



Monday, June 3, 2019

Advocate. Mtho Xulu

President: South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI)
Johannesburg
South Africa

Per email: president@sacci.org.za

Dear Advocate Xulu,

RE: APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHAPTER OF THE BRICS BUSINESS COUNCIL DEREGULATION WORKING GROUP (DWG)

I have pleasure in informing you of your nomination as a member of the DWG Working Group of the South African BRICS Business Council.

The BRICS Business Council was established during the 5th BRICS Summit held on the 26th-27th March 2013 in Durban, South Africa. The object of creating the council was to constitute a platform which will promote and strengthen business, trade and investment ties amongst the business communities of the five BRICS countries, ensure that there is regular dialogue between the business communities of the BRICS nations and the Governments of the BRICS countries; and identify problems and bottlenecks to ensure greater economic, trade and investment ties amongst the BRICS countries and recommend solutions accordingly.

The council executes its mandate through working groups. Various working groups have been established in the areas of infrastructure, Manufacturing, Financial Services, Energy & Green Economy, Skills Development, Agribusiness, Deregulation and the Digital Economy. The Main objective of these Working Groups is to facilitate interaction and cooperation amongst the business communities with a view to better understand the market opportunities, build synergies and promote industrial development and job creation.

For the remainder of 2019, the work of the South African DWG Working Group will be guided by the work of the Brazilian DWG Working Group, as they hold the 2019/2020 Presidency of BRICS.

The key purpose of the Deregulation Working Group is to:

- Promote the elimination of administrative barriers hindering business development;
- Enable a straightforward exchange of best practices in deregulation and business support in BRICS
- Harmonize BRICS members' legal framework

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With the goal of:

- Creating a consistently favourable environment for business across BRICS countries;
- Streamlining and intensifying mutual trade and investment.

Key areas of focus include:


- Customs administration
- Technical regulations and standards
- Intellectual property regulation
- Tax administration
- Arbitration and dispute resolution
- Financial and corporate regulation
- Labor and pensions regulation
- Visas and migration
- The digital economy

The DWG works closely with the other working groups in pursuit of these objectives.

I look forward to your acceptance of this nomination and your valuable participation in the work of the DWG Working Group and the BRICS Business Council.

Yours sincerely,

Duly accepted by:



Sunil Geness
Chairperson: Deregulation Working Group



Advocate Mtho Xulu