chief Operating Officer, and Mr. Leslie Ramsoomar, Stellantis South Africa Managing Director.

"I am pleased that Stellantis is looking to South Africa to expand its manufacturing footprint," Mr. Ebrahim Patel, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition said today. "The company is a large global- automaker, with a range of well-known brands. South Africa is a great investment destination with significant car-making capacity. We look forward to working closely with Stellantis to enable the company to set up a plant that will expand our manufacturing base and create local jobs," he said.



Member News

“This is an important step in our Dare Forward 2030 strategic plan towards strengthening our leadership in the Middle East and Africa region and becoming a major player in South Africa,” said Mr. Samir Cherfan, Stellantis Middle East and Africa Chief Operating Officer. “The manufacturing site in South Africa will be a new building block in our industrialization strategy that includes the plan to sell one million vehicles in the region by 2030 with 70% regional production autonomy and will bring us closer to our customers’ needs in the region.”

The manufacturing plant is planned for setup in a South African Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The aim is to complete this manufacturing project by 2025.

“An investment partner like Stellantis is an amazing opportunity for South Africa,” said Mr. TP Nchocho, CEO of the IDC. “Their track record in manufacturing plants around the world is impressive and we look forward to a joint venture with Stellantis to build a successful plant in South Africa. Another brick in the foundation towards our target of producing a million cars locally in SA.”

About Stellantis

Stellantis N.V. (NYSE: STLA / Euronext Milan: STLAM / Euronext Paris: STLAP) is one of the world's leading automakers and a mobility provider. Its storied and iconic brands embody the passion of their visionary founders and today's customers in their innovative products and services, including Abarth, Alfa Romeo, Chrysler, Citroën, Dodge, DS Automobiles, Fiat, Jeep®, Lancia, Maserati, Opel, Peugeot, Ram, Vauxhall, Free2move and Leasys. Powered by our diversity, we lead the way the world moves – aspiring to become the greatest sustainable mobility tech company, not the biggest, while creating added value for all stakeholders as well as the communities in which it operates. For more information, visit www.stellantis.com.

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