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### **It is all systems go for AAD 2016**

The 9th edition of Africa Aerospace and Defence (AAD) show, held biennially event at the Airforce Base Waterkloof in Tshwane, will continue as planned, under the expert watchful guidelines stipulated by the National Conventional Arms Control Committee (NCACC), the regulatory body which oversees events such as AAD. This means it is all systems go for AAD which is regarded as the biggest aerospace and defence exhibition show in Africa.

“Acknowledgement of our compliance is important for AAD as it gives confidence to our partners and exhibitors that the show will indeed go on. They can now plan their activities around this event with confidence,” says Kevin Wakeford, CEO of Armscor which is one of the AAD partners.

The AAD has over the period enjoyed a successful and mutually respectful relationship with the NCACC and it continues to comply with all necessary requirements to produce a successful show. The AAD supports the vision to ensure that South African arms trade and transfer policies conform to international and best practice.

Over the years, the show has seen a steady growth – the 2016 edition is expected to be bigger. Traders can expect to see more African countries partake in this year’s show after the introduction of the African pavilion.

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“The new pavilion will allow African companies in the Aerospace, Defence and Manufacturing to get an opportunity to display their innovation and capabilities to other global players,” says Wakeford

With 13 International pavilions confirmed, several regulars such as the United States of America, Germany and Russia have already confirmed their participation in this year’s edition. Turkey which didn’t feature in the previous show, made a comeback. Pakistan increased display space by over 50%, and more countries are still expected to confirm their participation. About 91% of outdoor and 80% of the indoor exhibition space has been booked already.

The AAD 2016 is set to link the African continent towards greater industrial participation through Aerospace and Defence and it will take place from 14-18 September 2016 at Airforce Base Waterkloof, Pretoria.

It is coordinated and managed by partners - Department of Defence and Military Veterans, Armscor, AMD and Commercial Aviation Association of Southern Africa.

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