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25-26 June 2024 | Johannesburg

## AGENDA

**Date:** 25 and 26 June 2024

**Venue:** 54 on Bath Hotel, 54 Bath Ave, Rosebank, Johannesburg, 2196

**Time:** 09:00 -17:00 (Registration starts at 08:30)

## DAY 1: Tuesday, 25 June 2024

Session	Time
Arrival and refreshments	08:30 - 09:00
<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Mr. Rudi Dicks	09:00 - 09:15
<b>Opening remarks</b> Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. David Masondo	09:15 - 09:35
<b>Framing presentation: Progress and challenges in accelerating economic reform (with Q&amp;A)</b> Ms. Nomvuyo Guma, Mr. Saul Musker, and Mr. Rudi Dicks	09:35 - 10:35
<b>Break</b>	10:35 - 11:00
<b>Redefining South Africa's economic trajectory</b> Presentation by the Bureau for Economic Research	11:00 - 12:00
<b>Panel discussion: What should an inclusive growth strategy for South Africa look like?</b> Panellists: Stefan Dercon Prof Haroon Borat, and Ms. Trudi Makhaya (Chair: Dr Renosi Mokate)	12:00 - 13:30
Lunch	13:30 - 14:30
<b>Parallel sessions: Deepening existing reforms</b> (a) Energy reform: Prof Anton Eberhard, Dr Kenneth Creamer, Mr. Mirlan Aldayarov (Chair: Mr. Saul Musker)	14:30 - 15:30

<p>(b) Rail reform: Prof Jan Havenga, Dr Bernard Aritua, Ms. Mesela Nhlapo (Chair: Dr Aalia Cassim)</p> <p>(c) Water reform: Ms. Anthea Stephens, Prof Craig Sheridan, Ms. Dee Padayachee (Chair: Ms. Georgina Ryan)</p> <p>(d) Visa reform: Prof Alan Hirsch, Ms. Tanya Cohen, Mr. Mavuso Msimang (Chair: Ms. Nomvuyo Guma)</p>	
Break	15:30 - 15:45
<p><b>Parallel sessions: New frontiers of reform</b></p> <p>(a) Local government reform: Dr Crispian Olver, Mr. Andrew Boraine, Mr. Themba Fosi (Chair: Mr. Rudi Dicks)</p> <p>(b) Spatial inequality: Prof Ivan Turok, Prof Edgar Pieterse, Prof Phillip Harrison, Ms. Kecia Rust (Chair: Ms. Ulrike Britton)</p>	15:45 - 16:45
End day 1	16:45 - 17:00

**DAY 2: Wednesday, 26 JUNE 2024**

Session	Time
Arrival and refreshments	08:30 - 09:00
<b>Welcome and recap of Day 1</b> Nomvuyo Guma	09:00 - 09:15
<b>Case studies of reform: Practitioners and industry leaders reflect on progress</b> (Chair: Mr. Rudi Dicks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Raising the licensing threshold for embedded generation</li> <li>(b) Completing the spectrum auction</li> <li>(c) Turning around the water use license system</li> <li>(d) Introducing open access to the rail network</li> </ul>	09:15 - 11:15
Break	11:15 - 11:30
<b>Assessing the impact of Operation Vulindlela Phase I</b> DNA Economics	11:30 - 12:30
<b>Panel discussion: Rebuilding confidence in the economy</b> Ms. Busi Mavuso, Mr. Khulekani Mathe, Mr. Peter Attard Montalto, Mr. Isaah Mhlanga, Ms. Mamokete Lijane (Chair: Ms Nomvuyo Guma)	12:30 - 13:30
Lunch	13:30 - 14:30
<b>Panel discussion: The political economy of reform</b> Simon Freemantle, Dr Sithembile Mbete, and Prof Lumkile Mondi (Chair: Mr. Rudi Dicks)	14:30 - 15:30
<b>Panel discussion: Designing systems for delivery</b>	15:30 - 16:30

Mr. Armand Nzeyimana (virtual), Ms. Leigh Sandals (virtual), Mr. Zaheer Dindar, Ms. Jenny Cargill (Chair: Mr. Saul Musker)	
Break	16:30 - 16:45
<b>Closing plenary: Where to from here?</b>  DGs of the Presidency, National Treasury and Department of Water and Sanitation	16:45 - 17:15
<b>Vote of thanks</b>  Nomvuyo Guma	17:15 - 17:30

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