

Development Dialogue Seminar

TIPS has the pleasure to invite you to the following Development Dialogue Seminar

Stephen Timm

How South Africa Can Boost Support to Small Businesses: Lessons from Brazil & India

Discussant: Mike Herrington, GSB, University of Cape Town

Date: Friday, 25 March 2011

Time: 14h00 - 15h45

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

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The discussion will draw on information gathered on a face to face basis by Stephen Timm from entrepreneurs and government agencies in Brazil, India and South Africa in 2010. The discussion will focus on the following issues:

1. How can business support, a culture of entrepreneurship, market support (set-asides) and finance in be improved in South Africa?
2. How can Seda and Khula function better using learnings from India, Brazil?
3. What role can incubation play in South Africa hinging on Brazil's experience?
4. What can South Africa learn from Brazil and India on using clusters to boost SME development?

The report, which contains some key learnings on Brazil and India in the area of business support, market access and access to finance for small businesses is available on TIPS' home page (www.tips.org.za) together with an executive summary.

About Stephen Timm: Stephen Timm is a freelance journalist writing on the small business sector for Business Day and Entrepreneur magazine (SA), as well as a number of other publications. He has also since then been reporting as a freelance parliamentary correspondent for BuaNews, the government's news agency. Stephen has served since September 2007 as a sub-editor for the Independent Newspaper Group on a freelance basis.

About Mike Herrington: Dr Herrington is Director of the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at UCT. Mike, who on the board of the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor or GEM since 2010 has been involved with GEM in South Africa as Research Team leader since 2001. Mike is passionate on all aspects of entrepreneurship and business set up.