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***A Review Of South Africa's Intergovernmental
Fiscal Relations System***

**AN AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE ON
FISCAL DECENTRALIZATION**



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A. Background: Project Origin, Rationale and Theme

The Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC or the Commission) will mark its 20th anniversary of existence in 2014 as one of the recognized leading institutions giving advice and recommendations to organs of the state in the national, provincial and local spheres of government on financial and fiscal matters in South Africa. Between 1994 and 2005 the Commission played a central role in the development and evolution of the intergovernmental fiscal relations (IGFR) system. The Commission has played this role through a long-standing and broad-based research program focused on the many challenges of equitably distributing nationally raised revenue. It has made significant recommendations on the size and distribution of the provincial and local government equitable share. Indeed, it is recognized as one of the foremost contributors to the provincial and local government equitable share formulae as well as the multi-year budgeting framework used by government. One of the key messages coming out of the 10th Anniversary Conference the Commission hosted in 2004 was that of stability in provincial and local government allocations (implying a fairly predictable and transparent intergovernmental transfers system or at least the foundations there of had been firmly established and that the second phase of the Commission's work was to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the transfer systems and make recommendations on how the three spheres of government should respond at the margins especially with the emergence of previously unavailable data). The budget reforms with respect to the national and provincial government spheres also presented new sets of information that could be utilised for monitoring and evaluation as well as oversight by legislatures in both spheres of government. The issues of local government also became important as the effectiveness of transfers is felt by individuals living in their local environment and thus the Commission's move towards looking at local government as a specific area of focus in the broader IGFR system following the ushering in of democratic local government and the subsequent reforms started in 2000. From 2006 to the present, work at the Commission has both been reactive to current issues within the intergovernmental fiscal system and also forward-looking – seeking to manage change within the system in a consistent, logical and managed fashion. This period has been characterized by a deliberate attempt to enhance applied modelling capacity and begin to question the initial principles and parameters that guide the equitable sharing of nationally raised revenue. This has meant that the Commission has increasingly dealt with

cross-cutting policies which must be addressed by all three spheres of government – fiscal frameworks, issues related to poverty reduction and understanding and investigating ways to address the notion of progressive realisation of rights, environmental issues and so on. No matter how they are ultimately enacted, government budget reforms debated for the past 4 years following the global economic crisis will substantially alter the structure of IGFR in South Africa.

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To celebrate 20 Years of existence, the Commission will be hosting a 20th Anniversary IGFR International Conference. The Conference will take place in Cape Town at the International Convention Centre from 11 to 13 August 2014. The Conference will be looking back and evaluating 20 years of South Africa's IGFR practice, as well as the choices that will have to be made going forward given developments such as the new growth path and the development policy objectives of a developmental state (encapsulated in the National Development Plan) that has been agreed in Parliament in general and government in particular. Given the above, the overall theme for the Conference which provides an overarching framework for the sub-themes will be:

“Review of South Africa's Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations System: An African Perspective on Fiscal Decentralization”

With this overarching framework in mind, there will be a call-for-papers and papers that will be commissioned from practitioners and/or other experts to address issues and problems related to reviewing of the IGFR systems and fiscal decentralization policies in South Africa and Africa. Drawing from the discussions, the topics for papers and some proposals for presenters would include the following:

- Will South Africa's intergovernmental fiscal relations (IGFR) institutional arrangements and fiscal decentralization policies meet the challenges of the

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developmental state in addressing poverty, inequality and unemployment?

- Institutional accountability and costs in meeting intergovernmental fiscal relations constitutional and legal requirements in South Africa – A 20-year review (to include norms and standards, performance and failure).
- Designing fiscal decentralization policies to meet the infrastructure investment challenges of economic development – An African perspective.
- The impact of macro to microeconomic dynamics in balancing fiscal decentralization policies among competing socio-economic obligations.
- Twenty years on: the institutional and fiscal policy challenges of providing basic services within the current IGFR policy framework in South Africa.
- Fiscal decentralization and IGFR in the face of the new challenges of environmental costs and the needs of promoting the green economy.
- Accounting for socio-economic disparities in equalization grants for inclusive growth in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) – A cross country case study evaluating the impact of equalization grants in SA and the DRC.
- IGFR and fiscal decentralization for sustainable and inclusive development in emerging African economies. A comparative study of Ethiopia and Kenya.
- The design of fiscal decentralization grant schemes to address geo-spatial inequalities and poverty in rural African economies: An Ethiopian perspective.
- Appropriate fiscal decentralization policies to meet the needs of the knowledge economy in the presence of human capital backlogs.

B. Description of Project Activities

The conference will consist of plenary sessions. Following official opening on the first day, invited experts will deal with a specific question for each topic on each of the 3 days. The conference program divides into six key-note plenary sessions focusing on the main themes dedicated to the discussion of the future of IGFR policy.

The first key-note paper touching on the overall theme will be programmed for the first day and to follow immediately after the welcoming, introductory and political presentations. The rest of the workshop will then consist of sessions and case study sessions as well as floor discussions. A significant portion of time will be devoted to questions and discussions.

C. Expected Impact

The event will be used by the FFC as a tool in enhancing the impact of its recommendations to government and how the South African experience can be promoted for use in other African countries based on 20 years' worth of experience.

- The main focus of the conference will be on refreshing analysis of IGFR work that has shaped countries at a local, provincial and national level with a focus on the South African experience and the newly fiscally decentralising African 4 continent. The emphasis will be on 20 year reviews of the IGR system, checking whether there has been convergence or divergence from original principles and lessons learnt (Equitable share grants, revenue etc). This involves an institutional transaction cost review of the system, a review of the equitable sharing system, a review of the system of assignment of powers and functions of the different spheres and, a review of the IGFR principles governing taxation, expenditure and accountability for delivery of services.
- One of the themes that will be discussed will be the trends which are currently happening by default vis-à-vis IGFR design. At the same time, sector realignment is changing the face of IGR – either down to the cities (transport, housing) or up to national (social security in the past, Further Education Training colleges at present), and somewhere in the mix is talk of regionalisation. It is also known that National Health Insurance will change health allocation of powers and functions, so there is need to explore whether intergovernmental relations (IGR) is just the aggregate of individual sector decisions, or if there is some purposive design?
- In the light of the surge in interest in IGR issues in other African countries, the focus of the workshop will also be on the practice of IGFR on the African continent using South Africa as a best practice experience.
- However, the anniversary is not just about reflection – it is also an opportunity to celebrate recent achievements and lay ambitious plans for the future. For example, the current budget reform policy debate can serve as a useful point for comprehensive developments in local public economics. To a large extent, of course, specific proposals have been motivated by the desire to reduce government deficits or to reduce the size of the public sector of the economy. Local and international participants will present key concepts

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as well as path breaking work on identified predefined themes around macro-micro balance issues as well as contribute to participants' understanding of technical and implementation alternatives of different funding decisions on the provision of public services including grants, the design issues including costing as well as institutional matters and their developmental impact.

D. Project Implementation

- A programme committee under leadership of a former Commissioner is responsible for day to day management of the project and the editing of selected papers as a book and for publication of special editions of peer reviewed journals.
- A service provider and/ or events management company will deal with logistics in collaboration with an FFC Program Committee.
- Programme will include plenary sessions, roundtables, panels, floor discussions and media briefings.

E. Monitoring and Evaluation

The FFC reports to Parliament. The impacts of the FFC's recommendations are reported by government in the annual Budget Review. The FFC finances are audited by the Auditor General. FFC will provide a report within two months of completion of the conference.

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***Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa (TBC)***

Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma was born in 1942 in Inkandla, KwaZulu Natal to Gcinamazwi and Nokubhekisisa Zuma. Forced by circumstance to educate himself - his father had died and his mother could not afford to pay for formal schooling - he established an informal school in his village. Influenced by a trade unionist family member, he became involved in politics at an early age, joining the ANC in 1958. He became an active member of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, in 1962, following the banning of the ANC in 1960.

Zuma was elected ANC President in December 2007, becoming the ANC's candidate for South African president in the 2009 elections.

Zuma has received several awards, including the Nelson Mandela Award for Outstanding Leadership in Washington DC, US (1998), and honorary doctorates from University of Fort Hare, University of Zululand, Medical University of Southern Africa, University of Limpopo (2001), University of Zambia (2009), American University of Nigeria, University of Abomey-Calavi of Benin (2011), Texas Southern University (2011), Honorary Professorship from the Peking University (PKU) of the People's Republic of China (2012) and Honorary Doctorate of Leadership in Humanity from Limkokwing University, Malaysia (2013). He was elected President of the Republic of South Africa on 6 May 2009. He was inaugurated at the Union Buildings in Pretoria on 9 May 2009.

***Pravin Gordhan, Honourable Minister of Cooperative Governance***

Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan (born 12 April 1949 in Durban) is a South African politician, currently serving as the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and is the former Minister of Finance serving from 2009–2014. He was previously the Commissioner of the South African Revenue Service from 1999 to 2009. From 1991 and 1994, he chaired the Convention for a Democratic South Africa. He was also co-chairman of the Transitional Executive Council which oversaw the transition to the first democratically elected government. As a member of parliament from 1994 to 1998, Gordhan chaired the parliamentary committee that focused on the implementation of the new Constitution and the transformation of local government in the post-apartheid. Gordhan was re-elected for the fourth time as Council Chairman of the World Customs Organization in 2004. On 10 May 2009, President Jacob Zuma appointed Gordhan as Minister of Finance, succeeding Trevor Manuel. On the 25 May 2014, he was replaced by Nhlanhla Nene as Minister of Finance. On May 25, 2014, Gordhan was appointed as the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, succeeding Lechesa Tsneloi who became Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of South Africa.

***Mcebisi Jonas, Honourable Deputy Minister of Finance, National Executive (Executive), Member: National Assembly***

Deputy Minister Mcebisi Hubert Jonas was born in 1960 in Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape. He matriculated at Newewell High School in Port Elizabeth and obtained a Bachelor of Arts in History & Sociology at Vista University. He furthered his studies with a Higher Diploma in Education at Rhodes University. Mr Jonas became active in politics from the age of 14. He led a number of political activities in the Port Elizabeth area and launched underground structures in the Eastern Cape and beyond.

Mcebisi has held senior posts in several development organisations within the province. These include chief executive officer with the development financier, the Eastern Cape Development Corporation (2000-2005), the province's marketing arm, the Centre For The Investment Marketing of the Eastern Cape (1999-2000), the province's policy and planning organisation, the Eastern Cape Socio-Economic Consultative Council (1997-1999), and SACHED. He was also general manager AFESIS Corplan (PTY) Ltd.

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***Thandi Modise, Chairperson, National Council of Provinces***

Thandi Modise (born 25 December 1959, Vryburg) is a South African politician, currently serving as chairperson of the National Council of Provinces. She left South Africa in 1976 to join the African National Congress and received training in Angola. She returned to South Africa in 1978 as an UmkhontweSizwe operative. She was arrested and imprisoned in 1979, becoming the first woman in South Africa to be jailed for MK activities. She served as the Premier of North West from 19 November 2010 to 21 May 2014, when she was replaced by Supra Mahumapelo, also from the ANC, after the 2014 general election.

***Ian Douglas Neilson, Executive Deputy Mayor of City of Cape Town***

Ian is the Executive Deputy Mayor of Cape Town. He holds a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering and spent 20 years working as an Engineer across South Africa. He has spent the past 10 years as a full-time City Councillor, most of it in an Executive position.

***Yunus Carrim: Honourable Member of Parliament***

Yunus Carrim is a former journalist and academic with strong struggle credentials. He is the former Minister of Communications. He has also previously held the position of Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. He has been a Member of Parliament in the National Assembly since 1994. He has also previously chaired a number of parliamentary portfolio committees, including justice and constitutional development, public enterprises and provincial and local government. He has also served on a number of ad hoc committees.

Politically, he serves in branch and regional structures of the ANC and at branch level to the South African Communist Party's central committee and politburo. With a diploma in journalism from the UK's Darlington College of Education and honours and master's degrees in sociology from the University of Warwick, Carrim previously worked as a senior lecturer at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. In 1976 he was detained without trial for organising demonstrations at the University of Durban-Westville. He was detained again in June 1986 for two weeks. Carrim's also formerly held the position of deputy justice and constitutional development minister.

***Lechesa Tsenoli, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly***

Lechesa Tsenoli is the former Minister of the Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. He was born in Bultfontein. Prior to being appointed as Minister of the Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, he served as Deputy Minister at the Department of Rural Development and Land Affairs. He is a member of the following organisations: Institute of Local government; National Housing Corporation; and Transitional National Development Trust. He attended various leadership programmes in such varied fields as law, Education and Development. He is currently the deputy speaker in the National Assembly.

***Paul Mashatile, Honourable Member of Parliament***

Paul Shipokosa Mashatile MP (born in Geraldsville, Pretoria on 21 October 1961) is the former Minister of Arts and Culture in the Cabinet of South Africa.

As a student, Mashatile was an activist in the struggle against apartheid as a member of the Congress of South African Students, and was the co-founder and first president of the Alexandra Youth Congress. He was detained without trial from 1985-1989, and participated in a nation-wide protest by engaging in an 18-day hunger strike. When the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party were unbanned in 1990, he helped re-establish them and continued to organize on their behalf. He has held various administrative positions in Gauteng province, including serving in its legislature as Leader of the House. He is the former Premier of Gauteng province in South Africa and a member of the African National Congress.

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***Honourable CJ de Beer, National Council of Provinces***

Hon. De Beer received his BA from the University of Port Elizabeth. He was an MPL in the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature (1998–99, 2000–04), an ANC Member of the Provincial Legislature (2004–09) and chaired the Portfolio Committee for Safety and Liaison (2004–09). He is currently a member of the National Council Of Provinces.

***Prof. Anwar Shah, Director, Brookings Institution, USA, SWUFE, Chengdu/ Wenjiang, China and World Bank***

Dr Anwar Shah is Director of the Centre for Public Economics, Chengdu/Wenjiang, China and also serves as an advisor/consultant to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. He directed the World Bank Institute's Governance Program from 2004–2009. He has previously served the Ministry of Finance, Government of Canada, the Government of Alberta, the US Agency for International Development and the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (as a lead author). He has published more than two dozen books and numerous articles in leading economic journals on governance, public management reforms, budget reform, federalism, local governance, fiscal reforms and global climate change issues. His recent books include *Fiscal Federalism* (with Robin Broadway), by the Cambridge University Press, *The Practice of Fiscal Federalism: Comparative Perspectives*, published by McGill-Queen's University Press, *Fiscal Incentives for Investment and Innovation* by the Oxford University Press and *Local Governance in Developing Countries and Performance Accountability and Combating Corruption* by the World Bank.

