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DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

14TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 2022

*“Moving from a divergent short
term to a long-term recovery”*

07-09 December 2022



Tuesday, 06 December 2022

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| 17:45–18:30 | Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Only PSEF Steering Committee members to attend |
| 18:30–20:30 | Fish Braai at University of Stellenbosch, Military Sciences Academy |

Day 1: Wednesday, 07 December 2022

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| 07:30-08:30 | In person attendance: Arrival & registration |
| 08:00–08:30 | Virtual attendance: Logging-in |

Opening Session

Moderator: Mr Gershon Oliver

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| 08:30-08:40 | Welcoming by Saldanha Bay & University of Stellenbosch's Military Sciences Academy | SBIDZ CEO: Ms. Kaashifah Beukes |
| 08:40-08:50 | | Commandant of Military Academy: General. De Castro |
| 08:50-09:00 | Opening of Conference | Mayor of Saldanha Bay Municipality: Mr. Andre Truter |
| 09:00-09:30 | Keynote Address | Honourable Premier, Ms. Mireille Wenger |
| 09:30-10:00 | South African economic review, outlook, and possible opportunities | Guest Speaker: Mr. Francois Fouche (North-West University) |
| 10:10 10:30 | Tea Break | |

Session 1: Econometric and Economic Modelling
Moderator: Mr Fabian Daniels

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| 10:35-11:05 | Dynamics of technological progress in South Africa: A traditional growth accounting approach | Guest Speaker: Mr. Phemelo Kekana (IDC) |
| 11:10-11:40 | Simulating the socio-economic impact of wastewater infrastructure related construction delays and the potential of packed plants in the CoCT | Mr. Kristoff Potgieter (City of Cape Town) |



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| 11:45-12:15 | Asymmetry in Okun's law revisited: New evidence on cyclical unemployment – cyclical output trade-off in a South African province using a NARDL model | Dr Oyeyinka S Omoshoro-Jones (Free State Provincial Treasury) |
| 12:20 – 12:55 | Question & Answer (Presentations 1 – 3) | |
| 13:00-13:50 | Lunch | |
| Session 2: Public Finance and Provincial Budgets Moderator: Kgatedi Kobe | | |
| 13:50-14:15 | Investigating wage trends in South Africa – an assessment of the public wage bill | Guest Speaker: Ms. Inger Ruiters (FFC) |
| 14:20-14:45 | A review of the Provincial Equitable Share (PES) formula – responsiveness to the changing Social Structure | Guest Speaker: Mr. Sabelo Mtantato (FFC) |
| 14:50-15:15 | Analysis of over/under-collection of provincial revenue budget to recommend a new baseline | Ms. Sunet Du Plessis (Northern Cape Provincial Treasury) |
| 15:20-15:45 | Provincial own revenue enhancement through network towers installed in schools' premises | Mr. Smanga Mncube (KZN Treasury) |
| 15:50–16:20 | Question & Answer (Presentations 4 – 7) | |
| 16:20 – 16:30 | Vote of Thanks | Dr Clive Coetzee (University of Stellenbosch Military Sciences Academy) |
| End of presentations for Day 1 | | |
| 16:30-18:00 | Tourism Excursion | |
| 19:00–21:00 | Networking Session at Saldanha Bay Hotel (Hosted by Mr. Sean Kirsten/ Dr Clive Coetzee) | |
| Day 2: Thursday, 08 December 2022 | | |
| 07:30-08:30 | In person attendance: Arrival & registration | |



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| 08:00–08:30 | Virtual attendance: Logging-in | |
| 08:30-08:40 | Recap of Day 1 | Mr. Gershon Oliver (Western Cape DEDAT) |
| Session 3: Infrastructure, Investment and Exports as a driver of jobs and growth Moderator: Mr Paul Court | | |
| 08:45-09:10 | Infrastructure investment: Key role in driving economic growth and job creation | Guest Speaker: Mr. Mbavhalelo Masetla (IDC) |
| 09:15-09:40 | Understanding the relationship between infrastructure development and economic growth: A Northern Cape case | Mr. Mohau Moahludi (Northern Cape Economic Development) |
| 09:45 – 10:10 | Perspectives on export opportunities for Mpumulanga | Mr. Jacobus J Verster (Mpumulanga) |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | Question & Answer (Presentations 8 – 10) | |
| 10:30-10:50 | Tea Break | |
| Session 4: Unpacking SA Labour Market Dynamics and Trends Moderator: Dr Omshoro-Jones | | |
| 10:50-11:15 | The road to economic recovery and its impact on the labour market in South Africa | Guest Speaker: Ms. Nthabiseng J Molotsi (IDC) |
| 11:20-11:45 | Affluence and inequality in South Africa’s labour market | Guest Speaker: Mr. Chen-Wei Tseng/ Ms. Gianni Delle Donne (FFC) |
| 11:50-12:15 | The effect of remittances on economic growth: Evidence from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) | Ms. Thandeka Mwelase (KZN Provincial Treasury) |
| 12:15-12:40 | Question & Answer (Presentations 11 – 13) | |
| 12:40-13:30 | Lunch Break | |
| Session 5: Cities and Urbanisation & Impact of higher oil prices on Western Cape economy Moderator: Ms. Sunet Du Plessis | | |
| 13:35-14:15 | 1) Cities and productivity in South Africa: Insights from a new database; and 2) Information session on accessing a Spatial Tax Panel database | Guest Speaker: Dr Justin Visagie (HSRC) |
| 14:20-14:50 | The impact of global oil price increases on the Western Cape economy | Mr. Alfred Moyo (City of Cape Town) |



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| 14:55-15:15 | Question & Answer (Presentations 14 – 15) | |
| 15:20 – 15:30 | Vote of Thanks | Mr. Fabian Daniels (Western Cape Provincial Treasury) |
| 15:30-17:00 | Site Visit: Saldanha Bay IDZ | |
| <i>Day 3: Friday, 09 December 2022</i> | | |
| 07:30-08:30 | In person attendance: Arrival & registration | |
| 08:00–08:30 | Virtual attendance: Logging-in | |
| 08:30-08:40 | Recap of Day 2 | PSEF Chairperson 2023 |
| Session 6: Moving from a divergent short-term to a long-term recovery Moderator: Mr. Jacob Twala | | |
| 08:45-09:10 | Public services, government employment and the budget | Guest Speaker: Mr. Michael Sachs (Wits University: Southern Centre for Inequality Studies) |
| 09:10-09:35 | The Macroeconomics of establishing a Basic Income Grant in South Africa | Mr. Roy Havemann (Western Cape Provincial Treasury) |
| 09:35–09:50 | Key Findings from 2017 Survey of Employers & Self-employed (SESE) & 2020-2021 NIDS-CRAM data (Recording) | Guest Speaker: Prof. Derek Yu (UWC) |
| 09:50–10:15 | Western Cape Growth Potential of Towns Study | Mr Dylan Johnstone (Western Cape DEA&DP) |
| 10:15–10:40 | Question & Answer (Presentations 16 – 19) | |
| 10:40-11:00 | Tea Break | |
| 11:05-11:15 | Exiting Speech of 2022 Chairperson | Mr Gershon Oliver (Western Cape DEDAT) |
| 11:15-11:30 | Closure and Vote of Thanks | PSEF Chairperson 2023 |