Africa's Integrated Protection Marketplace reflects the future of organisational resilience

The way organisations approach protection is changing. Security, occupational health and safety, facilities management, fire protection, and energy resilience are no longer separate operational functions competing for attention and budget. They have become interconnected business disciplines that collectively influence resilience, operational performance, sustainability, and long-term success.

That transformation was clearly visible at Africa's Integrated Protection Marketplace, held at Gallagher Convention Centre on 2–4 June 2026. Bringing together Securex South Africa, A-OSH EXPO, Facilities Management Expo, Firexpo, and the inaugural RE+ South Africa, the marketplace reflected the growing demand for integrated thinking in an increasingly complex operating environment.

"The conversations taking place across the marketplace showed that organisations are changing the way they invest in protection", says Mark Anderson, Portfolio Director at Montgomery Group Africa. "Decision-makers are no longer evaluating individual products in isolation. They are looking for integrated strategies that improve resilience across the entire organisation."

A marketplace built around industry, not exhibitions

Each exhibition retained its specialist focus, yet together they demonstrated how closely these disciplines now intersect. Visitors moved seamlessly between sectors, comparing technologies, sharing ideas, and discovering solutions that support multiple operational objectives:

- Security leaders explored AI, digital integration, surveillance, access control, and cyber-physical resilience.
- Safety professionals focused on leadership, workforce wellbeing, compliance, and proactive risk management.
- Facilities managers examined smart buildings, operational efficiency, sustainability, and energy management.
- Fire protection specialists addressed preparedness, regulatory change, and emerging risks linked to modern infrastructure and renewable energy.

Expert-led seminar theatres complemented the exhibition floor, turning industry discussion into practical knowledge that visitors could apply immediately within their organisations.

The real value was in the conversations

Technology attracted attention, but meaningful business engagement defined the marketplace. Exhibitors consistently reported discussions with informed decision-makers who arrived with active projects, procurement objectives, and clearly defined operational challenges.

Visitors used the marketplace to compare solutions, validate investment decisions, meet specialist suppliers, and gain practical insight into the trends shaping their industries. The result was an environment built around collaboration rather than sales alone.

Africa's Integrated Protection Marketplace 2026 brought together industry leaders to explore the integrated solutions, expertise, and partnerships shaping the future of organisational resilience
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Protection has become an ecosystem

Perhaps the marketplace's most important message was that modern protection no longer fits neatly into individual categories:

- Facilities management decisions increasingly influence cybersecurity, operational technology, and building resilience.
- Renewable energy projects introduce new fire protection, safety, and infrastructure considerations.
- Security systems contribute to workplace safety, business continuity, and operational performance.
- True organisational resilience depends on these disciplines working together as one integrated protection ecosystem.

By bringing complementary industries together under one roof, Africa's Integrated Protection Marketplace mirrors the way organisations now make operational decisions. It enables professionals to understand the wider impact of every investment and encourages collaboration across disciplines that were once considered separate.

Leading the next chapter

As organisations continue responding to economic pressure, technological disruption, ageing infrastructure, and increasing regulatory demands, integrated protection is becoming a strategic business imperative rather than an operational aspiration.

"Africa's Integrated Protection Marketplace is becoming far more than an exhibition", Anderson concludes. "It is where industries meet, where business challenges are examined, where partnerships begin, and where the future of integrated protection takes shape."

More than a showcase of products, the marketplace has become a barometer of where the protection industry is heading. It demonstrates that the strongest organisations will be those that connect people, technology, and expertise through integrated strategies that protect assets, support operations, and build resilience for the future.

Organisations wishing to exhibit at Securex South Africa, A-OSH EXPO, Facilities Management Expo, or Firexpo 2027 can contact the team on johan.vanheerden@montgomerygroup.com to book a space or capitalise on a sponsorship opportunity.

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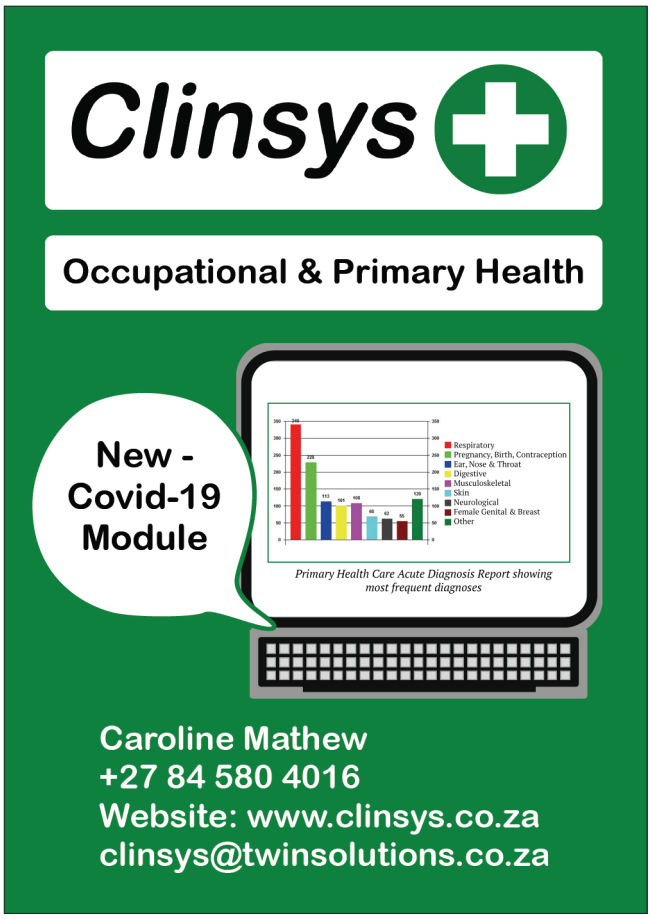
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