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## ShieldAfrica: a forum for ideas and exchanges



ShieldAfrica, international Security and Defence exhibition, will open its doors from the 24th to the 26th of January 2017 at the Ecole de Police of Abidjan – Cote d'Ivoire. This year the exhibition will be preceded by an international conference that will be held on the 23rd of January at the Hotel Ivoire. ShieldAfrica aims to escort African players in the development of their continent. Today the security is a prerequisite to Africa progress. Without security, Africa can't attract the required investments to its development and perpetuate its growth. The exhibition presents all the necessary offer to reinforce the African States security. In addition to being a business place, ShieldAfrica also aims to become a meeting place where Official Delegations, experts, exhibitors, visitors and journalists can exchange ideas, thoughts, opinions regarding security and defence issues and future challenges. In this purpose, ShieldAfrica organises different types of conferences.

The day before the exhibition, the 23rd of January 2017, an international plenary conference entitled "*Africa, towards an integrated approach to protecting our development*" will take place at the Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan. It is organised under the patronage of the Ivoirian Defence Minister, who has invited his 53 African counterparts. This conference will gather numerous players involved in the African development, and more particularly in the Security and Defence of the continent. Many ministers will attend as well as representatives of the exhibiting companies to compare their ideas about these problematics.

Three round-tables will take place, all run by experts of the sector. The first one, named "*Towards an inclusive approach to national security*" will deal with issues linked with challenges of the African

continent, such as security at major sports events, businesses security, crowd management by security forces... It will also address the part of players involved in this problematic, especially the contribution of non-governmental players and the role of regional institutes. The second round-table will be oriented towards "*safety and security facing new security challenges*". Terrorism, piracy and State action at sea or Cyber Security will be spotlight, as well as regional cooperation, needed to reduce and eradicate threats. Finally, the third round-table, entitled "government challenges and collective response" will be focus on transnational threats and regional action.

During the exhibition, from the 24th to the 26th of January 2017, a large panel of workshops will also be organised and will make easier exchanges between experts. This year, these colloquiums will have for common theme the development of a safer Africa. The 2017 exhibition will focus on security systems, cybersecurity and the Safe City, a Smart City component. These workshops will involve operations staff, manufacturers, medias, experts and higher authorities of the African continent. Among addressed subjects, you will find the security challenges for the economic prosperity of Africa, - the contribution of smart cities in security, the cooperation and responses to terrorist threats, security of major events, migration challenges, electronic transactions and finally cyber security of critical infrastructures. You can already refer to the workshops program.

Finally, exhibitors' conferences will occur all along the exhibition. It is a tool, available for exhibitors, which enables them to highlight their products and technology innovations. It is a service with a strong impact to increase the visibility of their equipment by potential buyers. In order to benefit from this service, exhibitors must book it before the exhibition. Thus, they will be registered in the general conferences program.

For more information:

<http://www.shieldafrica.com/en>



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