

## **MEDIA INVITE**

Date: 11 July 2025

### **INVITATION TO THE KZN–NAVIGO (ITALY) BOAT BUILDING AND YACHTING INDUSTRY ROUND TABLE**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), in partnership with NAVIGO (Italy), invites you to the KZN–NAVIGO Boat Building and Yachting Industry Round Table, taking place on 15 July 2025.

This strategic engagement forms part of efforts to strengthen KwaZulu-Natal's position in the global ocean economy through collaboration with NAVIGO, a leading yachting industry cluster in Italy with over 400 members in the boat building value chain. The session will explore economic growth opportunities, skills transfer, global market access, and investment in aftersales services, aligned with the KZN Integrated Maritime Strategy.

#### **Event Details:**

Date: 15 July 2025

Venue: Coastlands Hotel, uMhlanga, Durban

Time: 09h00 – 15h00

The round table will be attended by the Honourable Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Honourable Thami Ntuli, MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Rev. Musa Zondi, representatives from NAVIGO Italy, senior government officials, and stakeholders from the boat building and maritime sectors.

Your attendance and media coverage will be highly appreciated as we chart the course toward inclusive economic development and global partnerships.

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