Summit to focus on skills crisis

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ArcelorMittal South Africa’s seventh annual Skills Development Summit, to be held on August 5 and August 6, is shaping up to be the most innovative and dynamic yet.

Says Kesebone Maema, corporate communications manager: “Our Skills Development Summit is a highly regarded skills think-tank and puts the spotlight on the country’s skills shortage and how it can be resolved.

“It will take on a new dimension, focusing on more hands-on practical issues regarding the enhancement of skills levels in all sectors of the economy.

“We again aim to provide concrete answers and solutions to the skills crisis facing South Africa today.

“The 2014 summit will, for the first time, highlight how vital the human factor is in developing and harnessing skills and will also shine a light on an exciting new initiative by government to improve the skills of public servants.”

The summit will include interactive workshops to get the most out of participants in skills training programmes across the board. Top trainers and other experts will share insights to ensure that participants who complete the skills training courses are equipped with the know-how and expertise necessary for them to make a meaningful contribution to the workplace - and, by extension, to the South African economy.

A few of the topics that will be discussed include:
- Government school for public servants
- The human factor in skills development
- The difference between a job and true employment
- Transport and logistics
- The changing face of human resources

“Delegates will take away insights that will enable them to develop a more empowered workforce and capitalise on opportunities denied to the inflexible and unskilled. The 2014 Skills Development Summit is set to establish an exciting new pace and bring South Africa’s skills crisis closer to resolution,” says Maema.