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Christmas Letter

Dear All

The year 2021 has been a year of both ups and downs both in South Africa and globally. Covid has continued to dominate the narrative but the world has adapted in ways that made 2021 a much more positive year than 2020. Economic growth has been reported domestically and this has been reflected by significantly recovered trade levels between Italy and South Africa.

The Italian Chamber achieved various successes along the way, including the launch of the Small to Medium Italian League of Enterprises (SMILE). The Vino in Piazza 2021 was a real success and the Chamber is thrilled to have taken part in such an event. The year saw the continued popularity of the Aperilink networking events which we held in Pretoria for the very first time in September.

We applaud some other events organized within our flourishing and energetic Italian citizenry and ex-pat community including the Embassy's Fashion Bridges Event and the 8th Edition of the Southern Africa - Europe CEO Dialogue. **Published** concordance with this event is the Italy-South Africa Partnership



feature in Creamer Media's Engineering News for which the Chamber partook in the lead article.

We printed our 2021/2022 Annual Directory which includes news on members and an extensive report on Italy-South Africa trade. Moreover, we were able to resume our in-person internship programme which was entirely virtual for more than a year. Additionally, we continued to foster collaboration with key institutions within the Sistema Italia including the Italian Embassy, the Italian Consulate, the Italian Trade Commission, Comites, the Giovani Italo-Sudafricani, Italian Universities, and Wits University.

It has been regrettable to have to postpone the Business Excellence Awards at the very last minute, owing to the uncertainty of South Africa's fourth wave and the Omicron variant. Nevertheless, we will be sure to host the Business Excellence Awards early next year. Next year will also see us further ramping up the Aperilink event, hosting it in four different cities, and expanding our operational presence into Cape Town.

We commend everyone on a year of invaluable hard work and wish you success for the year to come.





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