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Department:  
Trade and Industry  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN PAVILION AT THE  
AFRICA AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE EXHIBITION (AAD) 2026  
16 – 20 SEPTEMBER 2026,  
CENTURION, CITY OF TSHWANE, SOUTH AFRICA**

The Africa Aerospace and Defence 2026 (AAD) exhibition will take place at AFB Waterkloof in Centurion, City of Tshwane from the 16 – 20 September 2026 and will once again bring together worldwide industry players to showcase the latest technological innovations.

AAD is one of the world's premier aerospace and defence events and holds a prominent position within the aviation and defence calendar. Since inception in 2000, the event has grown in leaps and bounds and serves the interests of both civilian and military sectors. It has established itself as a major platform for South Africa's defence, general aviation, space, homelands security, humanitarian relief, disaster management, as well as search and rescue technology industries and stakeholders. It is the largest exhibition of air, land & sea capabilities on the African continent and showcases the most advanced technologies currently available.

**The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic)**, through the collective leadership of government and industry seeks to enhance the competitive capability of the South African industry to compete in the global market and ensure economic growth, appropriate investment and job creation. **the dtic** will provide a platform by means of a national pavilion at this year's AAD 2026 exhibition. Entities within the Aerospace and Defence industry are invited to participate on this platform to showcase their locally manufactured products amongst world leaders in aerospace and defence.

The following financial support will be offered to qualifying firms:

- Air travel assistance up to R5,000.00 (only for exhibitors located outside of Gauteng);
- Daily subsistence allowance of R2,000.00 per day (only for exhibitors located outside of Gauteng);
- Freight-forwarding of display materials (only for exhibitors located outside of Gauteng);
- Exhibition space and booth rental costs for all approved exhibitors.

**SOUTH AFRICAN PAVILION WILL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS:**

- Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering
- Aerospace & Defence Technologies (including unmanned systems)
- Security & Protection Solutions (including PPE and armour)
- ICT & Digital Solutions
- Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO)
- Dual-use Technologies

For more information on the exhibition, please visit: [www.aadexpo.co.za](http://www.aadexpo.co.za)

National Pavilion application forms and guidelines can be downloaded via the dtic website: <http://www.thedtic.gov.za/sectors-and-services-2/1-4-2-trade-and-export/export-marketing-and-investment-assistance-emia/group-offerings/>

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**The deadline for submission of complete National Pavilion electronic application form accompanied by all supporting documentation is  
20 May 2026 @ 16:00  
NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**