



## **Trade and industrial policy experts give their voice to the launch of the APORDE Alumni Network**

Leading economists will deliberate on building a community of practice around industrial policy during the launch next week of the African Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (APORDE) Alumni Network.

The launch of the Network – being held on 15 March – will be addressed by amongst others, Arkebe Oqubay, senior minister and special advisor to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Adeyemi Dipeolu, a trade expert and chief of staff at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and Rob Davies, the former South African minister for trade and industry. The APORDE programme – an initiative of the South African Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic) and is currently managed by Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS) – has been running since 2007. APORDE was modelled on the Cambridge Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (CAPORDE) initiated by Ha Joon Chang – who is regularly a lecturer on the APORDE programme.

The programme is a high-level training programme in development economics aimed at building capacity in the South, particularly in Africa. APORDE's aim is to train policy-makers, researchers, academics and civil society representatives from Africa and other developing countries.

Since 2007, APORDE has generated a global network of academics and alumni amongst policy makers, trade unionists and social activists. As part of APORDE's on-going commitment to build capacity and a broad network of heterodox development economists and social scientists, an APORDE Alumni Network is being launched (see attached invitation). The planned Network aims to create a platform for the more than 600 former APORDE participants to connect with each other, with other APORDE Alumni as well as a broader network of practitioners, academics, and researchers who want to create linkages and exchange innovative ideas, practical experiences and challenges, as well as tools to deepen their understanding of economic and industrial policy issues.

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To register through the link to the launch being held on 15 March from 10am-11.30pm:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlfu-gqzsjGtC1URGC4diWvce1bvCe3M3>