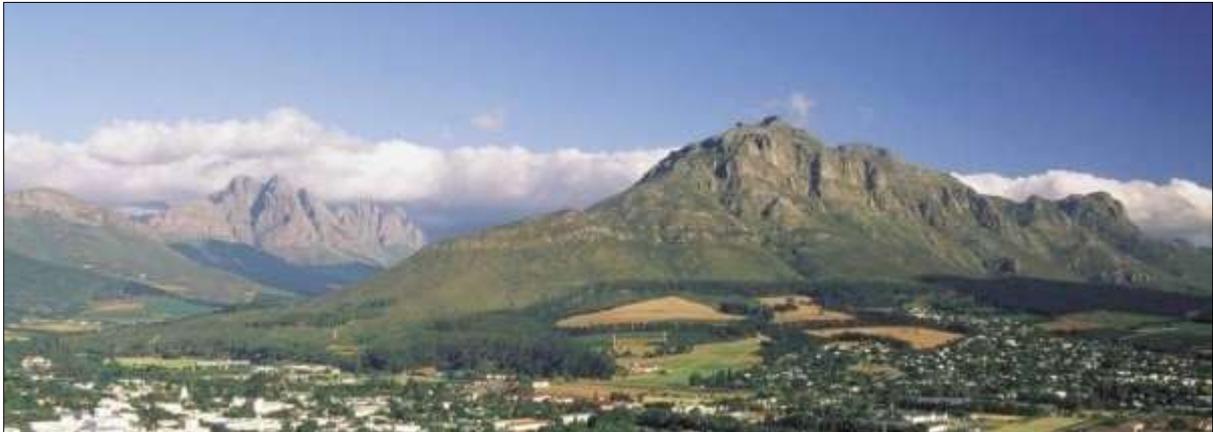




The PISA International Conference and Journey through Wine 2017



Next event: 6 June 2017

Tshwane University of Technology, Pretoria Campus, IndustryGrid, Building 13, GPS
25°43'49.2"S 28°09'48.2"E

at 15:00

The global Cleantech Innovation Programme for SMEs in South Africa (GCIP-SA)

The GCIP-SA is part of a global initiative that aims to promote **clean technology innovation** to address the most pressing energy, environmental and economic challenges facing the planet. It combines an **annual competition** and a **business accelerator programme** where SMEs and start-ups are **continuously trained, mentored and assessed** on their business models, investor pitches, communication and financial skills for the development of a **more marketable and investor-attractive product and business**.

In South Africa, the Programme is jointly implemented by the **United Nations Industrial Development Organization** and the **Technology Innovation Agency**, with funding from the **Global Environment Facility**. US-based **Cleantech Open** serves as the main knowledge partner of the global programme.

The programme aims to spur on South African innovations in Clean Technology in order to strengthen the Cleantech Innovation ecosystem in South Africa and **support the transition to a green industry**. Through the programme, **78 start-ups and SMEs have been supported** with training, mentoring and showcasing opportunities **over the past three years**.



GICIP-SA alumni receive wide recognition both locally and globally for their contribution to a greener and more sustainable future. One of the three speakers at the event will be 2016 **GICIP-SA runner-up Martin Ackermann**, who recently walked away with **top honours in the Green Building category at the Cleantech Open Global Forum in San Francisco** for the Thevia Roof Tiles. The **tiles are manufactured from 99% waste materials (crusher discard and recycled plastics)**, are 75% lighter than conventional concrete roof tiles but double the strength, with less than 0.1% breakage. He will be joining **international GICIP Training and Mentoring Director Paul deGive** and **GICIP-SA National Project Manager Gerswynn McKuur**.

“This Cleantech programme has showcased an innovative nation. Innovation adds momentum to the structural economic change that is needed for economic growth, job creation and an improved quality of life for us all.” – Mrs Naledi Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology [2016 GICIP-SA gala and awards event]

The Pretoria events will include wine tasting following the presentations by a Cape Wine Master, Ms Margaret Fry, to give an appreciation of featured wine farms in anticipation of the November PISA International Conference at Spier Wine Estate.

All the events are heavily biased towards networking, and opening up new opportunities over a glass or two of wine in a relaxed ambience.

To facilitate arrangements please confirm names for attendance by latest Friday 2 June 2017 with Ms Karen Wichman Karen.Wichman@plasticssa.co.za

To peruse the CVs of our speakers, please visit our website at www.pisa.org.za

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See you there!