

IMS HOSTS FIRST WORLD MANUFACTURING FORUM REGIONAL EVENT IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

IMS hosted the first World Manufacturing Forum regional event in Johannesburg, South Africa on June 18th, 2018.

The event, “Manufacturing Revolution to Promote Global Resilience,” took place in conjunction with the Manufacturing Indaba at the Sandton Convention Center.

The session aimed to address how the industrial transformation inspires education, sustainable development, and societal impact. IMS Managing Director and WMF Board Member, Dan Nagy, began the program by introducing the new World Manufacturing Forum Foundation. He noted that the WMF will now expand to include an annual Global Report along with regional events and new involvement opportunities.

He also presented global partners UNIDO, the European Commission, and Region Lombardia and previewed the 2018 program which will be released at the end of July. Professor Marco Taisch of Politecnico di Milano and WMF Scientific Chair presented the WMF Global Manufacturing Report. He explained that the report will be white paper on the future outlook of manufacturing and will include expert opinions from industry innovators. The report will also outline 10 key short and long term recommendations for industry.



The program continued with two expert panels, Session One: “Policies Advancing Manufacturing Development and Global Cooperation” and Session Two: “Solving the Manufacturing Skill Challenge: Creating a Skills Marketplace.” Session one focused on how to harness the full potential of the fourth industrial revolution to boost competitiveness in the global manufacturing industry by reinforcing international cooperation, promoting investment, and advancing the proper application of technology. Session two discussed how information on job evolution and skill requirements are used by South Africa to review and renew and develop their education and training systems. Panelists also discussed development of a national framework to support coordination between education and training, skilled workers, and the labor market to create a skills marketplace.

Audience members were able to ask panelists questions during Q&A periods and were invited to a networking and collaboration coffee. All those in attendance were invited to attend the 2018 edition of the WMF.