

Welcome to the Gauteng Business Consultative Forum (GBCF)

The Gauteng Growth and Development Agency (GGDA) has been tasked with the role of delivering the Gauteng Business Consultative Forum (GBCF). The GBCF was launched by the Premier of Gauteng, David Makhura in 2016 and is intended to be a mechanism through which a dialogue can be entered into between the private, government and academia. The purpose is to build a working relationship aimed at increasing trust and confidence amongst all stakeholders.

The GBCF has identified high priority sectors in the recently adopted Economic Development Plan. The sessions are attended by the various sector representatives and chaired by the MEC, Lebogang Maile. The quarterly meeting of the GBCF is chaired by the Premier.

The approach for each sector allows for the opportunity to address sector specific issues, develop close working relationships between government and business at a sector level and also allows the provincial government to appoint a sector champion, who will use the opportunity to further enhance the sector engagement.

The Gordon Institute of Business Science, (GIBS), the business school of the University of Pretoria is the delivery partner for the GGDA in hosting the various sessions of the GBCF at their campus in Illovo. To date, four sector sessions have already been held. These are, Tourism, Capital Equipment, Mineral Beneficiation and Automotive.

A task team comprising government, the private sector and academia has been established for each sector, with a specific brief to develop an implementation plan that seeks to resolve the issues identified at the respective sector session. This task team will report to the MEC and Premier and through this mechanism ensure that progress is made on challenges and opportunities identified.

The GBCF session will also host country specific engagements with the intention of identifying and resolving bottlenecks and red tape issues, which if resolved can ease the cost of doing business in Gauteng and also promote trade and investment into the Province.