

## Africa's biggest retailers to discuss post-COVID retailing at DRA2022

Following a successful 2021 event, the next edition of Digital Retail Africa will take place online on the 26th of January 2022.

JOHANNESBURG, GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA, January 3, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With the global pandemic acting as an accelerant, digital transformation across retail verticals has gained new momentum, seeing rapid adoption of digital technology within the sector.

According to a 2021 research report



released by PWC, people affected by the pandemic are driving a "historic and dramatic shift in consumer behaviour". The consulting firm reports a strong shift to online shopping as people were first confined by lockdowns, and then many continued to work from home.

Another significant finding from the report is that consumers are not likely to go back to their old ways of shopping once the pandemic is over.

Online sales in South Africa grew by 66% in 2020 to more than \$1.8 billion (ZAR30 billion). This means that retailers have no choice but to reimagine the functionality of stores and tap into digital tools to stay relevant for the 'new normal customer'.

Under the theme "Developing sustainability and competitiveness in the post-pandemic retail landscape", <u>Digital Retail Africa 2022</u> will bring together hundreds of retail leaders to discuss emerging industry trends.

Key topics to be discussed at <u>#DRA2022</u>:

•Reimagining the Future of Retail •Dnpacking next-level E-commerce: People, Data & Technology

- •Deveraging technology and automation to unlock retail growth
- •Dvercoming retail security challenges with the cloud
- •Touchless Retail Solutions: Reshaping the In-Store Experience
- •The impact of Buy-Now-Pay-Later platforms on the retail industry
- •Dsing technology to drive efficiencies in retail logistics
- How Cloud Computing is Transforming the Retail Sector

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