

Press Release

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Deutsche Messe:

Deutsche Messe expands its international sales network

- "fairpros" is new representative for the sub-Saharan Africa region

Hannover, Germany. Deutsche Messe is expanding its international sales network, and now has representation throughout the region of sub-Saharan Africa. Representation for the countries of Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Uganda, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Sudan, South Sudan, Benin, Togo, Mali, Burkina Faso, Guinea, The Gambia and Gabon has been taken on by the company "fairpros", located among other places in Nigeria, Ghana and Kenya.

fairpros represents Deutsche Messe's interests in sub-Saharan Africa. For the remaining sub-Saharan countries, the German Chamber of Industry and Trade is responsible for representation, just as the North African Chamber of Industry and Trade holds responsibility for North Africa.

With more than 930 employees and 66 representative offices, subsidiaries and agencies, Deutsche Messe is present in more than 100 countries.

"Particularly viewed against the background of our still very recent engagement in Africa, we are pleased to have a competent partner to hand with fairpros, that will support us in our future activities to expand our foreign business in the region," declared Dr. Andreas Gruchow, the member of Deutsche Messe's Managing Board in charge of international operations.

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fairpros is specialized in helping small and medium-sized companies

enter the region, and sees its role as one of opening the door to new

business opportunities and new markets. In addition, fairpros supports its

clients in exporting new products and services to new target markets, in

order to achieve brand awareness. The fairpros service also includes the

search for business partners and sponsors, to identify new business

opportunities for companies from the sub-Saharan region.

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Deutsche Messe is one of the world's largest and most active trade fair

companies. Based in Hannover, Germany, Deutsche Messe employs a staff of

more than 930 and maintains a network of 66 sales partners, subsidiaries and

branches that covers more than 100 countries. Deutsche Messe annually

produces more than 100 trade fairs and conferences worldwide that

host 35,000 exhibiting companies, 3.5 million visitors, and 15,000 journalists

from 100 countries. Visit <u>www.messe.de</u> for more information.

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