



CALL FOR PAPERS: 4th ANNUAL COMPETITION AND ECONOMIC REGULATION (ACER) WEEK, SOUTHERN AFRICA, CONFERENCE

19 & 20 July 2018

Johannesburg, South Africa

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa, the Competition Commission South Africa and the University of Johannesburg's Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development are honoured to host the **4th 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 16-18 July 2018, and a conference on 19 & 20 July 2018.

The conference seeks to address issues of direct interest to competition authorities, economic regulators and industrial policy practitioners in Southern Africa.

Abstracts for proposed conference papers are invited on issues of economic regulation, competition and regional development. While there is a focus on Southern Africa, papers are welcome on these issues with reference to other jurisdictions. The papers will be selected from the abstracts submitted.

Papers are especially invited which fall within the following key themes:

- Energy regulation and economic development
- Contemporary regulatory challenges for telecoms, and transition to smart cities and a digital economy
- Industrial development, structural transformation and creating more competitive markets
- The development of economic regulation and competition institutions in developing countries
- Competing on whose merits? A new competition policy agenda to tackle inequality, concentration and participation?
- Competition and regional integration: developing an effective regime for assessing regional mergers and prosecuting cross-border cartels?
- Market inquiries – realistic or overloaded expectations?
- 20 years of the South African Competition Act – critical reflections
- The evolution of economic regulation in South Africa: A review of institutional design, regulatory policy and tools within the energy industry

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words. Abstracts may be submitted to infoccred@uj.ac.za on or before **11 April 2018**. Acceptance of papers will be communicated by **20 April 2018**. Final papers must be submitted by **29 June 2017**.

For more information, please visit CCRED website:

<https://www.competition.org.za/acerweek2018/>

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