

## 5th Annual Competition and Economic Regulation (ACER) Week, Southern Africa

### 15 - 19 July 2019, Cresta Mowana, Chobe, Botswana

The Competition Authority of Botswana, the National Energy Regulator of South Africa and the University of Johannesburg's Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development are honoured to host the **5th Annual Competition and Economic Regulation (ACER) Week, Southern Africa**. ACER provides a valuable platform for competition authorities and regulators to share knowledge, keep abreast of key developments across the region, and build networks for collaboration between agencies. ACER Week combines targeted courses from 15-17 July 2019 and a conference on 18 & 19 July 2019.

The Professional Training Programmes (PTPs), which run from 15 - 17 July 2019, will cover key theoretical concepts in competition and economic regulation with illustrations as to how the theories are applied in practice:

# 1. Core competition economics, regulation and industrial development

Running for the 2nd year, this PTP addresses competition policy and regulation in the context of industrial development, with a focus on African countries. The programme draws on the theory and empirical evidence from the growing body of research on regional value chains, industrial policy, and barriers to entry and competition in Africa.

## 2. Law in competition policy and economic regulation

This PTP is mainly targeted at legal practitioners, adjudicators and case handlers in competition authorities, economic regulators and government agencies in Southern Africa, as well as private practice and company in-house lawyers. The programme focuses on the practical application of legal principles to real-world case situations.

#### 3. Advanced competition economics

Targeted at experienced competition economists from authorities, regulators, public and private

sector firms and private practice, this intensive PTP covers the latest developments in economic theory and their application to the analysis of competition cases. In this year, the PTP also includes the key concepts in competition and economic regulation of digital platforms and high-tech markets, drawing on recent international cases.

The conference, which runs on 18 & 19 July 2019, seeks to address issues of direct interest to competition authorities, economic regulators and industrial policy practitioners in Southern Africa.

Keynote speakers and facilitators identified thus far include **Prof Sean Ennis** (Professor at the University of East Anglia and Director of the Centre for Competition Policy), **Dr Rory Macmillan** (Founding partner of Macmillan Keck Attorneys and Solicitors), **Prof Simon Roberts** (Professor at the University of Johannesburg) and **Prof Jonathan Klaaren** (Professor and former Dean of the School of Law at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg). Head of competition authorities and regulators in Southern Africa are also expected to share their insights from recent developments in the region.





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We are pleased to confirm that <u>Professor Eleanor Fox</u> (Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation at New York University School of Law) will be addressing the conference and launching her latest book.

To reserve your place, kindly click here or complete the booking form. Note that the booking form contains further information on how to reserve your place. Registration closes on **Friday 28 June 2019**.

Package options	Early Bird (Before 15 May 2019)	Standard Fee
Professional Training Programme (one only)	USD600	USD700
Conference Only	USD350	USD350
Professional Training Programme & Conference	USD850	USD950
Professional Training Programme & Conference (for regulators/ competition authorities/students)	USD800	USD900

### The call for papers can be found here.

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