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Show Us the Money

As we watched and listened to the Minister of Finance outline the relief packages following the devastating civil riots, we were left wondering where the relief is that the Business Events Industry has asked for through-out this pandemic.

While we cannot fault the need to assist the businesses affected by the looting, we must highlight the fact that we have not had any decent assistance from government.

Our members pay taxes, we contribute to the socio-economic activity of our country, and yet we are left fending for ourselves. We know without a doubt that the Business Events Industry will be fundamental to the rebuilding of this country's economy. We know that the day will come where we will remind the powers that be, that they forgot about us in our time of need. We will do our citizen duty and rebuild, albeit slowly.

We will continue to help each other; we will continue to push our needs and we hope that we will soon be rewarded.

Saving lives and livelihoods are the foundation of our work. We will always do so safely, responsibly and with loads of empathy. We are all experiencing grief, pain, challenges, and uncertainty at the moment. That is why we are encouraged by the glimmer of improvement in the vaccine roll-out programme by government. The next cohort of persons aged between 18 – 34 years old will be able to register from 1 September 2021. We know that getting vaccinated is a personal choice that requires reflection.

We would like to remind our youth and students of the competition we are

competition, as well as the full brief, is available below.



SAACI Youth Competition

This competition is specifically targeted to young students studying towards a career in the broader Business Events and Tourism Industry. This platform will aim to empower students and new entrants in the industry and bridge the knowledge and skills gap between Academia and Industry.

[Link to full brief](#)



Launch of Events Professionals Association of Zambia (EPAZ)

The launch of The Events Professionals Association of Zambia (EPAZ) is welcomed by SAACI. The formation of EPAZ is a wonderful addition to the regional Business Events eco-system. We look forward



TBCSA UIF Discussion and Presentation

This week, the Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA), hosted a webinar session with the Department of Labour, UIF TERS Department, to address the challenges experienced by the Tourism and Business Events Sector in accessing UIF & TERS benefits. Please click on the below link for the full recording.

We are certain that you will gain insightful information to assist your organisations to access the benefit for your employees.

[Link to Recording](#)



Reminder of Outstanding Membership Fees

We call on our members to contact the National Office to arrange for payment of membership fees.

We will be issuing statements to members with outstanding payments during the course of the next few weeks.

associations.

The EPAZ launch will bring together stakeholders in the MICE industry such as Meeting & Event Planners, Destination Management Companies (DMCs), Professional Conference Organisers (PCOs), Convention Centres, government institutions in the tourism sector and national development regulators, policy makers and industry associations, amongst others.

August 2021, the membership for the organisation will be terminated and all SAACI collateral would need to be removed, as per the MOI.

Members who are currently fully paid up are reflected on the Associations' website. Please contact Alshanthe Smith at the SAACI National Office should any of the details reflected on the website need updating.

[Link to Current Members](#)



As we come to the end of devastating month of July 2021, which saw a high death rate coupled with civil looting, we may ask ourselves what the next few months of 2021 has in store for all of us.

We hope for better citizen behaviour, improved mental health and far greater easing of restrictions.

there thinking 'if only', or you can go and take charge and change it."

Stay safe and stay in touch,
The SAACI National Team



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