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## Chicago Show to Host South African Artists

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Chicago - The South African Consulate will feature more than 12 artists at **The Chicago Market: Living and Giving** in January 2011. Handmade South African products offered in booths 8-9100 and 8-9111 will include mouth-blown glass, wood carvings, wire and bead products, basket weaving, jewelry, clothing accessories and more. The artists come from KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga provinces.



"This project is the result of the collaborative efforts of the South African Consulate General in Chicago, The Chicago Market: Living and Giving, Tradepoint KwaZulu-Natal and the Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency," said Valentina Tomov, marketing officer, South African Consulate General.

"The South African government has long recognized the enormous potential of the craft industry for job creation and generation of income for peri urban and rural communities in South Africa. That is why our work focuses on exposing South African artisans to new markets and assisting crafters to grow their businesses via trade shows such as The Chicago Market," said Ambassador Nomvume P. Magaqa, Consul General, South African Consulate General in Chicago.

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