

**September 3-4, 2007**

**Burgers Park Hotel, PRETORIA**

**Programme**

- 08h30 – 09h15      Arrival and registration
- 09h15 – 09h30      Introductions and opening remarks  
*Garth le Pere (IGD) and Hubert Schillinger (FES)*
- 09h30 – 10h00      Keynote address:  
*Prof Ben Turok, MP*

***Theme 1: Conceptual overview of the regionalism debate***

*Chair: Dr Garth le Pere*

Broadly speaking, there are two competing visions of regionalism and regional order. The prevailing approach is 'open regionalism', and is strongly linked to globalisation and the multilateral governance and liberalisation of the world economy. This approach privileges the centrality of the market in welfare optimisation, the promotion of exports and foreign investment, and the liberalisation of factor flows. It seeks active engagement with globalisation and its liberalising impulses, and is thus widely viewed as a stepping stone towards crafting a harmonised, single global system for trade and investment. In contrast to this perspective, 'closed' or 'developmental' regionalism promotes economic structural transformation and production through a more selective and regulatory approach to liberalisation, as advocated by UNCTAD. Through greater burden-sharing, this approach would address regional inequities and regional production and supply-side deficits.

- 10h00 – 10h20      Regional trade arrangements in a global perspective**  
*Peter Draper*  
*South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)*
- 10h20 – 10h40      The case for developmental regionalism in SADC**  
*Rok Ajulu*  
*University of the Witwatersrand*
- 10h40 – 11h30      Discussion, questions and answers
- 11h30 – 12h00      Tea

**Theme 2: Audit of regional integration in SADC**

*Chair: Hubert Schillinger*

The purpose of this session is to critically audit the progress that SADC has made in terms of its regional integration agenda, and to identify future policy challenges.

- 12h00 – 12h30**      **The state of regional trade integration in SADC**  
*Christopher Mulaudzi*
- 12h30 – 13h00**      **The contribution of development finance institutions to SADC integration**  
*Stuart Kufeni*  
*Development Finance Resource Centre*
- 13h00 – 13h30      Discussion, questions and answers

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**LUNCH**  
**13h30 – 14h30**  
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**Theme 3: Institutional restructuring and challenges in SADC**

*Chair: Dr Siphamandla Zondi*

The main purpose of this session is to review and critically explore SADC's institutional restructuring. The session will provide a progress report on the SADC institutions, as well as the RISDP and SIPO.

- 14h30 – 15h00**      **Effectiveness of institutional restructuring in SADC**  
*Jonathan Kaunda*  
*Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA)*
- 15h00 – 15h30**      **Critical reflections on the RISDP**  
*Balefi Tsie*  
*University of Botswana*
- 15h30 – 16h00**      **Critical reflections on SIPO**  
*Anthoni van Nieuwkerk*  
*P&DM, University of the Witwatersrand*
- 16h00 – 16h30      Discussion, questions and answers

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**COCKTAIL RECEPTION**  
**17h00 – 18h00**  
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**DAY TWO: SEPTEMBER 4, 2007**

09h00 – 09h15      Summary: proceedings from first day of SAFT  
*Brendan Vickers*  
*IGD*

***Theme 4: Trade and governance***

*Chair: Brendan Vickers*

This session will focus on the linkages between trade and governance, particularly as South Africa, SACU and SADC are engaged in various trade negotiations at the bilateral (e.g. US, China, India), regional (SADC, EPA) and multilateral (WTO) levels. The session will explore how a developmental integration paradigm should logically shape these various engagements.

**09h15 – 09h45      Untangling the dynamics of SA, SACU and SADC's international trade negotiations**  
*Trudi Hartzenberg*  
*Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa (tralac)*

**09h45 – 10h15      SADC and the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations**  
*Stella Mushiri*  
*Regional Trade Facilitation Programme (RTFP)*

10h15 – 10h45      Discussion, questions and answers

10h45 – 11h15      Tea

**11h15 – 12:30      *Panel Discussion: SADC 2008 – which way into the future and what prospects for developmental regionalism?***

*Chair: Prof Ben Turok*

*Panel: Rok Ajulu*  
*Balefi Tsie*  
*Dot Keet*  
*Anthoni van Nieuwkerk*  
*Wolfe Braude*  
*Stella Mushiri*

12h30                  Closing remarks  
*Garth le Pere*

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**LUNCH AND DEPARTURES**  
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