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INVITATION Microsimulation Modelling 12-13 November 2015 – George

On 12-13 November 2015 the Public Economics Working Group of Economic Research Southern Africa (ERSA) in partnership with the South African Revenue Service intends to host an empirically practical, hands-on micro-simulation model workshop with participants mainly from national and provincial government departments, as well as universities. The workshop is a follow-up on the successful 2013 workshop. However, participants need <u>not</u> have attended the 2013 workshop to be able to participate in the upcoming workshop.

The workshop will be hosted at the campus of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in George. The data for the micro-simulation workshop will be based on the Tax Statistics as published by SARS. This workshop will focus on the computation of micro-simulation models to simulate the revenue and distributional impact of tax policy and economic changes, as well as the forecasting of tax revenue for budgetary purposes.

Participants will construct the following micro-simulation models: (1) Personal Income Tax Model, (2) Corporate Income Tax Model, (3) VAT Model, (4) Excise Duties Model (5) Custom Duties Model.

Those interested in attending the workshop, should contact Ms Yoemna Mosaval by 15 September at workshops@econrsa.org with the subject title: **Microsimulation Workshop**

Financial support

ERSA covers the travel and accommodation expenses for participants from South African institutions. Places are limited and funding to attend the workshop is at the discretion of the workshop organisers.

Financial support for private-sector participants is conditional on their active participation and at the discretion of the workshop organisers.