

WTO-TRADE Round table: 19 March 2015
North-West University, TRADE research entity

TOPICS: Global value chains and Trade facilitation

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| 09:30-09:40 | Welcoming and introduction |
| 09:40- 10:00 | Aim of the round table: Prof Wilma Viviers |
| 10:00-10:20 | GVC in South Africa: Prof Peet Strydom |
| 10:20-10:40 | GVC and export promotion: Prof Ludo Cuyvers |
| 10:40-11:10 | SA's position in the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement: Mr Riaan de Lange |
| 11:10-11:30 | Tea/Coffee |
| 11:30-12:45 | Questions and discussion |
| | a) Dr Jan Venter and Nina-Lize Theunissen: The regulatory framework responsible for the regulation of the freight transport and storage sub sectors in South Africa is not conducive and encouraging to sustainable economic growth, given the political realities. |
| | b) Dr Jan Venter and Lindie Stroebel: How does the political uncertainty influence the competitiveness of the agribusiness sector? |
| | c) Prof Alwyn Hoffman: The use of technology for trade corridor management in Africa |
| 12:45-13:00 | Research agenda, teams, way forward |
| | Date of next meeting |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch |