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Date: 2nd September 2026

Dr Yousrey Elsharkawi,
Chairman
Egyptian African Businessmen's Association (EABA)
Egypt

Dear Dr Elsharkawi,

RE: Invitation to the 19th COMESA Business Forum and Exhibition, Under the Theme “One Market, One Future: Advancing Inclusive Industrialisation, Investment and Regional Integration”

On behalf of the COMESA Business Council’s Board and Management, I am pleased to extend an invitation to your Institution to participate in the 19th COMESA Business Forum and Exhibition. This flagship event will be held on **20th October 2026** in Harare, Zimbabwe, at the Rainbow Towers Hotel and Conference Centre, and will precede the 25th Summit of COMESA Heads of State and Government.

This high-level Forum, organized by the COMESA Secretariat, the COMESA Business Council, and the Government of Zimbabwe, in partnership with the Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce and ZimTrade, will focus on the theme, *“One Market, One Future: Advancing Inclusive Industrialisation, Investment and Regional Integration”*.

Held alongside the Forum will be the following key activities:

- **COMESA Green Industries Connect (19th October 2026):** A high-level dialogue that will highlight innovative technologies and business models across leather, plastics and packaging waste, and electronics and e-waste value.
- **COMESA Multi-Sectoral Trade Exhibition (19th to 21st October 2026):** An exhibition that will provide corporates, industry associations, and SMEs with an opportunity to showcase their products and services, while offering all participants exceptional opportunities for networking, partnership-building, and exploring new business ventures within the COMESA region and beyond.

Please find attached the Concept Note, which outlines the objectives and framework of the Forum. The recommendations and outcomes from this event will directly contribute to the COMESA

Business Declaration, to be presented at the COMESA Heads of State and Government Summit on 22nd October 2026.

We eagerly anticipate your participation in this important event. A detailed program and registration process, including exhibition participation fees, will be shared with you in due course. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Gallina Tembo at gtembo@comesabusinesscouncil.org or Ms. Salome Phiri at sphiri@comesabusinesscouncil.org.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Soobramanien', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Dr. Teddy Soobramanien
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**