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Day 1 - 31 Jan 2018, Wednesday

08:00 Morning Registrations & Networking Refreshment

09:10 SUB-SAHARA AFRICA'S MACROECONOMIC OUTLOOK

- How resilient is African economy from external shocks
- Impact of political uncertainties & inflation
- Growth expectations & regional economic analysis – South & Sub-Sahara Africa
- Diversification for economic transformation
- Currency trends

FNB Economist
First National Bank (FNB)

09:40 AFRICA POLYMERS DEMAND/ SUPPLY FORECAST

- Africa plastics demand growth trends by region – North, South, East & West Africa
- Key growth drivers
- Local production capabilities vs imports economics
- Challenges & opportunities facing the plastics sector

Ms. Constance Nyambayo
Senior Industry Analyst
Frost & Sullivan

10:10 Discussion following by Networking Refreshment

10:45 OVERVIEW OF PLASTICS INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Processing technology & trends
- Processing capabilities and investments in new lines
- Challenges & threat facing converters

Mr. Anton Hanekom, Executive Director
Plastics SA

11:15 WIRE AND CABLE MARKETS OUTLOOK IN AFRICA

- Demand/supply outlook & forecast
- Key growth industry, trends & region
- Working with material suppliers to meet the next generation's cable demand

Mr. Mishack Matla, Executive Director - Marketing, Sales and Distribution
Aberdare Cables (Pty) Limited

11:45 EMBRACING A CIRCULAR ECONOMY - STRATEGIES, CHALLENGES & MARKET OUTLOOK FOR RECYCLED PET IN AFRICA

Mr. Chandru Wadhvani
Joint Managing Director
Extrupet Pty Ltd

12:15 Discussion followed by Networking Lunch

13:40 Chairman's Introduction

13:45 DEVELOPMENT/INNOVATION IN THE COMPOUNDING INDUSTRY & VALUE ADDITION TO ENGINEERING POLYMERS

Mr. George Dimond, Managing Director
Continental Compounds (Pty) Ltd

14:15 MARKET PROSPECT OF POLYCARBONATES IN AFRICA

- Covestro at a glance - Facts and Figures
- Key growth drivers & region
- Technology innovations & emerging applications

Mr. Gábor Ladányi
Sales and Marketing Manager for Africa
Covestro International SA

14:45 MEETING AUTOPLASTICS COMPONENT DEMAND IN SOUTH AFRICA

15:15 Discussion followed by Networking Refreshment

15:45 FUTURE OF PLASTICS PIPES IN SOUTH AND SUB-SAHARA AFRICA

16:15 HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET PAID?

- End users need for supplier credit
- The role of Credit Insurance
- It's a jungle out there
- Disappearing customers, disappearing cargoes...

Mr. Dick Coates, Chairman
MBT South Africa

16:45 PANEL DISCUSSION: POLYMER SOURCING CHALLENGES IN AFRICA

- Raw materials requirements & supply sources
- Expectations from suppliers
- Logistics & distribution issues
- How IOT transform the sourcing experience

Panelist:
Mr. Sanjeev Maharaj, Commercial Manager
Boxmore Packaging

17:15 Final Discussion & End of Day One

Day 2 - 1 Feb 2018, Thursday

09:00 Chairman's Introduction

09:10 FLEXIBLE PACKAGING MARKET POTENTIAL IN WEST/EAST AFRICA

09:45 FOOD PACKAGING TRENDS IN AFRICA: WOOLWORTHS' PERSPECTIVE

- Consumers insights & packaging trends of tomorrow
- Improving recyclability & Sustainability
- Key plastics materials in package design
- Is the market ready for smart/ intelligent packaging?

