

Determination and interaction

UNDER the theme Leadership for Prosperity, the gathering of Africa's top decision-makers in Johannesburg is an ideal platform for business interaction.

Last year's inaugural event brought together leaders to share their experiences of business leadership in Africa, and their deliberations concluded with a statement setting out goals for the future.

Good leadership, said a communiqué from the African Business Leaders Forum 2003, is a central factor in the success or failure of nations, companies,

public sector institutions and local communities.

Sound leadership development strategies should not be confined to business, as they are equally important in the public and civil society sectors, it said.

The goal is to ramp up the commitment of the private sector throughout Africa to leadership training and strategic planning for sustainable development under the Nepad banner.

This year's conference includes a number of case studies and other presentations regard-

ing transformation in organisations, with the intention of imparting practical guidelines for change and growth.

The conference aims to be highly interactive, with a live television debate on leadership in Africa on the SABC's Channel Africa on October 14, as well as a featured debate on the purposes of the forum as a body and as a platform for dialogue.

The forum is not all business, however. Friday October 15 is set aside for the Eskom African Business Leaders Golf Day, along with organised tours.