***Professor A Obi, Agricultural Economist and Senior Lecturer, Fort Hare University***

Professor Ajuruchukwu Obi obtained a B.S. and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Nigeria, and an M.A. in Economic Policy Management from McGill University, Canada. He taught for 5 years at the University of Nigeria in the 1980s before leaving to do international work with the International Labour Organisation (ILO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Volunteers (UNV), working at different times in Nigeria, Geneva, and Lesotho. Between 2003 and March 2006, Professor Obi was attached to the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences of the University of the Free State as Senior Researcher while working to complete a PhD in Agricultural Economics. In April 2006, Obi was appointed Senior Lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, and was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 2010 and Full Professor in 2013.

Professor Obi is on the Editorial Board of two high impact international journals, namely the *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review* (business office previously based at the Texas A&M University but relocated to Washington DC since 2013) and *International Journal of Agricultural Management* (business office at the University of Plymouth in the UK). Professor Obi has recently edited a book on *Institutional Constraints to Smallfarmer Development in Southern Africa*. In late 2011 a new book he co-edited with a number of senior Agricultural Economists, and entitled "Unlocking markets for smallholders..." was published jointly by Wageningen Academic Publishers and the Mansholt Publications Series and has gone into circulation. Professor Obi has, in 2012, been appointed Book Review Editor for the *International Journal of Agricultural Management* (IJAM), and Managing Editor for Africa Region for the *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review* (IFAMR).

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**Annette Verryn, Economic Consultant, HSRC**

Annette Verryn is a Masters Intern at the Economic Performance and Development (EPD) unit, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), South Africa. Ms. Verryn is currently studying for a Master's degree in Development Finance at the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business (GSB). At the HSRC, she is involved in various research projects. These include experiences with equitable sharing and poverty reduction and the evaluation of the EU supported local economic development programmes in three provinces. She was previously a consultant at KPMG Advisory where she was involved in projects for both private and public sector clients, for a wide spectrum of sectors and markets, on a national and international level.

**Professor Andrew Reschovsky, USA**

Andrew Reschovsky is a Professor Emeritus of Public Affairs and Applied Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Fellow at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. He has published widely on topics related to public finance, tax policy, and intergovernmental fiscal relations. Professor Reschovsky has worked for the Office of Tax Analysis of the U.S. Treasury and has served as a technical advisor to the OECD in Paris and the Financial and Fiscal Commission in South Africa. He was awarded the 2011 Steven D. Gold award by the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management in recognition of his contributions to state and local fiscal policy. He earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Bongani Khumalo, Acting Chairperson and Chief Executive of FFC**

Bongani Khumalo is the Acting Chairperson/CE of the Financial and Fiscal Commission. He was previously the Program Manager for Fiscal Policy in the Secretariat of the Commission. He has worked on a variety of areas within the South African intergovernmental fiscal relations system, including the design of revenue sharing formulae, the financing of education, health care and social assistance, and sub national borrowing and taxation issues and on the design of conditional grants. Upon completing a Master of Science (Economics) degree from the University of Zimbabwe, Bongani Khumalo lectured at the same University in the areas of International Trade and Development and Public Finance. He then moved to Rhodes University in Grahamstown in 1994 where he lectured Public Policy, International Trade Policy and Development Economics until 1999 when he joined the Financial and Fiscal Commission as a Researcher. He has published articles and contributed book chapters on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and on Public Finance. His term of office expired on 28 February 2013 but he was reappointed effective 01 March 2013 and will now serve on the Commission until 28 February 2015.

**Dr Claude Sumata, Professor, Catholic University of Congo**

Claude Sumata holds a PhD in economics from the University of Paris X (Universite de l'Ouest Parisien). He is professor of economics at the Catholic University of Congo. He is a qualified lecturer with many years of research experience. He has researched questions of development economics for around twenty years and published this work in both French and English. He has an existing network of research collaborators in Europe and Africa. He is a trained economist capable to undertake the econometric analysis following the data collection from any fieldwork. He has taught and worked with individuals from mixed race and educational background.

**Tania Ajam, Commissioner, FFC**

Ms. Tania Ajam has been Non-Executive Director of South African Reserve Bank since October 06, 2011. Ms. Ajam has extensive experience in the design, analysis and implementation of fiscal policy. She is a Public Finance Economist. Ms. Ajam holds a B.A. (Hons) in economics from the University of Cambridge as well as Master of Business Science and Bachelor of Business Science degrees from the University of Cape Town.

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***Professor Jaap de Visser, Director Community Law Centre***

Jaap de Visser has built up comprehensive experience in research, teaching and consulting in multi-level governance, human rights, intergovernmental relations, good governance and federalism in Africa. He graduated with a PhD from Utrecht University on the basis of a thesis, examining the legal framework for development local government in South Africa. His main research interest is the He taught public law at Utrecht University from 2002 until 2006. From 1999-2002, he was a researcher at the Community Law Centre. Prof. De Visser holds a doctorate in law and has published and presented papers locally and internationally in the fields mentioned above.

