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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **2019 PUBLIC ECONOMICS WINTER SCHOOL**

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Media are invited to attend a five-day Public Economics Winter School under the overarching theme of A New Dawn: Rebuilding State Capacity. A panel discussion on different dimensions of the topic is planned for the opening day. This year's is the fourth consecutive Public Economics Winter School.

On the opening day, Monday 8 July 2019, the Deputy Minister of Finance, Dr David Masedo and the High Commissioner of Canada, Ms Sandra McCardell will address the seminar. The 2019 keynote address will be delivered by Professor Avni Shah from the University of Toronto. The Government Technical Advisory Centre (GTAC) is privileged to host the new SARS Commissioner, Edward Kieswetter, as well as former Minister of Public Service, Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, as panellists.

An important part of the Winter School initiative is the bursaries for Economics Master's degree students. To date, 19 students from universities across South Africa received a bursary to complete their Master's degrees in economics. The initiative endeavours to strengthen graduate training and research in public economics and public policy.

The Winter School selects a core theme as well as three sub-themes every year, and invites experts from academia, government and the private sector to speak on these themes. While this year's overarching theme is: Rebuilding State Capacity, the three parallel themes are: taxes, user charges and behavioural change; education economics and financing; as well as fiscal policy and fiscal sustainability.

Media are invited to attend the full week and report on the programme as attached. While the three themes will be offered from Tuesday to Friday in parallel sessions, Monday's and Friday's sessions will take place in the main plenary.

Media are invited as follows:

**Date:** Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July 2019

**Time:** 09:30 – 17:00 (Registration opens at 08:30)

**Venue:** South African Reserve Bank's Main Auditorium. 370 Helen Joseph Street, Pretoria.

**Please note:** Media are not invited to the evening sessions, which are private.



Journalists who wish to attend should rsvp to [anita.rwelamira@gtac.gov.za](mailto:anita.rwelamira@gtac.gov.za)

## **NOTE TO JOURNALISTS**

The Winter School is a GTAC initiative in collaboration with National Treasury that aims to build public economics capacity and is managed by the Government Technical Advisory Centre (GTAC). It aims to bring together tremendous contributions made by the top of SA's academics and selecting the best of South Africa's students in the field of economics. The Winter School has been committed throughout to explore the difference between theory and practice and encouraged students and young professionals to become part of the solution to South Africa's economic growth and development challenge. And as such is a tremendously important vehicle to shape the future of South Africa, potentially Africa and even global youth.

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