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Dear Sponsors and Attendees,

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to the East Africa Chamber of Commerce's 17th Annual Trade Conference! What a pleasure to have all of you attending this conference in Irving, Texas. I want to personally thank you for choosing to participate in this conference in beautiful North Texas and a special thank you to all of our international visitors, as well.

Irving is the 8th most diverse city in America, and Irving is home to over 8,500 companies; among those are the global headquarters of five FORTUNE 500 companies. Similarly, North Texas is filled with many attractions, historic centers, and diverse dining with over 150 restaurants in Irving alone, so I encourage you to sightsee.

This is an excellent opportunity for everyone attending to learn, brainstorm on new ideas and to network with your peers. I hope that you all accomplish your goals and can bring something new back to your businesses and governmental agencies of your respective countries to further advance social and economic relationships.

Again, welcome to The Lone Star State and to Dallas County District 4. Enjoy the informative event-filled few days you will be spending here. Take part in the dialogue, but most importantly don't forget to check out Irving and the rest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Cordially

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