



Press Release

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ShieldAfrica 2019: "Success confirmed"

The 5th edition of ShieldAfrica has just closed its doors with a **new success: 143** exhibitors from **29** countries, **more than 3,650** professional visitors and **67** journalists have participated in the trade fair*.



ShieldAfrica, a security-oriented exhibition, has confirmed a strong presence of **international exhibitors**, with the most represented countries: Bulgaria, Cote d'Ivoire, France, Israel, as well as companies from China, Kazakhstan, Turkey and the United States. Four national pavilions were opened this year: Belarus, Bulgaria, France and South Africa. A lot of equipment and products meeting the specific needs of African countries were presented.

This edition also was marked by significant **growth in high-level visitor numbers**: more than 3,500 professional visitors came to the trade fair including 65 official delegations from 29 countries representing 129 delegates. ShieldAfrica also hosted 9 ministers and deputy ministers, 10 army chiefs of staff and 4 special representatives of defence ministers, ministers of the interior and 5 directors general of customs or border protection.

The live demonstrations, with the participation of the Special Forces, Police Research and Assistance Force and the Intervention Unit of the National Gendarmerie of Cote d'Ivoire as well as of the French Special Forces were a real success, highlighting the know-how of these units before many officials.

ShieldAfrica, **a platform for exchange** between African authorities and international manufacturers, confirms once again its important role in the development of Africa.

On the eve of the trade fair, **an international conference** was held on 21 January on the theme of border security. This event brought together institutional and private decision-makers, researchers, industry, and media to identify and to respond to the threats to ensure a more sustainable future of the continent.

The organisers thank all the participants who have made this 2019 edition a great success and look forward to meeting you from **25 to 28 January 2021** for the 6th edition of ShieldAfrica.

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