



## **INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH: Telecommunications, Electricity, Water, and Transportation in Developing Economies**

### **Call for Papers**

This two-day conference, organized by Economic Research Southern Africa (ERSA), will bring together academics, researchers, policymakers, sector regulators, and development experts from South Africa, other African countries, and the rest of the world to explore the challenges and opportunities presented by infrastructure development in telecommunications, electricity, transportation, water, and other sectors. By focusing on developing economies, the workshop intends to shed light on the critical role of infrastructure in driving economic growth, enhancing competitiveness, and improving the quality of life.

The conference should bring together about 50 South African and international participants. Participation by researchers from smaller South African universities is particularly encouraged.

The conference will consist of keynote speeches, panel discussions, and sessions with presentations of selected research papers. There will also be opportunities for networking and collaborative discussions.

#### **Topics of Interest**

Regulation of Network Industries – Competition Dynamics and Antitrust – Electricity and Energy Markets – Telecommunications and Internet Infrastructure – Transportation Infrastructure and Services – Pricing in Regulated Industries – Cost-Benefit Analysis of Infrastructure Investments – Financing Models for Infrastructure Development – State aid and Subsidies in Network Industries

#### **Paper Submission and Registration**

Submissions of both research and policy papers that offer insights into infrastructure development policies are particularly encouraged.

There is no registration fee. ERSA will cover accommodation for local and international presenters of selected papers and local travel expenses for South African presenters. The total number of participants is limited to 50.

<b>Paper submission:</b>	<a href="#">submission</a>
<b>Deadline for submissions:</b>	31 August, 2024
<b>Decision on submissions:</b>	15 September, 2024
<b>Registration for non-presenters:</b>	<a href="#">registration</a>
<b>Deadline and info for non-presenters:</b>	30 October, 2024

#### **Further Information**

<b>Conference dates &amp; venue:</b>	5-6 December, 2024, Cape Town
<b>ERSA Website:</b>	<a href="https://econrsa.org/">https://econrsa.org/</a>
<b>Local organizer:</b>	Lukasz GRZYBOWSKI (University of Cape Town and ERSA)
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