



SOUTH AFRICAN INWARD MISSION SEMINAR - BERR CONFERENCE CENTRE - 30 JULY 2008

As part of Inward Mission of South African business delegates during the week of 28th July to 1st August 2008, UKTI are hosting a half day seminar at BERR Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street London SW1H OET on Wednesday 30th July 2008. The seminar will commence with lunch at 12.30pm with the programme starting at 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

The South African delegates are predominantly involved in healthcare, S&T and innovation in medical devices, focusing mainly on innovation in the medical device industry and will look at issues such as innovation, commercialisation of technology, industry and the public sector's role in supporting R&D in the healthcare sector.

The programme will consist of presentations from UK trade associations and will be chaired by Chris Francis of UV-Tec Limited and Chairman of UKTI Healthcare Sector Advisory Board. After the presentation there will be break-out sessions where there will be opportunity for UK companies to network and discuss with the South African delegates issues of mutual interest.

The South African Department of Science and Technology (DST) have on various occasions expressed an interest in sharing experiences with the UK on health Innovation, so this could be an opportunity to initiate a policy dialogue on medical technology and life sciences in general.

The seminar is cost free but you will need to register your attendance with Siraj Khan at UKTI. Contact details are below and also for further information for both UK and South Africa:

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Agenda

<i>12.30pm – 1.30pm</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>1.30pm – 1.45pm</i>	<i>Chairman's welcome and Introductions</i>
<i>1.45pm – 2.00pm</i>	<i>Presentation by Laura Collister of Association of British Healthcare Industries</i>
<i>2.00pm – 2.15pm</i>	<i>Presentation by Tim Collins of GAMBICA</i>
<i>2.15pm – 2.30pm</i>	<i>Presentation by Deputy Director of BIVDA</i>
<i>2.30pm – 3.00pm</i>	<i>Q&As</i>
<i>3.00pm – 4.30pm</i>	<i>Networking Sessions</i>

South African Delegates

Mr Craig Landsberg - Project Manager at Cape Biotech (one of four biotechnology regional centres of innovation)

Professor Tony Bunn - Medical Research Council

Mr McLean Sibanda - The Innovation Fund

Dr Mladen Poluta - University of Cape Town

Mr Jeremy Wallis or Dr Willie du Preez - Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research

Mr Brian Goemans - Medical Devices Special Interest Group

Mr Baldev Gajjar - Medical Devices Special Interest Group

Mr Malan de Villiers - Southern Implants (South African developer of medical devices and a potential high value inward investor into the UK)

Mr Anton Coetzee - SpiroTek (South African developer of medical devices)

Ms Glaudina Loots - Department of Science & Technology

Ms Mandisa Hela - Department of Health