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Chief of Defence Reserves Division Hosts Business at Africa Aerospace and Defence Exhibition (AAD 2016)

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The Chief of South African Air Force Lieutenant General Fabian Zakes Msimang hosted the Africa Aerospace and Defence Exhibition (AAD 2016) at Air Force Base Waterkloof (AFB WKLF) over the period 14 to 18 September 2016. The exhibition was officially opened by the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, honorable Ms Nosiviwe Noluthando Mapisa-Nqakula, MP on 14 September 2016.



The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, honorable Ms Nosiviwe Noluthando Mapisa-Nqakula, MP addressing the delegates during official opening of AAD 2016.

The Department of Defence (DOD), as part of the AAD 2016 partnership, was to exploit this event to ensure maximum local and international participation by exhibitors, trade visitors, official delegations and other stakeholders. The importance of AAD 2016 for the DOD included the opportunity to profile the primary objectives of the DOD, in support of Government objectives and priorities.

The exhibition was scheduled for 3 days trade days, 14 to 16 September 2016 and 2 public days 17 and 18 September 2016. The show was enhanced by a comprehensive flying display programme encompassing military and civilian and recreational aircraft.



A Gripen in action



Helicopter in reconnaissance position

The Chief of Defence Reserves Division (Major General Roy Andersen) utilized AAD 2016 as a platform to promote and market the concept of the Defence Reserve System, and briefed over one hundred members of the Defence Provincial Liaison Councils and Captains of Industry regarding the development of and other strategic issues regarding SANDF Reserves.



The Chief Defence Reserves, Major General Roy Andersen, giving a brief overview of the SANDF Reserve Force to the delegates before they were escorted to the Air Force Base Waterkloof.

On Saturday the 17th of September 2016, the Chief of Defence Reserves, hosted a briefing session on Reserve Force matters for the Defence Reserves Board members, Reserve Force Council members, Defence Provincial Liaison Council members (Gauteng and Limpopo) and Captains of Industry.



Delegates in the briefing session at Armscor Lapa in Erasmuskloof.

All the guests were then escorted by military police motorbikes from the Armscor Lapa in Erasmuskloof where they were briefed, to Air Force Base Waterkloof where the Air show was taking place.



Lieutenant Colonel Ponka Shibambo, Staff Officer One (SO1 Regular Force member) sharing information with learners visiting the Defence Reserves stand during the AAD 2016.

The Defence Reserves Division team and Provincial Office Gauteng had an indoor exhibition stand in a prime spot to promote and market the Reserve Force System and all services. The Reserve Force Volunteer Magazines and branded promotional items were distributed among the public.



Mr Trevor Mketi, Director Defence Industry Governance in the Defence Materiel Division with international delegates after visiting the Defence Reserves stall.

Stakeholders and visitors came in their numbers to obtain more information about the South African Reserve Force and its operation.