

MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF THE WESTERN CAPE

It has been 13 years since the CTICC opened for business, putting Cape Town and the Western Cape firmly on the international conference circuit. It continues to play a pivotal role in attracting investment to the province, building our reputation as a productive, competitive and innovative region.

As such, reaching out into the world through Africa and beyond, the CTICC allows the Province to make connections and form partnerships that simply would not be possible without this world-class strategic facility.

Next year that offering will be enhanced considerably by its expansion into the new East Wing, creating many more opportunities to accommodate an increasing range of events – and also much larger ones.

This will bolster the CTICC's ability to expand the Province's global reach, ensuring that we all benefit from best practice innovations and technologies shared with experts who come to expand their knowledge with us. This inspires further innovation and opportunity for growth and jobs.

Each event brings an opportunity for exchange and expansion in terms of what we as a province can learn from the world – and what it can learn from us. This supports our primary strategy to build an "Open-opportunity Society for All" in the Western Cape, which is also the cornerstone of our Constitution.

In addition, our Vision 2040 is of "a highly skilled, innovation-driven, resource-efficient, connected, high-opportunity society for all". We have no doubt that the CTICC will be contributing strongly to this vision as it continues to perform profitably and build both the knowledge economy and the catalytic economic growth sectors that the Province has identified.

Congratulations once more to the efficient and effective CTICC Board, Executive and all staff and stakeholders for another excellent year in 2015/16. Our province is the richer for your efforts.

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