

## WTO-CHAIR (NWU) AND SAIIA WORKSHOP:

### NAVIGATING GLOBAL ECONOMIC HEADWINDS AND TAILWINDS: NEW DIRECTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE POLICY

DATE & TIME: 22 September 2016, 09.45-15.30

VENUE: NWU Potchefstroom Campus (K14)

Speakers include: Profs Raymond Parsons, Ludo Cuyvers, Peet Strydom, Drs Sonja Grater, Lolette Kritzinger-Van Niekerk, Peter Draper, Talitha Bertelmann-Scott and Martin Cameron.

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<b>Welcome: Prof Wilma Viviers (WTO Chair, NWU)</b>	<b>09.45-10.15</b>
Overview of industrial policy and the new international trade environment	
Overview of the GVC landscape in SADC	
<b>Sub-theme 1: What types of firms are driving global trade?</b>	
1.1 Features of international trading firms (importers and exporters of goods and services)	
1.2 The role of small firms in R/GVCs (local suppliers and exporters of goods and services)	
<b>Sub theme 2: How a supportive policy framework/package can increase SADC's participation in R/GVCs</b>	
2.1 Balanced regional trade agreements	
2.2 Emphasis on human capital development, and stable and efficient labour markets	
2.3 Well-maintained and effective national and regional (shared) infrastructure, including:	
i. Reliable power and water supply	
ii. Efficient broadband	
iii. Modern and inclusive financial services	
iv. Well-maintained transport routes	
v. Streamlined logistics and border facilities	
2.4 A certain policy framework/package, including:	
vi. Protection of intellectual property rights, capital ownership and FDI	
vii. Freedom of movement of skilled people	
viii. Greater flexibility in the pricing and supply of 'strategic products'	
ix. Flexible labour laws	
x. Procurement regulations that promote local industry but also allow for import activity and participation in R/GVCs	
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>12.45-13.30</b>
<b>3. PANEL DISCUSSION: How will Brexit influence global and regional trade and economic performance in the years ahead?</b>	
3.1 An EU perspective	
3.2 A perspective on UK options	
3.3 A South African perspective	
3.4 An LDC (least-developed country) perspective	
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	<b>15.00-15.30</b>
<b>Tea and coffee and informal networking</b>	<b>15.30</b>

Note: A nominal cash amount of R150 is payable on arrival to help cover catering costs