Mr. Robin Abrahamse, Senior Packaging and Print Development Technologist
Woolworths Holdings Ltd

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10:15 **PARTNERSHIPS, RESPONSIBLY MEETING AFRICA'S NEEDS FOR WORLD CLASS PACKAGING**

- Challenges of being in the plastic industry and balancing the needs of customers, consumers and the environment

*Mr. David Drew, Chief Commercial Officer
Boxmore Packaging*

10:45 Discussion followed by
Networking Refreshment

11:15 **TRANSFORMING AGRI BIOMASS TO BIOPLASTICS – MARKET POTENTIAL AND ECONOMICS**

- Technology innovations and cost economics
- Feedstocks supply challenges
- Implication of plastics bags ban in regional countries & the opportunities for bioplastics bags
- Major applications & adoptions
- Commercialization potential & update

*Dr. Sudhakar Muniyasamy
Senior Materials Scientist*

*- Polymer & Composite Research Group
Council for Scientific and Industrial
Research (CSIR)*

11:45 **SPECIALTY FILM & SHEETS INNOVATIONS**

12:15 Discussion followed by Networking Lunch

13:30 End of Conference.

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“Spotlight on Africa’s Growing Markets & Applications”

“The African continent is an attractive growth market for us. With the purchase of Boxmore Packaging, we now also have a broad basis for entering the market in South Africa, in addition to our activities with Alpla Taba in North Africa,” said CEO Günther Lehner.

www.Plasticsnews.com, 7/7/2017

“Ethiopia eyes shifting from importing to exporting plastic products.”

www.newbusinessethiopia.com, 22/4/17

The business landscape in Africa is changing rapidly with rising population, urbanization, and increasing GDPs, resulting in increased consumption of packaged foods and FMCG products. This has translated to rapid growth of the plastic packaging market.

Africa has become a key player in the international plastics and packaging industry where plastic goods and expertise are in high demand. The region is experiencing high growth rates as demand for plastic goods and machinery sees a steady growth. Most of the raw materials from plastic resins, machineries, additives, technologies have to be imported as there are limited local production. Furthermore, the cost of production in Africa is high due to poor logistics and inadequate power supply.

The African market is very complex and the market conditions in the individual regions are very different. For instance, South Africa leads the continent’s auto manufacturing sector with original equipment manufacturers long-established in the country with around 500 vibrant suppliers and diversified manufacturers. Yet, moving up the continent there is little auto manufacturing until North Africa! However, the landscape is changing with more auto companies expanding or setting up local production facilities in Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, resulting in demand for local content and supplies including plastics auto-parts

In Aug 2017, Kenya joins a list of African countries including Rwanda, Morocco, Tunisia, Botswana and more to ban the use of plastic bags. What is the implication on the industry? What are the alternatives available and is bioplastics an option? As countries move towards a circular economy, how is the plastics industry contributing to this movement?

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- Hear from **FNB** Economist how the Sub-Sahara Africa economies are performing
- **Frost & Sullivan** shares Africa plastics demand growth trends by region – North, South, East & West Africa
- **Plastics SA** gives an overview of the Plastics industry in South Africa and the challenges facing plastics converters.
- Find out from **Aberdare Cables** the wire and cables markets in Africa and their experience working with suppliers to meet the next generation cables demand.
- **Extrupet** shares their strategies, challenges and market outlook for recycled PET in Africa moving towards a circular economy.
- **Covestro** provides insights on the Polycarbonate market in Africa
- Learn how are you going to be paid in Africa from **MBT South Africa**
- Sourcing colleagues from various end use sectors including **Boxmore Packaging** will share insights at the Polymer Sourcing Panel
- Find out from **Woolworths Holdings** the food packaging trends in Africa and is the market ready for smart/intelligent packaging!
- **Boxmore Packaging** will address the challenges of being in the plastic industry and balancing the needs of customers, consumers and the environment
- **CSIR** shares how to transform agri biomass to bioplastics – market potential and economics
- Discover more applications and market prospect from Autoplastics, plastic pipes to flexible packaging
- Network with who’s who in the Africa’s plastics value chain from suppliers to converters to end-users in 1.5 days!

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