



Invitation to the Impact of China on South Africa Workshop

Dear Colleagues,

TIPS has the pleasure to invite you to a follow-up workshop discussing the impact of China on South Africa. The main objective of the workshop is to engage in a discussion on the impacts of bilateral trade with China on the domestic economy (in terms of employment, wages, output and productivity) and the impact of Chinese competition in third markets on South African exports of manufactures.

About the Project Leaders

Professor Rhys Jenkins is Professor of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia. Rhys is an economist interested in international development issues, but particularly those related to trade, foreign investment and industrialization.

Rhys has worked closely with UNCTAD, UNIDO and with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) as well as for the Department of International Development. Rhys' current research focuses on the impact of the growth of China on other developing countries, especially Latin America.

Rhys has published extensively. Some of his published books include Transnational Corporations and Uneven Development (Methuen), Environmental Regulation in the New Global Economy (Edward Elgar), Industry and Environment in Latin America (Routledge) and Corporate Responsibility and Labour Rights (Earthscan).

Amongst his long list of journal article publications is a recent piece for Revista CEPAL on "The Chinese Effect' on the Price of Basic Goods and on the Value of Exports from Latin America" (2011), "Measuring the Competitive Threat from China for other Southern Exporters" in World Economy (2008), "The Impact of China on Latin America and the Caribbean" (with others) for World Development (2008).

Lawrence Edwards is an Associate Professor in the School of Economics, University of Cape Town. Lawrence's research falls within the field of international trade with a specific focus on international trade and labour, the determinants of trade flows and economic adjustments to trade liberalisation. He has published in a number of international and local journals including World Development, Journal of International Development, South African Journal of Economics and Journal of Studies in Economics and Econometrics. He has also consulted widely with the World Bank, the National Treasury, the Department of Trade and Industry and was recently a member of the South African Growth Project managed by the Centre of International Development at Harvard University.

Date: Friday, 27th July 2012 **Time:** 8h30 – 16h15

Venue: TIPS Offices, 826 Government Avenue, Corner of Percy, Pretoria

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Draft Programme

SESSION 1

Chair:	Ximena Gonzalez-Nunez (TIPS)
08h30 – 09h00	Arrival Tea/ Coffee and Registration
09h00 – 09h15	Introduction and welcome to workshop <i>by Ximena, TIPS Executive Director</i>
09h15 – 10h15	China and South Africa: Policy challenges, representative from the dti (tbc)
10h15 – 11h15	The China effect on South African industry and employment by Lawrence Edwards, UCT and Prof Rhys Jenkins, University of East Anglia
11h15 – 11h30	Tea/Coffee Break
11h30 – 12h30	Panel discussion: Chinese competition and employment Selwyn Eagle, Managing Director, Merchandise Procurement, Foschini Retail Group A representative from labour
12h30 – 13h30	LUNCH

SESSION 2

Chair:	Stephen Gelb (University of Johannesburg & the EDGE)
13h30 – 14h15	Foreign Direct Investment links between South Africa and China by Stephen Gelb, University of Johannesburg & the EDGE
14h15 – 15h00	Chinese competition and South African exports - complementary or competitive by Lawrence Edwards and Rhys Jenkins
15h00 – 15h15	Tea/Coffee Break
15h15 – 15h45	Comparative perspectives: The impact of China on Brazilian trade and manufacturing by Alexandre Barbosa, University of São Paulo.
15h45 – 16h15	Closing Remarks/ End of Workshop