Prof. De Visser is co-author (with Prof Nico Steytler) of Local Government Law of South Africa, the leading text book on local government institutions in South Africa and also co-wrote chapters on local government in Constitutional Law of South Africa and the International Encyclopedia of Constitutional Law (in print). His work has been cited by courts in South Africa, including the High Court, the Supreme Court of Appeal and the Constitutional Court.

He is the co-convenor of a dedicated Masters Programme on Multi-Level Government, Law & Development at the University of the Western Cape with students from across the continent. Prof De Visser has supervised doctoral and masters research projects on decentralisation in countries such as South Africa, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Uganda. As editor and contributor to the Local Government Bulletin he contributed more than 40 short articles to this quarterly newsletter on local government in South Africa.

He regularly advises local and international organisations and state organs on issues pertaining to local governance, provincial governance and multi-level government issues. He has acted as a consultant for the World Bank, UNICEF, Forum of Federations, German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GIZ), South Africa's Department of Cooperative Government and Traditional Affairs, provincial governments in South Africa, the City of Cape Town and many other local authorities. Prof De Visser has worked on international training, education and policy support assignments in countries such as Sudan, Ethiopia, Namibia, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zimbabwe.

***Dr Jaya Josie, Expert Economist, HSRC***

Dr. Jaya Josie is an economist with 25 years' experience in public policy and development economic research, in public finance, fiscal policy, and intergovernmental fiscal relations targeting inequality, unemployment and poverty. He is currently Senior Research Manager, Economic Performance & Development (EPD), Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), and also extraordinary lecturer in the Department of Economics, University of the Western Cape, South Africa. Dr. Josie was the first coordinator of the Macroeconomic Research Group (MERG) in South Africa from 1991 to 1992, and later the Director of the MERG successor – the National Institute of Economic Policy (NIEP), from 1994 to 1996. Between 1996 and 1999, he was a director of the Development Economic Services unit at Ernst and Young, South Africa. From 1999 to 2007 he was the Deputy Chairperson of the Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC).

Dr. Josie has participated in conferences, seminars and training workshops as part of a panel of international and local experts with particular reference to development, public finance & fiscal policy in: Brazil (BRICS Academic Forum, March, 2014); South Africa, Stellenbosch (BRICSThink Tank Council (BTTC), November 2013) Russia (September, 2013), the Republic of Sudan (October 2013), Socialist Republic of Vietnam (December 2012), Democratic Republic of the Congo (June & October 2012), Ethiopia (June 2011), Parliament of South Africa (March 2011),

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Nepal (December 2008); Nigeria (March 2008), India (December 2007) and Mexico (March 2007).

Dr. Josie's most recent publications include; J. Josie (2013): The Developmental State: Implications for Parliament and Legislatures in South Africa Journal of the South African Legislative Sector, April 2014, Volume 1, Number 1, ISSN: 2312- 1963. www.sals.gov.za; Josie J. (2013): Principles and practice of national and sub-regional fiscal policy in South Africa's intergovernmental fiscal relations (IGFR) system: A review and analysis of trends, The Forum of Federations (FoF), Canada; Josie J. (2008): (with MacDonald G. and Petchey J.); A Dynamic Equalization Model for Economic and Social Infrastructure Grants with a South African Example, Journal of Development Studies, UK Vol. 44: 8, 1169-1189;; Josie J. (with Reddy S.P., James S, Sewpaul R, Koopman F, Funani N.I., Sifunda S, Masuka P, Kambaran N.S. and Omaidien R.G.) UmthentheUhlabaUsamila: The South African Youth Risk Behaviour Survey 2008. Cape Town: South African Medical Research Council, 2010 (Launched, 20 April 2010, Pretoria).



Joel Netshitenzhe, Executive Director, MISTRA

Before joining the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) as CEO in 1998, Mr Netshitenzhe was Head of Communication in President Nelson Mandela's office. In addition to being GCIS CEO, he was appointed Head of the Policy Co-ordination and Advisory Services (PCAS) in The Presidency, in 2001. He headed the PCAS on a full-time basis from 2006 until his retirement in 2009.

Mr Netshitenzhe now works as an independent researcher, and is the Executive Director of the Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA). He is a member of the ANC National Executive Committee. He is also a Member of the Boards of Nedbank Group and Life Healthcare Group, and the Advisory Board of the Nelson Mandela Trust, and the Board of CEEF.Africa (a section 21 company dealing with tertiary education opportunities).

He has a diploma in Political Science from the Institute of Social Sciences in Moscow (1984); as well as a post-graduate diploma in Economic Principles (1996) and a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Financial Economics with the University of London (1999).



Professor Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu, Director, HSRC

Professor Chitiga-Mabugu is the Executive Director of the Economic Performance and Development research unit at the Human Sciences Research Council. Her main duties involve managing the Economic Performance and Development unit, interact with policy makers and influence policy through research, fundraising for the unit and the HSRC, manage the finances of the unit, conduct research, mentor senior and junior staff as well as interns. She obtained her PhD in economics at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. Her thesis work was on the economy wide impacts of public policies on income distribution. She was previously Professor of Economics with the economics department at the University of Pretoria, where she taught microeconomics, public sector economics, development economics, economic modelling and mathematics for economists; and has supervised over a dozen PhD and MSc students. She has also been involved in intensive teaching at the Joint Facility for Electives at the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) teaching public finance, and at the Collaborative MSc in Agricultural and Applied Economics - teaching economic modelling. She was invited, on two occasions, to be part of a 5 member international team of resource persons to run an international course on policy impact analysis modelling for the Ecological and Environmental Economics Programme, a joint programme of the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), the FondazioneEni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) and the BeijerInternational Institute of Ecological Economics.

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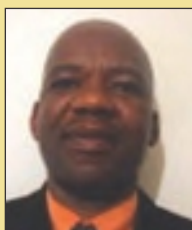
Dr Mekki El Shibly, Vice Chancellor, Omdurman Ahlia University.

Dr. Mekki El Shibly is currently the Vice Chancellor of Omdurman Ahlia University, Sudan. He holds degrees from Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Law School, University of Kent, University of Manchester and University of Khartoum. He was the Principal of the University of Medical Sciences and Technology (2009-2014). Dr. Shibly also worked for the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development as the Director of Food security and Agricultural Integration Department (2003-2007) and as the Director, International Cooperation Department (2008). During the period (2000-2001), he held the position of the Head of the Nile Basin and Maghreb Division at the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development. Before that Dr. Shibly held leading positions at the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (1984-1999). During the period 1980-1984, he worked for the University of Khartoum as the Deputy Director of Development Studies and Research Centre, Chief Editor, Sudan Journal of Economic and Social Studies and Lecturer at the Department of Economics. He also worked for the Sudanese Ministry of Finance and National Economy as a Financial Officer during the period 1973-1974. Dr. Shibly is the author of a book entitled Fiscal Federalism in Sudan. Dr. El Shibly has also published many monographs and articles in international journals and international institutions.



Dr Meheret Ayenew, Public Administration and Policy Expert

Meheret Ayenew holds a PhD from the State University of New York at Albany (SUNY Albany) in Public Administration and Policy. He has many years of teaching and research experience at Addis Ababa University both at graduate and undergraduate levels, and has also served in a wide range of administrative and academic capacities. He has provided expert/consultancy services to many bilateral and multi-lateral organizations, including the Ethiopian Government, Department of International Development (DFID), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Bank. He has done extensive research and contributed numerous works in the areas of governance, decentralization, development management and policy. Dr Meheret Ayenew is currently the Executive Director of the Forum for Social Studies (FSS), which is a non-government and independent think tank based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Dr Motebang DV Nakin, Acting Director RVAC, Walter Sisulu University

Dr MDV Nakin (BSc, HDE, BSc Hons, MSc. (Unitra), Ph.D (Rhodes)) Dr Motebang Dominic Vincent Nakin is the Acting Director of Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Centre at Walter Sisulu University. He holds the following qualifications: BSc, HDE, BSc Hons, MSc (University of Transkei), PhD (Rhodes University).

Started his career as a teacher and rose through the rank to the position of an HOD. He later joined Walter Sisulu University as a Laboratory Assistant and Lecturer in Zoology Department until the current position. He has teaching and management experience both at secondary and tertiary levels. He is a member of Senate at Walter Sisulu University and also a council board member of Zoological Society of Southern Africa.

His research interest is mainly on marine ecology/biology (rocky shores) and collaborating with South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB): African Coelacanth Ecosystem Programme (ACEP). Served as a Programme Co-ordinator (PCO) for Zoology post-graduate

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students. Dr Nakin has successfully supervised/co-supervised 19 post-graduate students and currently has 8 post-graduate students. He has participated in over 20 national and international conferences where has made both oral and poster presentations. He has also participated in conference scientific/organising committees, chairing scientific/plenary sessions. He has authored/co-authored 5 peer reviewed scientific papers in internationally accredited journals, 6 peer reviewed scientific conference proceedings.

His community activities included managing Mussel Rehabilitation Programme (MRP) and Food Nutrition at Coffee Bay in the Eastern Cape coast. He was also the chairperson of Mthatha River Catchment Forum, task team member in Eastern Cape Estuarine Management Programme. Currently, a member of various forums: OR Tambo Disaster Management Forum, Alfred Nzo Umzimvubu Catchment Forum and Eastern Cape Provincial Disaster Management Advisory Forum.



Professor Nico Steytler, Commissioner, FFC

Awarded an Doctoris Honoris Causa by the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, 14 November 2012. Awarded South African Research Chair in Multi-Level Government, Law and Policy by the National Research Foundation (2013-2017), August 2012. Awarded NRF B2 rating (2005-2009), a status that was again confirmed (2010-2016), indicating "considerable international recognition for high quality and impact of research outputs".

For the first 15 years of his academic career his research output was concerned mainly with the administration justice and criminal justice in particular, which culminated with the publication of Constitutional Criminal Procedure (LexisNexis Butterworths, 1998, pp 497). Since the new democratic era my focus shifted to constitutional design and the system of multi-level government, comparative federalism and local government.

