

## Iveco's TechPro<sup>2</sup> youth training programme arrives in South Africa

*Iveco, the global commercial vehicle maker, which is part of the CNH Industrial group, has further emphasised its long-term commitment to South Africa by launching an innovative youth education programme which will help the country to develop much needed skills for the economy and give young people opportunities for professional growth and advancement.*

Johannesburg – After committing R500 million on setting up a new factory at Rosslyn outside Pretoria, Iveco's educational programme will be a further tangible commitment to Black Economic Empowerment and to the future success of the country.

As it grows its dealer network across South Africa and the continent of Africa, Iveco also wants to allow young South Africans to grow.

It has, therefore, partnered with Don Bosco Education Projects in launching the ground-breaking TechPro<sup>2</sup> initiative. At the launch – on April 23 at the Don Bosco centre at Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg – Iveco pledged to provide funding and resources to the programme in South Africa, which will train 12 students each year. Upon completion, the graduates will earn a certificate in Professional Commercial Vehicle Mechanics. This certificate will be recognised by the South African government agency MerSETA. Graduates are then provided with internship opportunities within the Iveco's local network to put their newly-learned skills to work, gaining valuable on-the-job experience.

Iveco has built the site's workshop and provided the tools, equipment, engines and a heavy range Stralis truck for students to practise on. In addition to supplying the physical workshop and supplies, Iveco's most valuable contribution to the programme is its industry expertise. Professionals from the company are brought in to transfer their knowledge through the delivery of technical training to local instructors in a phase classified as "Train the Trainer".

TechPro<sup>2</sup> was launched in 2008 as a collaboration between Fiat Automobiles S.p.A. (now Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, sister company to CNH Industrial) and the CNOS-FAP Federation (The National Centre for Salesian Projects - Professional Training), the mission of the TechPro<sup>2</sup> project is to support local communities by recruiting young people and providing them with highly technical training.



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This training will in turn qualify them for professional placements in the automotive and industrial vehicles sectors. Today, TechPro<sup>2</sup> has established collaborations with more than 50 schools in Argentina, Brazil, China, Ethiopia, India, Italy, Poland, Spain, The Philippines, Uruguay and now South Africa. Over 9,300 students have been trained to date.

The Johannesburg programme is the second TechPro<sup>2</sup> site to be established by CNH Industrial in Africa together with its key partner: the Salesians of Don Bosco, a Roman Catholic congregation dedicated to carrying out education and missionary work around the world. The first site, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, was inaugurated in December 2013. All of the 22 students who graduated after the site's first cycle found employment following their graduation.

At the programme inauguration, Daniela Ropolo, Sustainable Development Initiatives Manager for the EMEA (Europe, the Middle East and Africa) & APAC (Asia Pacific) regions at CNH Industrial, said: "TechPro<sup>2</sup> has created a model for innovative relationships between schools and the professional workforce. Students will rediscover a passion for learning and studying and are then able to put it all into practise. They will feel more in charge of their own lives, already having a foot in the door and receiving further encouragement to make the most of their potential."

More information on TechPro<sup>2</sup> can be found at: [techpro2.com/en/homepage](http://techpro2.com/en/homepage)

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