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Under the regional Theme, "*Harnessing Science and Technology for Development*", COMESA has consistently stretched its arm across the breadth and depth of each member state to establish mechanisms that foster a strong business climate, which run on the fuel of efficiency and value addition . In the past 10 years, the region has invested heavily in tackling issues such as energy and transport costs, infrastructure development, and other impediments to business growth. This year, Africa's top business leaders, international businesses and regional policy makers will engage on the progresses made in Africa, with a goal of establishing common agendas to support business interests in the COMESA region.

The 7<sup>th</sup> COMESA Business Forum will bring together COMESA's trading partners from India, China, United Arab Emirates, Europe and United States of America under a singular platform with an agenda of discussing the dynamics of expanding their businesses in Africa. Over 1000 COMESA businessmen and women will gather in the beautiful Country of Malawi, to meet the regional and international business world where business focused topics will be discussed. And smart business partnerships made. This year, the 7<sup>th</sup> COMESA Business Forum will also engage the business community to build companies that support environment friendly systems. that increase the value, quality and efficiency of your businesses in today's world. This year's slogan will read, "**Smart Businesses Go Green!**"

We invite you as a Corporate Business partner, well recognized in the COMESA Region, to participate in this regional event and engage in business partnerships that will further strengthen your existing businesses, within the agenda of Regional Economic Integration. For more details on registration and payment fees of the meeting, please visit, [www.comesabusinessforum.org](http://www.comesabusinessforum.org). Also attached is a hard copy registration form. Please fill in and send back as appropriate.

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Please accept my assurances of the Highest Regard.

  
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