



AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

180 DAYS AND WE'RE TAKING STOCK!

Advocacy

We brought you information on essential topics

- BEE Codes of Conduct with experts from the DTI
- New Companies Bill with Lindie Engelbrecht of the Institute of Directors
- Investment Incentives and Rebates offered by DTI with Francois Truter
- Compiled a submission for the DTI on the Employment Equity Regulations and gave oral representation
- Working with member companies on compiling a written submission on the Labour Broker issue

Networking and Knowledge-Sharing

We enjoyed breakfast with expert speakers

- Prof Mervyn King on King III
- Minister Rob Davies on Trade Policy in South Africa
- The 2009 Budget and Global Credit Crisis with JF Mercier of Citi and R Downing of SACCI
- The Chicago 2010 Olympic Bid Committee with the Illinois Africa Office of Trade and Investment

Africa Outreach

We worked with the US Commercial Services Department:

- Invited members to meet Commercial officers from 48 African countries and provided business briefings by the Ambassadors of:
 - South Africa
 - Mozambique
 - Democratic Republic of the Congo

We celebrated the opening of the new US Commercial Services whilst commemorating the 4th of July

We briefed International Delegations

- US Trade Representative Ron Kirk
- Deputy US Trade Representative
- US Chamber of Commerce Africa Executives Scott Eisner and Danielle Walker
- Kellogg School of Management
- MBA students from Fordham University

We met with National Stakeholders

- The DTI (Iqbal Sharma and Cobs Pillay)
- The Department of Economic Development, City of Joburg, to finalise the Young Entrepreneurship Policy and Strategy Framework. This was launched on 21 July 2009.
- Mr Fadl Nacerodien of the US Desk in Foreign Relations

Forums

We hosted our Forums and provided expert speakers at each Forum on a monthly basis:

Trade

Health and HIV/AIDS

BEE

CSI (now known as Good Corporate Citizen)

OSAC

Intellectual Property Reinforcement

Golf

We hosted a golf tournament in March for Members

We were in Cape Town

- We outlined and discussed US-SA bilateral relations with our Cape Town members at the One & Only Resort

and

Durban

- We invited our Durban members to lunch with the US Consul General in Durban