Automotive focus group responds to industry's human resources needs

One of the milestones of the Automotive Industry Development Centre (AIDC) was the establishment of a cooperation framework in 2016. Together with the CSIR, a cooperative framework was developed to foster innovation and technology transfer.

The AIDC, which is based in South Africa, focuses on providing expertise in the automotive and related industries. It offers a range of services, including research and development, training, and capacity building.

Why AIDC has been established

The AIDC is a project of the South African Automotive Industry Development Centre (AIDC) to increase the competitiveness of the South African automotive industry to world-class levels. The AIDC is a project of the Blue IQ initiative, a multi-billion-rand investment plan by the Gauteng Province, to invest in 17 projects in the areas of tourism, technology, transport and high-value-added manufacturing to make Gauteng "the smart province.

The AIDC works in partnership with government departments and other organizations to develop relevant human resources for the automotive industry.

Its services include supplier development, logistics services, design, engineering and testing services, human resource development, SME development, government programmes in support of the MIDP and support to the Gauteng Automotive Cluster.

The AIDC has signed contracts with tertiary education institutions to develop relevant human resources for the automotive industry.

LCE also ties in with sustainable development and diversifies the engineering workforce with skills and expertise in environmental management.

LCE is also looking to support other initiatives, such as the GTM 2020, which aims to achieve a 20% market share for electric vehicles in South Africa by 2020.

In order to achieve this, students have to have a deeper understanding of environmental management, which is a key component of the GTM 2020 initiative.

The LCE master's will not stand by itself but will be systematized as a master's cohort in environmental engineering or environmental management, with LCE at the core.

The LCE master's focus will be on fostering globally sustainable solutions.

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