

AGENDA

Opening Session

- Chair:** **Ximena Gonzalez-Nunez**, Executive Director, TIPS
- 08h30-09h00 Arrival and Registration
- 09h00-09h10 Welcome Remarks
- **Jorge Maia**, Head, Research and Information Department, the Industrial Development Corporation, and TIPS Board Member
 - **Ruth Kagia**, World Bank Country Director for South Africa
- 09h10-09h30 Keynote speech:
- **Janamitra Devan**, Vice President & Head of Network, Financial & Private Sector Development, The World Bank & International Finance Corporation

Session 1: Technology, Innovation and Productivity for Competitiveness

- Chair:** **Gaiv Tata**, Director, Finance and Private Sector Development, Africa Region, The World Bank
- 09h30-10h10 Presentations:
- Technology absorption through trade and FDI in Southern African enterprises by **Smita Kuriakose**, Economist, Africa Region, The World Bank
 - The Green Economy: a driver for innovation, competitiveness and long-term inflation control by **Peet Du Plooy**, Programme Manager: Sustainable Growth, TIPS
- 10h10-10h40 Panel discussion:
- **Imraan Patel**, Chief Director, Science and Technology for Economic Impact, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa
 - **Rasigan Maharajh**, Chief Director, the Institute for Economic Research on Innovation (IERI), Faculty of Economics and Finance, the Tshwane University of Technology
 - **Miriam Altman**, Commissioner, National Planning Commission & HSRC Distinguished Research Fellow
- 10h40-11h10 Open discussion
- 11h10-11h30** *Coffee break*

27 October
2011

The Vulindlela
Auditorium,
DBSA

TIPS & World Bank Conference:
Improving Competitiveness for Job Creation:
Technology, Access to Finance and Industrial Policy



Session 2: Entrepreneurship and Finance for Competitiveness

- Chair:** **Cas Covadia**, Managing Director, the Banking Association of South Africa
- 11h30-12h10 Presentations:
- Financing Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Republic of South Africa by **Michael Fuchs**, Advisor and Acting Sector Manager, Finance and Private Sector Development, Africa Region, The World Bank
 - SMEs in Townships, **Thami Mazwai**, Head, the Small Business Project, Centre for Small Business Development, University of Johannesburg
- 12h10-12h30 Panel discussion
- **Mkhululi Mazibuko**, Chief Investment Officer, Khula Enterprise Finance
 - **Sibusiso Ngwenya**, Head of Segmentation (Small Business Division), Nedbank
- 12h30-13h10 Open discussion
- 13h10-14h10 Lunch Break**

Session 3: Industrial Policy for Competitiveness

(Video link with World Bank in Washington)

- Chair:** **Irina Astrakhan**, Country Program Coordinator for South Africa, the World Bank
- 14h10-14h50 Presentations
- Industrial Policy Action Plan, progresses and priorities, **Garth Strachan**, Chief Director, Department of Trade and Industry
 - East Asia’s experience with industrial policy and implications for South Africa, **Shahid Yusuf**, former Advisor, The World Bank
- 14h50-15h20 Panel discussion
- **Ann Bernstein**, Executive Director, Center for Development and Enterprise
 - **Dave Kaplan**, Professor of Business Government Relations, Graduate School of Business and Professor of Economics, UCT
 - **Rudi Dicks**, Executive Director, National Labor and Economic Development Institute (Naledi).
- 15h20-15h50 Open discussion

Closing Session

- 15h50-16h10 Closing Remarks
- **Gaiv Tata**, Sector Director, Finance and Private Sector Development, Africa Region, the World Bank
 - **Myriam Velia**, Head of Research, TIPS

**Cheese and Wine Reception
(Outdoors, 16:30 to 18:00)**

27 October
2011

The Vulindlela
Auditorium,
DBSA

TIPS & World Bank Conference:
Improving Competitiveness for Job Creation:
Technology, Access to Finance and Industrial Policy

