



Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies invites you to a Development Dialogue on:

International Trade and Inclusive Industrialisation

Monday 28 January 2019

10:00 – 13:00

10:00 – 10:15 Arrival and coffee / tea

10:15 – 10:30 Opening and welcome by chairperson: Xolelwa Mlumbi

10:30 – 12:00 Presentations by

- **Neva Makgetla:** South Africa's exports and inclusive industrialisation
- **Faizel Ismail:** A 'Developmental Regionalism' approach to the AfCFTA
- **Christopher Wood:** Tracking imports, trends and anomalies

12:00 – 12:45 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

Background

Exports are often seen as a necessary feature for industrialisation. Looking at the basket of South Africa's exported products, is there an opportunity in expanding or shifting exports to improve the industrial capacity of the country? How does the region feature within South Africa's exports? Expanding exports to neighbouring countries without comparable imports has resulted in significant trade imbalances. Will the African Continental Free Trade Agreement improve exports and imports, and ultimately support an industrialisation strategy for African economies? This Development Dialogue aims to discuss some of these challenges.

About the Speakers

Xolelwa Mlumbi is the Deputy Director-General responsible for the International Trade and Economic Development (ITED) division at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Neva Makgetla is a senior economist at TIPS. Makgetla has published widely on the South African economy and worked for many years in government, most recently as Deputy Director General for Policy in the Economics Development Department, as well as in COSATU.

Faizel Ismail: Dr Faizel Ismail is an Adjunct Professor at the UCT School of Economics and a TIPS Research Associate. He has previously been an advisor to the dti on International Trade and Special Envoy on the African Growth and Opportunity Act and served as the Ambassador Permanent Representative of South Africa to the WTO (2010-2014).

Christopher Wood: Chris is an economist at TIPS focusing on trade and industry policy. He set up the TIPS import tracker, which monitors the trends, spikes and highest imports. Chris previously worked as a researcher in economic diplomacy at the South African Institute of International Affairs.

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Venue: TIPS Boardroom, 234 Lange Street, Nieuw Muckleneuk, Pretoria

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About the Development Dialogue Seminar Series: The objective of the seminar series is to provide a platform to share views and ideas on development and policy issues. These seminars are geared towards individuals that are involved the policy development process. To access the presentations of seminars which have already taken place, visit the TIPS website under [events](#).