SwissCham Southern Africa (SCSA)

"Challenges of 2010 and Thereafter"

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr. Georg C. Umbricht, we are very pleased to invite you, your colleagues and friends to a presentation by **H.E. George Henry Johannes,** Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Holy See with residence in Berne.

Date:	**Thursday, 12 November 2009**	
Time:	**11:25 h**	**Registration and Aperitif**
	11:50 h	Speech followed by Luncheon
	14:00 h	End of the Event
Venue:	**Zunfthaus zur Meisen**, Münsterhof 20, 8001 Zurich	

Mr. Johannes was a full-time activist of the African National Congress (ANC) in Angola and Zambia where he worked as a specialist researcher and radio journalist with Radio Freedom. He was appointed the Administrative Secretary of the ANC's Department of Information and Publicity in Zambia and was transferred to the ANC's Office in London where he worked as the Administrative Secretary and journalist with "Sechaba", the ANC's Official Organ. He was elected to the ANC's Youth Executive Committee and later became the Youth Section Secretary and Chairperson in the UK. In 1987 he was appointed the ANC's Representative to the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) in Budapest, Hungary.

Mr. Johannes studied at University College Cork, Ireland and graduated with a First Class BA Honours degree in Philosophy and History. He continued his studies at Reading University in Berkshire, UK and graduated with a Post-Graduate Diploma in Careers Guidance as well as a Master of Education degree. He worked as a Specialist Careers Adviser at Reading College of Technology and enrolled for a Ph.D. degree with the University of Leicester. He submitted his thesis in Political Economy in 1989 and joined the staff of the University of London, Birbeck College lecturing Masters Students. In 1994 he returned to South Africa to assist with the ANC's election campaign and in 1995 joined the Department of Labour as Director of International Relations. In April 1997 he joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and in November 1997 was appointed Deputy High Commissioner at the South African High Commission in London. After returning to South Africa in January 2003, he was appointed Director for UK, Ireland and Benelux Countries. On 2 September 2005 he joined the Embassy of South Africa in Berlin as the Deputy Head of Mission and Counsellor. Since the departure of the Ambassador at the end of December 2007, he was been the Chargé d' Affaires.

In his presentation Ambassador Johannes will provide an insight on the Challenges South Africa is facing in 2010 and its hurdles to take thereafter. We look forward to welcoming you to this interesting presentation.

The aperitif is kindly provided by BANQUE LOUIS

Registration: Please register by **Monday, November 9th, 2009** by returning the form below to the SwissCham Southern Africa (SCSA), P.O. Box 2957, 8022 Zurich, or sending it by fax to 041 620 88 03 or by e-mail to bmoeckli-schneider@chambersservices.ch. The cost of the event is CHF 110.00 for Chamber members and CHF 150.00 for non-members. You will receive a confirmation after registration. Cancellations will be accepted until Tuesday, November 10th, 2009, 10.00 a.m.; otherwise a full no-show charge applies.

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