
Reinvigorated Partnership Between Business and Government

“The challenge remains to ensure that initiatives are sustained and deliver the desired results without instilling a dependency on the business sector,” said Dr Wright.

Dr Wright highlighted that through a structured partnership with Government, the fight against crime was being taken to a new level. “We remain committed to helping business so that its ‘own house’ is in order from a crime prevention point of view”, said Dr Wright.

Among the initiatives through which BACSA and Government collaborate, Minister Mthethwa highlighted the following:

- The small business robbery pilots in Tembisa and Central Johannesburg;
- The Private Security Alignment initiative in the Honeydew cluster;
- The promulgated Second Hand Goods Act for which BACSA was instrumental in bringing business Associations on board and for assisting to formulate associated regulations for accreditation;
- The improvement of the 10111 service in Gauteng;
- Work in relation to closing down the market for stolen goods;
- The Cash Risk Identification and Mitigation (CRIM) project;
- The progression of work in relation to the Criminal Law Amendment (Forensics) Bill; and
- Business support to the DPCI in addressing serious and violent organised crimes.

Minister Mthethwa emphasised to business leaders present that Government is immensely proud of the partnership with BACSA. A draft Memorandum of Understanding was currently being considered by the parties to define and formalise the reinvigorated partnership.



Mr Mark Lamberti, BACSA Chairperson, and Minister of Police, Mr Nathi Mthethwa at the business briefing hosted by BACSA.
