

## Media Advisory

Members of the media are cordially invited to a policy debate hosted by the [SA-TIED programme \(Southern Africa – Towards Inclusive Economic Development\)](#) in partnership with [Econ3X3](#)

Under the topic: **[“Rethinking traditional approaches to tackling unemployment in South Africa: Exploring feasible, well-designed grant-based approaches for the unemployed to complement active labour -market policies.”](#)**

Leading policymakers, academics and members of civil society will explore the potential impact of grant-based approaches as a complement to active labour market policies. Panelists will analyse the success of similar grant-based approaches in other developing countries and draw lessons for the current South African discussion by assessing the relationships between such grants and active labour market policies that could maximise their collective impact on employment, the feasibility of implementing such a grant, and the complexities surrounding it.

The [Southern Africa – Towards Inclusive Economic Development \(SA-TIED\)](#) programme supports policymaking for inclusive growth and economic transformation in the Southern Africa region. It’s a collaboration between the National Treasury of South Africa, the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), and many other governmental and research organizations in South Africa. Econ3x3 is an independent online economic policy newsletter based at SALDRU (the Southern African Labour and Development Research Unit) in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town. It covers research on economic policy, particularly focusing on unemployment, inequality, and poverty.

As the first instalment of the [Econ 3X3](#) and SA-TIED policy debate series, this initiative aims to promote increased engagement between policymakers and researchers while providing a forum for discussing critical policy matters that impact South Africa.

### Event details:

**Date 26 June 2023**

**Time: 14:00 – 16:00**

Location: University of Pretoria’s [Future Africa Campus auditorium](#), in Pretoria, South Africa.

**Please register for the event [here](#)**

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