

TIPS TRAINING WORKSHOPS 2018



Course Name	Background and Aim	Course overview	Trainer(s)	Date and length	Costs
Value Chains	The aim of this workshop is to build research and policy capabilities in the South African government to better understand the dynamics of value chains and in so doing, to contribute to employment growth and productivity enhancement through upgrading.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workshop will address the following issues: • What are value chains? What differentiates them from simple input/output economic linkages? • How are value chains governed, and by whom, and how does this affect the capacity to upgrade? • What role do standards play in value chains? • Given intense competition, how do value chains upgrade and in what directions? 	Justin Barnes	2 days 12 -13 March	R6000 (VAT incl) Per participant

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does an understanding of value chain dynamics help firms to position themselves sustainably in various profitable end markets? • How can value chains be aligned to support and promote policy design and implementation? 			
<p>Trade Policy and Practice</p> <p><u>Module One</u> Theme: SA's Bilateral Relations with a focus on AGOA</p>	<p>The three day workshop will focus on the bilateral relationship between South Africa, the Rest of Africa's and; the EU, China and the USA.</p>	<p>The workshop module will focus on the SA-USA AGOA relationships and will simulate the SA-US AGOA negotiations to allow participants to "experience" a bilateral negotiation. The workshop will also consider key bilateral trade issues the future of SA/AFRICA – AGOA trade and the investment relationship</p>	Dr Faizel Ismail	09-11 May	R8000 (VAT incl) Per participant
<p><u>Module Two</u> Theme: SA's role in Regional Integration</p>	<p>The three day workshop will focus on regional integration in Africa</p>	<p>This workshop will provide a 'state of play' of the TFTA/CFTA negotiations. Facilitating a discussion of the contentious issues around the revenue formula and decision making.</p>	Dr Faizel Ismail	20,21 & 22 June	R8000 (VAT incl) Per participant

<p><u>Module Three</u> Theme: SA's role in the Multilateral Trading System.</p>	<p>The three day workshop will focus on the WTO.</p>	<p>This workshop will provide a simulation of the WTO green room and ministerial conference.</p>	<p>Dr Faizel Ismail</p>	<p>TBC</p>	
<p>Microeconomics for non-economists</p>	<p>A course for public sector officials whose jobs require them to interact with; and/or influence the enabling environment within which private sector firms operate.</p>	<p>The course is designed to assist officials who have no formal economics training to understand in a theoretically rigorous manner: how a modern <i>economy</i> operates and functions; how <i>markets</i> operate and grow; and, how <i>firms</i> make investment, output and employment decisions.</p> <p>It will provide a better understand published economic research, statistical releases and media reporting thereby assisting in capacity building and knowledge development; and understand and anticipate firm and market responses to governmental actions and interventions thereby increasing the efficacy of policy and strategy development and implementation.</p>	<p>Sandy Lowitt</p>	<p>2 Days 01 -02 Oct</p>	<p>R5300 (VAT incl) Per participant</p>
<p>Research Methods</p>	<p>The training in research methods would give insights into managing research</p>	<p>The research methods training would cover the following areas:</p>	<p>Myriam Velia</p>	<p>3 days TBC</p>	<p>R8000 (VAT incl) Per participant</p>

	projects, understanding the different approaches that can be used, and when to use the different approaches to manage or undertake research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research terminology • The different approaches to research, when to use qualitative and quantitative research methods / advantages & disadvantages; and when and how to use both • Conducting literature reviews • Surveys: how, sampling, design, the use of open and closed research questions • Qualitative research: interviews (structured & semi-structure), running focus groups • Introduction to data analysis 			
Green Economy in Context	The course considers the opportunities to advance to low-carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive development and how to apply 'green economy' concepts in the current policy environment.	Participants will learn about different concepts and facets of the green economy, as well as global, national and sector-specific challenges. Additionally, participants will develop the skills for applying the green economy concept in a real world economic and policy context.	Gaylor Montmasson-Clair	2 days 10-11 Oct	R5300 (VAT incl) Per participant
Introduction to Industrial Policy	This course is to expose government officials in economic departments to an understanding of the theoretical background to industrial policy and industrial policy in South Africa.	The course will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and key features of Industrial Policy; • Industrial Policy in South Africa and overview of the National Industrial Policy Framework; • Levers of Industrial Policy; 	Saul Levin, Neva Makgetla and Mbofholowo Tsedu	1 Day TBC	R2650 (VAT incl) Per participant

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing Industrial Policy and the Industrial Policy Action Plan. 			
Introduction to Economy-Wide Policy Impact Analysis (Workshop A)	<p>TIPS has evolved a suite of three related introductory workshops designed to meet these different needs. All three workshops focus on learning by doing. Brief presentations introduce the various topics, after which participants do hands-on exercises implementing what they have learned. There is also emphasis on the nature of the data underlying the models. Participants undertake projects dealing with typical issues, using real world data.</p>	<p>The first of these three workshops, Economy-Wide Policy Impact Analysis, is suitable for all three of kinds of users mentioned above. It introduces participants to input-output, SUT and SAM multiplier analysis and their extensions. These techniques are widely used to assess the likely impact of policy and other shocks to the economy. They can also form the basis for many CGE models. All the models are implemented in MS Excel.</p>	<p>Professor Rob Davies (from Zimbabwe) and Dirk van Seunter</p>	<p>5 days 3-7 Sept</p>	<p>R16,500 (VAT excl) Per participant</p>
Introduction to Economy-Wide Modelling for Policy Analysis, (Workshop B)		<p>Targets primarily managers and policy analysts, although it is also useful for those wishing to become modellers who want to get a taste of what it is like. It introduces participants to the key components of standard CGE models, emphasising how to use economy-wide models and the economic interpretation of their outputs, rather than the techniques of building them. The models are run using a specially developed MS</p>	<p>Professor Rob Davies (from Zimbabwe) and Dirk van Seunter</p>	<p>5 days 10 – 14 Sept</p>	<p>R16,500 (VAT excl) Per participant</p>

		Excel interface with specialised modelling software. http://www.tips.org.za/component/k2/item/3115-an-overview-of-tips-workshops-on-economy-wide-analysis			
Macroeconomics for Policymakers	Reviews the impacts of macroeconomic policies in South Africa and other countries in the context of an increasingly integrated and globalised economy where the role of international finance has significantly grown.	It will examine core issues affecting South Africa within this macroeconomic context: unemployment, investment and the economic and industrial growth path of South Africa.	TBC Jim (James)	3 days TBC	R8000 (VAT incl) Per participant