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FIRST SOUTH AFRICAN LGBTI BUSINESS SUMMIT TO BE HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER

Africa's first ever business network for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people called PLUS, the LGBTI+ Business Network, will convene a South African national business summit to set an LGBTI agenda for economic empowerment. The summit will be held in Johannesburg on Tuesday 11 September 2018 at the Equinox centre at Absa Capital in Sandton, Johannesburg, from 09h00 to 17h00.

The summit will position LGBTI economic muscle in the business sphere by making a strong business case for the economic inclusion of LGBTI people and, by doing that, open up new business and other economic empowerment opportunities for LGBTI people. Discussions during the summit will demonstrate how this can be done, identify opportunities to make it happen, and craft strategies to overcome obstacles.

PLUS is an initiative of the Other Foundation and has Bonang Mohale, the chief executive officer of Business Leadership South Africa, as its champion. With support from the Other Foundation, several South African and multinational companies are partnering with PLUS to host the summit, including Absa, EY, Shell, Uber and others, as well as the South African LGBT+ Management Forum. The Forum will launch the results of the first ever South African Workplace Equality Index (SAWEI) that measures LGBTI inclusion amongst companies in South Africa, at the summit during an evening event hosted by EY at its Sandton offices.

PLUS calls on all LGBTI entrepreneurs and business owners, corporate LGBTI workplace affinity groups, and business leaders involved in enterprise development, supply chain diversification, transformation, or talent management to register to participate in the summit through the PLUS website at www.lgbtiplus.com.

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