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MEDIA ADVISORY

2018 PUBLIC ECONOMICS WINTER SCHOOL TO GET UNDERWAY

Media are invited to attend the opening day of the five-day Public Economics Winter School, which will be addressed by among others, the Deputy Minister of Finance, Mondli Gungubele, and Bert Brys, a senior tax economist and Head of the Personal and Property Taxes unit at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Budget Office acting DDG Ian Stuart and Economic Policy acting DDG Dr Duncan Pieterse will also be among the speakers, as well as Trudi Makhaya, President Ramaphosa's economic advisor.

The Public Economics Winter School, which is in its third year, is a National Treasury initiative that aims to build public economics capacity and is managed by the Government Technical Advisory Centre (GTAC). An important part of the initiative is the bursaries for economics Master's degree students. To date 12 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. Inclusive growth is the core theme for this Winter School. South Africa's social and economic development challenges require policymakers who understand the trade-offs required in making difficult decisions and who can motivate and prioritise policy decisions and programmes that contribute to inclusive growth and address the injustices of the past. The three sub-themes are selected annually to represent government revenue (tax theme), spending on social services (human settlements) and spending on economic development (infrastructure investment).

Media are invited as follows:

Date: Monday, 9 July 2018

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

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

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