



**food & drink technology  
Africa**

International Trade Fair for  
processing+filling+packaging+logistics.



#### **INTERNATIONAL RELEASE:**

#### **food & drink technology (fdt) Africa 2021 cancelled**

Messe Muenchen South Africa, organisers of food & drink technology (fdt) Africa, have announced that the premier trade fair for the processing, filling, packaging and logistics for Africa's food and beverage industry has been cancelled.

The decision was made after consultations with industry stakeholders, and comes amid ongoing bans and restrictions on international travel to and from South Africa.

Suzette Scheepers, CEO of Messe Muenchen South Africa, says the event, which had been scheduled to take place at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Johannesburg, South Africa, from November 2 – 4 this year, will not go ahead due to uncertainty in the market and ongoing travel bans and restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

South African President, Cyril Ramaphosa has also recently announced the strengthening of restrictions as the country moves into its 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of Covid-19 infections. Under these restrictions, all gatherings are limited to 100 people indoors, and 250 people outdoors.

“As a key pan-African industry event, fdt Africa was scheduled to be co-located with IFAT Africa and analytica Lab Africa; a combined and broad-reaching event that traditionally brings together thousands of pan-African and international stakeholders for knowledge sharing and product discovery. However, due to the current circumstances, we concluded that we could not assure our valued sponsors, exhibitors and visitors of the usual levels of international engagement,” she says.

“We thank our partners, exhibitors and the fdt Africa community for their ongoing understanding and support during the challenges of the past year,” she says.

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