

Johannesburg, 18 August 2026

Invitation to Participate in the Inaugural Poland–South Africa Business Forum

Dear Stakeholder,

On behalf of the Polish Investment and Trade Agency (PAIH) and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Pretoria, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the inaugural **Poland–South Africa Business Forum**.

Date: Thursday, 10 September 2026

Time: 12:30–17:45, followed by a networking reception from 18:00–20:00

Venue: Sandton Sun & Towers: Corner of Alice Lane &, 5th St, Sandown, Sandton, 2196

The Forum will bring together senior representatives from government, industry, development finance institutions and the private sector to strengthen trade and investment ties between Poland and South Africa and explore new opportunities for cooperation.

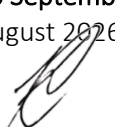
Your participation is key to ensuring that the discussions reflect South Africa's priorities and market realities, while providing a platform to engage directly with Polish companies, investors and institutions and identify potential partnerships.

Held on the sidelines of *Electra Mining Africa 2026*, the Forum will focus on sectors critical to South Africa's economic growth and industrial development, including infrastructure, manufacturing, mining, energy and investment.

The draft programme will include keynote addresses by senior Polish and South African stakeholders and feature panel discussions on how Polish industrial solutions can support South Africa's infrastructure and industrial development, mining, energy transition and the future of coal, as well as financing solutions. The Forum will conclude with a networking cocktail reception.

South Africa remains Poland's most important economic partner in Sub-Saharan Africa, and we are confident that your organisation's expertise and perspective would make a valuable contribution to the Forum and to the continued strengthening of bilateral economic relations.

We would be honoured to welcome representatives of your organisation to Johannesburg on Thursday, **10 September 2026**, and kindly ask that you confirm your participation (RSVP) by no later than 26 August 2026 via the following: [Link to Register](#). For queries: karabo.mahibila@paih.gov.pl



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Polish – South African Business Forum

Key Themes & Draft Agenda

Sandton Sun & Towers
Cnr Fifth and Alice Lane, Sandton, Johannesburg
Thursday, 10 September 2026

Key themes:

1. Industrial Infrastructure & Manufacturing

How can Polish industrial solutions support South Africa's infrastructure and industrial development?

2. Mining, Energy Transition & the Future of Coal

Major challenges and opportunities shaping the mining sector and energy transition globally, in Poland, and in South Africa — including critical minerals, energy security, and the future role of coal.

3. Funding

Funding solutions to bolster trade and investment opportunities between Poland and South Africa



Draft Agenda

12:30–13:00 | Registration & Arrival

Coffee & light refreshments

13:00–13:30 | Opening Remarks & Keynote Addresses

Polish and South African representatives highlighting opportunities for bilateral cooperation and industrial partnership.

13:30–14:00 | Poland as an Industrial & Technology Partner

Poland's economic growth, industrial strengths, trade relations with South Africa and selected success stories.

14:00–15:00 | Session 1: Industrial Infrastructure & Manufacturing

How can Polish industrial solutions support South Africa's infrastructure and industrial development?

Infrastructure development, manufacturing partnerships, logistics, water efficiency and industrial technologies. (45 min + Q&A)

15:00–15:15 | Coffee Break & Refreshments

15:15–16:30 | Session 2: Mining, Energy Transition & the Future of Coal

Major challenges and opportunities facing mining globally, in Poland and South Africa – *Is Coal Dead Yet?*

Mining and mineral processing, critical minerals, supply-chain security, energy transition, renewables, the future of coal, just transition and nuclear energy. (60 min + Q&A)

16:30–16:45 | Coffee Break

16:45–17:30 | Session 3: Financing Options & Fireside Discussion

Deals Across Borders: What It Actually Takes to Do Business Between Poland and South Africa

Polish financing and investment-support instruments, followed by a fireside discussion on the practical realities of cross-border business cooperation.

17:30–17:45 | Closing Remarks & Conclusion of Forum

18:00–20:00 | Networking Cocktail

Networking reception featuring traditional South African braai cuisine.

** Please note that programme times and structure are subject to change*

