

# 12 July 2016 Opening the economy:

#### An agenda for action to address barriers to entry

The structure of the South African economy welcomes few entrants. It remains highly concentrated with insiders still firmly entrenched. Our research on barriers to entry across a number of sectors (funded by National Treasury) highlights the range of often mutually-reinforcing microeconomic factors which stack-up to block greater participation in the economy by people as entrepreneurs and producers, including black industrialists.

The research findings answer key questions about the bottlenecks to increased participation:

- What are these barriers and how important are they?
- Do current regulations support entry and competition?
- Does competition law address harm to the competitive process?
- Is access to funding all that is needed to support entry?
- Are new entrants able to access routes to market to get their goods to consumers?

The action agenda recommends new directions from the current path to facilitate a more inclusive and competitive economy.

VENUE: CCRED SEMINAR ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> floor, 5 Sturdee Avenue, Rosebank, Johannesburg <u>Click here for map.</u>
TIME: 07:30 for 08:00 (light breakfast will be served).
RSVP: by email no later than 8 July to <u>infoccred@uj.ac.za.</u>
CCRED is a 7-minute walk from the Gautrain, or nearby parking is available at the western entrance (along Sturdee Avenue) of Rosebank Mall

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