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SOUTH AFRICA HOSTS ITS BIENNIAL PREMIER AEROSPACE DEFENCE AND TRADE EXHIBITION 2024

Plans are afoot for South Africa's 12th biennial Africa Aerospace and Defence (AAD) trade exhibition and air show that brings together some of the world's major industry players to showcase the latest technological innovations in aviation, aerospace and defence industries. As the only and largest aerospace and defence Exhibition and Air Show on the African continent, AAD is also a platform for the industry players to engage in dialogue and discourse on international defence, aerospace and other related best practices.

Eighty-eight percent of the available space has already been booked and confirmed with exhibitors from several countries, including the United States, Belgium, and China. The exhibitors include Sweden's SAAB, Airbus, Turkish Aerospace Industries, and L3Harris Technologies who will be displaying their military capabilities. Potential exhibitors are urged to visit www.aadexpo.co.za to book for stands.

This year's AAD will introduce several hubs that showcase the latest innovations. For instance, there are Energy and General Aviation hubs, as well as a third hub that features drone and anti-drone technologies. Drone operators can book space to demonstrate live at AAD through the UAV Hub online by visiting www.aadexpo.co.za.

Tickets are already on sale for the general public. Enthusiasts and newcomers to the aviation sector are invited to join this spectacular event.

The 2024 instalment of the AAD trade exhibition and air show will take place at Air Force Base Waterkloof in Centurion, Gauteng, from 18 to 22 September 2024. Gates of Air Force Base Waterkloof open at 07:00

Members of the media are invited to register for Media Accreditation on this link
<https://www.aadexpo.co.za/media/media-registration>

17 September (Tuesday) – AAD Media breakfast, hosted by Minister of Defence & Military Veterans: 09:00-13:00

17 September (Tuesday) – Minister of Defence walk-about: 14:00-16:00

18 September (Wednesday) – AAD 2024 official opening: 08:30

18 September (Wednesday) – Minister of Defence walk-about: 11:00 -13:00

18 - 20 September – Trade Exhibition: 09:00-17:00

21- 22 September – Public Air Show: Gates open at 06:00

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