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MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ECONOMICS WORKGROUP

Economic Research Southern Africa invites you to attend the meeting of the ERSA public economics workgroup.

Date: 16 and 17 May 2013

Venue: UNISA, Pretoria (precise location on the UNISA campus will follow)

This workshop will provide an opportunity for researchers and practitioners to meet, present research, and discuss policy options. Each session will allow for presentations on recently completed research, work in progress as well as 'lead-in' discussions providing an overview of new ideas.

At the March and November 2012 meetings of the Public Economics Working Group, participants identified the Economics of Regulation as a topic that requires much more attention from South African researchers. Therefore, the working group hopes to set aside at least one session of presentations with a focus on the Economics of Regulation. The previous Public Economics Working Group workshop focused on taxation. Given that the President in his latest State of the Nation Address indicated that later in 2013 he wants to appoint a group to investigate the country's tax structure, we decided to yet again focus on Taxation in the upcoming meeting. Thus, there will be two areas of focus for the upcoming workshop, namely Taxation and the Economics of Regulation. However, participants are also welcome to submit research on other Public Economics topics.

Should you wish to attend, please send confirmation to Yoemna Mosaval (yoemna.mosaval@econrsa.org) by 28 March 2013. For those who wish to present, please submit a title and an abstract of approximately 150 words by **22 March 2013** (please email your abstract to either BurgerP@ufs.ac.za or ian.stuart@treasury.gov.za) and indicate whether you will present completed research, work in progress or a short 'lead-in' presentation on new ideas – all are welcome. Participants of the previous workshop also suggested that we should add discussants of the various papers. We would like to take up that suggestion. Therefore, we would need participants to submit their papers by 2 May so as to give discussants a fair time to read through them.

We look forward to your attendance.

Yours faithfully

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