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MESA AFRICA CRACKS INTO VIRTUAL MODE

With the advent of Covid 19, everyone around the world has had to change how they do business. This pandemic has caused total Disruption, but also provided many opportunities to do business in a whole new way and to stimulate one's creative abilities.

MESA Africa held its first Webinar on Thursday 21 May 2020, kindly hosted by PwC.



On-Line Forum
Thursday 21 May 2020 17:00 – 18:00

MANUFACTURING – THE SURVIVOR SERIES
Covid 19 vs Manufacturing – Round 1

Speakers:
Lullu Krugel, Chief Economist, PwC
Philippa Rodseth, Executive Director
The Manufacturing Circle

Kindly hosted by:
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RSVP: www.mesa-africa.org

SPEAKERS / PANELISTS

Lullu has 14 years of experience in the economic consulting environment. Is currently employed in the capacity of Partner / Director at PwC in Johannesburg. She led a team of 15 client facing economists. Her areas of focus include regulatory economics and regulatory impact assessments, economic impact assessments, socio-economic impact assessments, market entry studies, cost benefit analysis, ERS forward looking audit support and competition economics.

Philippa began her career as an Architect working for 4 years on commercial projects in South Africa and Hong Kong. She obtained her MBA from WITS and joined First National Bank's Commercial Division in 2001 until 2010. In 2012 she established Spoke Consulting, which identifies and accesses funding for projects in Africa. She joined The Manufacturing Circle in 2015 as Executive Director.

Gerhard has been a member of the local (regional) chapter of MESA in South Africa since its inception around eight years ago. Gerhard was elected as Vice Chairman for 2009/2010 and Chairman from 2011 to 2015 for MESA Africa. In 2016 the MESA Africa Exco established a Non-Profit Company and he was elected as Vice Chairman and appointed Director for MESA Africa. Gerhard also serves on the Board of Directors for MESA EMEA.

This was the first in a series running monthly through to November 2020.

A huge thanks to our guest speakers, Lullu Krugel, Chief Economist, PwC and Philippa Rodseth, Executive Director, The Manufacturing Circle each one focusing on their areas of expertise – economy and manufacturing, respectively.



And to Gerhard Greeff, who joined as a Panelist. Gerhard is past Chair & Vice Chair of MESA Africa since inception 12 years ago. He also sits on the Board of Directors for MESA EMEA. In his daily role, Gerhard is Chief Business Development Manager at ATS Global,



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Thanks go to our Co-hosts, Vinesh Maharaj, Associate Director | Manufacturing Lead at PwC and a member of the MESA Africa Exco and Alberto Pontiggia, owner of Alberto Pontiggia Business Coaching & Consulting and a member of the MESA Africa Exco.



The Lucky Draw Prize Winner

All participants were entered into a lucky draw (prize: R1000,00 Takealot gift voucher). And the winner is LANCE TURNER. Lance is Acting MES Run Service Owner at Sasol Information Management MES



CONGRATULATIONS LANCE

See video of the lucky ticket being drawn,: <https://bit.ly/3cfxhAv>

Onto Round 2 of Manufacturing, The Survivor Series

Thursday 25 June 2020 | 16:00



The flyer features a dark background with several elements:

- Top left: A small image of a globe.
- Top right: A small image of a globe with a blue and green color scheme.
- Center left: A small image of a metal chain with one red link.
- Center: Two speaker profiles. The top one is for RHEINHARDT SCHULZE, Associate Director at PwC | Connected Supply Chain. The bottom one is for ILSE GRAVETT-HULTZER, Transformation Director at RCL.
- Bottom right: The MESA AFRICA logo and website URL.
- Bottom center: The event title "Manufacturing The Survivor Series Round 2 – Digital Supply Chain | The Missing Link".
- Bottom right: Event details: "Thursday 25 June 2020 16:00 - 17:00", "Limited space available", and "RSVP to attend".



MESA Africa Featured In ENGINEERING NEWS

Automation and Industry 4.0 – “Pandemic Prompts Automation Support, Working Remotely”

The Covid 19 pandemic has sparked immense interest in ways to maintain productivity in these challenging times. See the article attached (link below – p68) with great insights on working remotely, from MESA Africa’s own Gerhard Greeff, and Alberto Pontiggia

<http://cdn.creamermedia.com/e-magazines/engineering-news/EngineeringNewson22May2020/index.html>

MESA Africa Winner Speaks at the European ARC Conference May 18-20, 2020

Eeje van Jaarsveld of Exxaro Resources was voted Best Speaker at the MESA Africa 2019 Conference held last November for his presentation on the “The Application of Autonomous Drills at GGC”

As winner of the grand prize, he qualified to attend the prestigious ARC Industry Forum usually held in Spain 18 – 20 May 2020 (this went virtual due to Covid 19 but the event was still held successfully).



CONGRATULATIONS EEJE

Eeje being presented with 1st prize by Jan Snoeij, Director of **MESA EMEA** in Nov 2019. A great presentation and excellent exposure of the achievement of companies here in South Africa.

When you have a moment take a look at the video presentation:

https://arcadvisorygroup.sharepoint.com/:v/s/extranets/client-portal/EYCdgEwK_f9Oosf2ntYz0w0B4g3PHDZKTg18ByRznW4jxA?e=PgFwib

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Don't miss out on a potential opportunity to be selected as the prize winner at a future event. As the Covid 19 pandemic is still very much prevalent, **MESA Africa** may have to postpone the Annual Conference from November this year, and move to 2021. More news to follow.

Call for Papers

MESA Africa would welcome any Paper you may wish to submit for use at one of our events. Please submit these to:

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Note from the Editor: *We look forward to seeing you at our next Webinar in the series and welcome any suggestions you may have, or what you may like to hear about from **MESA Africa**.*

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