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BUSA business economic INDABA

The Business Unity South Africa's (BUSA) inaugural Business Economic Indaba on 29 January was a resounding success. Thanks to broad support from business partners at Gallagher Estate in Midrand, a vision that had been set out late in 2018 was realised

he Business Economic Indaba was not only well attended, it also managed to achieve a core objective – it set the tone and context for the business outlook on the economy for 2019. Feedback from stakeholders and the continuing media coverage of the event and its outcomes all make it clear that this objective was successfully realised.

This was accomplished through informative and engaging sector

discussions, exploring future collaborations with government with emphasis on each of the economic clusters, outlining macroeconomic visions, having a frank and constructive conversation with President Cyril Ramaphosa and, finally, launching the BUSA-CCMA (Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration) Web Tool for small business.

Business leaders are putting the final touches to the Business

Economic Indaba outcomes and action plans. In the meantime, policy and governance work has continued in earnest, with BUSA and the subcommittee on energy hosting important engagements with Deputy Public Works Minister Jeremy Cronin on the Expropriation Bill and the Presidential Task Team on Eskom respectively. The Health Working Group also finalised input to Health Summit compact.