Dear delegates,

You are invited to participate in the ANC Progressive Business Forum’s Business Programme at the ANC’s National General Council 8th to 12th of October. The programme, aligned alongside the ANC-leadership sessions, is an opportunity for the private sector to engage with the ANC leadership directly on its economic and social policies right at the centre where policy is being discussed and debated.

The round Table sessions, facilitated by Deloitte and comprising of a panel of representatives from industry bodies, business and independent subject matter experts, will follow the Minister’s briefings. Each themed session will focus on various processes which must be instigated in order to move along the design, implementation, delivery and implementation of the NMDP in critical areas.

The output of the sessions will feed directly into the ANC leadership debate on policy and plans, providing the private sector lens on the blocs and interventions that need to be addressed.

Round table 1: Regulatory impact on investment (Auditorium)
2.00 pm Friday 9th of Oct
Facilitator: Dr Maggy Clavien, Managing Director, Frontier Advisory Deloitte
Panel:
Mr Khuphe Kgwa, CEM Business Unity South Africa
Mr Edward Kowser, CEO Alexander Forbes
Mr Simon Freemantle, Senior Political Economist, StandardBank
In order to encourage and drive investment in the South African economy, an enabling regulatory environment needs to be created that is confidence boosting, management and efficient. Capital will always flow to places and projects that offer predictable returns. This is the “political economy” of development – how the state governs and creates a regulatory environment that is designed for rapid and inclusive growth, which can catalyse the regulatory environment in South Africa necessary to maximize investment & capital formation?

Round table 2: Infrastructure funding (Auditorium)
10.30 am Saturday 10th October
Facilitator: IP Labuschagne, Infrastructure & Capital Projects Lead, Deloitte
Panel:
Mr Niel Smit, CEO, Bosil, Government, Ex-PwC, Hambros Bank, AngloFirst, Government, Deloitte
Mr Peter Present, Education Lead, Deloitte
Infrastructure has been identified as a critical driver of economic growth and social upliftment in the country. However, despite the programme of investment in public infrastructure which is aimed at stimulating investment, there hasn’t been the take up from the private sector.

Is the state to play a catalytic role to increase levels of private sector investment what does that role look like and what can be done to stimulate private sector investment?

Round table 3: The Labour market (Auditorium)
2.00 pm Saturday, 11th October
Facilitator: Dr Kgosi Maepa, Managing Director, Frontier Advisory Deloitte
Panel:
Mr Leonello Nobatte, Executive Vice President Communications & Public Affairs, Lonmin, Director of the Western Cape Partnership, Agra
Mr Palesa Sebak - Head, Emporoship Advisory
The NXP shows a 3% unemployment rate target by 2032, a 19% drop from where we are now. Government has proposed a combination of interventions such as the NISP (income security policy), industrial strategy, infrastructure development and skills development. This is also looking at the introduction of a national minimum wage as one of the key mechanisms to reduce income inequality. How do we balance fair compensation for employees with the need to be competitive in the international market?

Round table 4: Education & Skills development (Auditorium)
10.30 am Sunday 12th October
Facilitator: Mr Nadirul Chinhaly, Director, Public Sector Solutions, Deloitte
Panel:
Mr Peter Present, Education Lead, Deloitte
Mr Pule-Molefe, Chief Executive Officer, Back Business Council
Mr Babatunde Osakwe, Head of Staff Development, Vodacom
Mr Sibani Mabani, Chief Executive Officer, Reichelder Foundation of Technology
Although more students have had access to education in the last 20 years, our basic education system is not providing the quality of education that is required for learners to move on to develop the skills required by the marketplace. One of the main issues in basic education that teachers are underprepared both in terms of content and teaching methods. One of the ways to address this could be to help learners to develop the skills required by the marketplace.

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