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VIRTUAL METRO TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (TED) SYMPOSIUM

Media are invited to attend the opening session of a two-day Metro Township Economic Development (TED) Symposium jointly hosted by the National Treasury and the Department of Small Business Development, along with partners. The virtual event will take place from the 18th to the 19th of August 2021.

The overarching aim of the symposium is to strengthen intergovernmental relationships and mobilise public, private and civil society partnerships in support of integrated and sustainable township economic development and the revitalisation of strategic and well-located industrial spaces.

The symposium aims to:

- Strengthen intergovernmental relationships in respect of programmes and policies that directly contribute towards township economic development and industrial park revitalization across all spheres
- Share knowledge and learning on effective strategies to fast-track township economic development and industrial park revitalization, including the role of evidence / data, partnerships, and transversal collaboration.
- Strengthen existing and foster new partnerships amongst government, donors, business development service providers, and the private sector in support of township economic development and industrial park / space revitalisation.

Furthermore, the TED symposium focuses on eight metropolitan municipalities given that metros bear the brunt of the burden of urbanization within the country and are home to more than 40% of the population and collectively contribute more than 50% of GDP and employment.

To join the symposium, media should RSVP to Malehlohonolo.Kasa@Treasury.gov.za

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