Post-graduate teaching and supervision, since 2000 supervised 31 masters students' dissertations, mini-dissertations or research papers. Supervised (or co-supervised) 5 doctorates.

Participation in other academic activities:

1. Panel member, Advisory Committee of National Research Foundation on Research Chairs (2007)
2. Panel member, Evaluation Panel for Law, National Research Foundation (2007-2009)
3. External examiner doctoral theses: Ph D, School of Government, UWC; LL D, University of Pretoria; LL D, University of Cape Town; LL D University of North West
4. External examiner for masters degrees: University of KwaZulu-Natal; University Namibia, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
5. Chairperson, Faculty of Law Higher Degrees Committee (1998-2010)
6. Member of Senate Higher Degrees Committee, UWC (1998-2010)
7. Chairperson, University of the Western Cape's Council Appeal Committee for Student Disciplinary Court (2007-2009)
8. Chairperson, Investigation Committee of Council for staff discipline, UWC (2007-2009)
9. Trustee, Association of University Legal Aid Institutions Trust (2004 -)

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***Dr Ramos Mabugu, Research and Recommendations Director, FFC***

Ramos Mabugu is head of research and recommendations division at the Financial and Fiscal Commission and a Fellow at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa. He has published on topics related to applied economics, public finance, tax policy, and intergovernmental fiscal relations. Most of Ramos's economic modelling work is on the application of computable general equilibrium models, Social Accounting Matrix Methods, Input Output Methods and Macroeconomic models. In collaboration with a few colleagues, Ramos has pioneered amongst the first applications of CGE microsimulation (static and dynamic) in two Southern African countries. He has taught and supervised at postgraduate level at the University of Zimbabwe and University of Pretoria in South Africa. While at Pretoria University, Ramos was instrumental in setting up a collaborative environmental economics M.Sc. and Ph.D. training program, served as consultant for many organisations and external examiner for several universities. Ramos has also taught economic modelling courses on two occasions at the Ecological and Environmental Economics Programme at the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Italy. In 2003-04, Ramos gave technical advice at Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and Sida. In 2006 Ramos was awarded the visiting fellowship award from Curtin University in Australia in recognition of his contributions to intergovernmental fiscal relations modelling. He earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Gothenburg.

***Dr S Ndhleve, Agricultural Economist and Research Fellow at RVAC, Walter Sisulu University***

Dr S. Ndhleve (BSc, MSc, PhD (UFH)) Level: Post-doctoral fellow Research Area: Agricultural Economics, livelihoods/ agriculture risk and vulnerability assessment, Climate change adaptation and food security. Simbarashe Ndhleve is a Research fellow at Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Centre trained as agricultural economists with a bias towards rural development. He has obtained BSc, MSc and PhD in agricultural Economics from the university of Fort Hare. Besides the core subjects of agricultural economics, he was introduced to macroeconomics, microeconomics, public finance and econometrics. He has more than 4 years' experience in research and his main research areas include rural development, public policy, public investment analysis, climate change and agricultural systems. To date, Simbarashe has published three book chapters (2011), a number of journal articles and has several conference presentations. Simbarashe is a member of the Eastern Cape Integrated Anti-poverty and implementation advisory committee.

***Dr. Tassew Woldehanna, Dean of the College of Business and Economics, Addis Ababa University***

Dr Tassew Woldehanna is an Associate Professor of Economics and Dean of the College of Business and Economics at Addis Ababa University, and Senior Research Fellow at the Ethiopian Development Research Institute. A development economist, he has done intensive research on child poverty as well as on education, health and nutrition, labour market microfinance, employment and food security and the development of micro and small scale enterprises for Ethiopia. He obtained his PhD in household economics from Wageningen University, The Netherlands. He is one of the founders of the Young Lives Study, an international study of childhood poverty that follows 12 000 children in Peru, Ethiopia, Vietnam and India. He is the Principal Investigator of Young Lives Ethiopia. He has published various articles on poverty and children in international journals and books. Dr Woldehanna also supported the Ethiopian government in developing a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) and since 1992 has led the periodic national level poverty analysis for the Ethiopia's Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and Central Statistical Agency. He has been the lead expert in designing the Ethiopian federal grant scheme for the past 20 years.

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***Professor Vivienne Taylor, Social Development Expert***

Vivienne Taylor is Head of Department in the Department of Social Development at the University of Cape Town. She teaches social policy, development planning and social and economic development. Her career consists of both national and international development experience spanning over 30 years, approximately 20 years of this being at a senior policy and/or management level. She has worked with the United Nations on a global Commission on Human Security, with governments, the non-governmental sector and in academia.

She has researched and written on social policy and development related issues. She was principal author and researcher of South Africa's first two Human Development Reports sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). In 2008 she completed a 50 country research study for the African Union on Social Protection called Social Protection in Africa: an Overview of the Challenges. She has over 60 publications (chapters in books, research based and peer-reviewed articles and conference papers). She holds the following qualifications: BA (SW) (UDW), BSocSc (Hons), and MSocSc (Cape Town).

