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PROGRAMME

ECONOMIC POLICY FORUM DRIVERS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday, 25 November - Thursday, 27 November 2014
Cape Town

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2014

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

Joint Sessions with Regional Economic Communities

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA),
Johannesburg
Daniel Taras, Executive Director, Economic Policy Forum, Berlin

10:00 – 12:00 The Development of Regional Value Chains

Chair: Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs
(SAIIA), Johannesburg
Renato Flôres, Special Advisor to the President, Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), Rio de Janeiro
First Intervention: Weina Wang, Director, Greater Tumen Initiative (GTI), Beijing

12:00 - 12:15 Tea/Coffee

12:15 – 13:45 Trade Facilitation and Infrastructure Development

Chair: Heribert Dieter, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security
Affairs (SWP), Berlin
Jaya Josie, Head, BRICS Research Centre, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), Cape
Town
Luis Serra, Senior Researcher, Centro de Investigacion para el Desarrollo (CIDAC), Mexico
First Intervention: Sebastian Paust, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ),
Member of the Advisory Council, ADB Institute, Bonn

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13:45 - 14:45 Lunch

14:45 - 16:15 Emerging Powers Trade Cooperation

Chair: **Samir Saran**, Senior Fellow & Vice President, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), Delhi

Suthikorn Kingkaew, Director of Policy Research, Future Innovative Thailand Institute, Bangkok

Benedikt Heid, Chair of Economics VI: Empirical Economics, University of Bayreuth, Bayreuth

Surendar Singh, Policy Analyst, CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics & Environment, Jaipur

16:15 - 16:30 Tea/Coffee

16:30 - 17:30 Discussion and Day 1 Wrap-up

Chair: **Catherine Grant**, Independent Researcher, Johannesburg

18:30

Dinner at the Grand Café, meet in the lobby of the Commodore Hotel

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2014

09:30 - 11:00 Corporate Drivers of Regional Integration

Chair: **Mills Soko**, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, Cape Town

Esen Çağlar, Deputy Managing Director, the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV), Ankara

Catherine Grant, Independent Researcher, Johannesburg

The research of **Dongni He**, Associate Research Fellow, Institute for Reform and Development (CIRD), Haikou (presented by **Christopher Wood**, SAIIA)

11:00 - 11:30 Tea/Coffee

11:30 - 13:00 Regional Investment Strategies

Chair: **Renato Flôres**, Special Advisor to the President, Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), Rio de Janeiro

Heribert Dieter, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

Alexandra Morozkina, Research Fellow, Department of World Economy, National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Moscow

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13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 BRICS+ Currency Cooperation

Chair: **Lesley Wentworth**, Programme Manager, Economic Diplomacy, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), Johannesburg

Vivan Sharan, Chief Executive – Global Governance Initiative, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), Delhi

Bandi Ram Prasad, Founder, Growth Markets Advisory Services, Mumbai

15:30 – 16:00 Discussion on the Way Forward

Chair: **Antje Uhlig**, Senior Advisor, Economic Policy Forum, Berlin

16:00 – 16:30 Tea/Coffee

16:30 – 17:30 Final Joint Session with RECs Grouping

Chair: **Adrian Taylor**, Founder, ForeSight to Strategy for Security and Sustainability in Governance (4Sing), Hamburg

18:30 Dinner at Buena Vista Social Club, meet in the lobby of the Commodore Hotel

DAY 3: THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2014

Study Tour to the Harbour of Cape Town

09:45 Depart Hotel, meet in the lobby of the Commodore Hotel

10:00 - 12:30 Port of Cape Town - Transnet National Ports Authority

Key facts about the harbour, business and infrastructure development, import & export figures followed by a Q & A session

Visit of the observation platform (container terminals incl. trucks off & up loading, containers)

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

14:00 - 16:00 South African Revenue Services (SARS)

Visit of the customs department in the harbour – insights in cargo handling, port services, customs clearance procedures etc.

End of Programme

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