***Dr Renosi Mokate, Global Consultant***

Dr. Renosi Mokate is currently Executive Director of School of Business Leadership, University of South Africa.

Dr. Mokate served as a Senior Policy Analyst and Programme Manager of the Development Bank of Southern Africa. She served as Deputy Governor of South African Reserve Bank from August 1, 2005 to July 31, 2010. Previously, she served as an Executive Director of Group Economic and Social Analysis at the Human Sciences Research Council. Dr. Mokate has been an Independent Non-Executive Director of Vukile Property Fund Limited since December 11, 2013. She serves as a Non-Executive Director on a number of boards including, Hans Merensky Foundation and subsidiaries of the CEF group of Companies. She serves as a Director of Centre for Reconstruction and Development at the University of Pretoria and Associate Professor at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, United States of America. She also serves as a Member of the Financial and Fiscal Commission and the Presidential National Commission on Information, Technology and Communication. She served as Director of South African Reserve Bank from January 8, 2005 to July 31, 2010. She served as a Non-Executive Director of Howden Africa Holdings Limited since November 1, 1996. Dr. Mokate has over twenty-seven years of experience in the field of development economics and planning.

Dr Friedrich Soltau, Climate Change Law and Policy Expert

Dr Friedrich Soltau joined the United Nations in 2000, working since 2003 on a range of issues related to climate change, energy, and sustainable development. Prior to joining the United Nations, he taught in the Law Faculty at the University of Cape Town. His research interests in the area of climate change focus on issues of fairness and equity, which were the subject of his doctoral dissertation, as well as adaptation to climate change and legal and policy issues related to new energy technologies.

He has worked on a range of energy and climate change-related issues, focusing on the relationship between climate change, energy and sustainable development. In October 2009, Cambridge University Press published my book "Fairness in International Climate Change Law and Policy". Recently, He focussed on the institutional framework for sustainable development, or sustainable development governance, for the Rio+20 conference. Currently I am involved in the UN's work in support of the process to develop a set of universal sustainable development goals (SDGs).

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Catriona Purfield, Lead Economist for South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, and Swaziland, AFC

Catriona Purfield is the World Bank's Lead Economist for South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, and Swaziland, and in that capacity leads the bank's economic policy dialogue in South Africa and oversees the World Bank's program related to economic policy in the Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, and Swaziland countries. Prior to joining the World Bank in July 2013, Purfield worked at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) where she served as an advisor in the European Department. She led the IMF's Article IV surveillance missions over the course of the Baltic crisis to Lithuania, and then subsequently to Bulgaria. In this context, she provided extensive advice to the governments on crisis management and macroeconomic policy issues related to growth, stability, fiscal and financial sector policies as well as trade and labor markets. At the IMF, she has also worked as a senior personnel manager and an economist in the Asia Pacific region covering India and Bhutan, and in the Fiscal Affairs Department covering countries in Africa and the Middle East. Her research interests and publications cover the fields of macroeconomics, economic growth, fiscal policy, natural resource management, and unemployment and labor market issues.

Born in Ireland, Purfield received her B.A (Hons) in Economics and Geography from Trinity College Dublin, and her PhD. in Economics from the same university. She is also a graduate of the Kiel Institute of World Economics Graduate Program on International Macroeconomics.



Precious Zikhali, Economist, World Bank

Precious Zikhali completed her PhD thesis in economics at the Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. She is currently working at the International Water Management Institute, Southern Africa office (www.iwmi.org). Prior to this appointment she was at the Centre for World Food Studies, VU University Amsterdam. She has also worked as a lecturer and researcher in the Department of Economics, University of Zimbabwe. Her current research interests broadly include monitoring and evaluation of programs and policies mainly in the agriculture and water sectors as well as exploring the link between poverty and environment in developing countries. This includes issues such as:

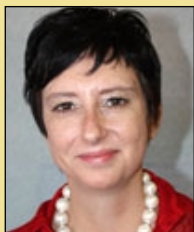
- Assessing the impact of land reforms and other development interventions, particularly in the agriculture and water sectors, in developing countries
- Adoption and subsequent impacts of sustainable agriculture on livelihoods of smallholder farmers
- Exploring the link between environmental/natural resource degradation and poverty in developing countries
- Exploring the link between climate variability, climate change and water security in developing countries
- Bio-economic modeling of renewable and non-renewable natural resource management
- Institutions or mechanisms design under imperfect markets
- Application of behavioral economics, particularly exploring issues such as a social capital formation and the effect of institutions or governance structures in overcoming problems associated with ethnic fragmentation and ethnic nepotism in a given society



Prof. Daniel Plaatjies, FFC Commissioner and Executive Director, HSRC

Daniel Plaatjies has a PhD in the study of Governance, Public Policy and Public Finance from the University of the Witwatersrand. He is a Visiting Professor at the University of Free State and is currently Head of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation within the Office of the Premier, Free State Provincial Government. He is also serving on secondment as an adviser to the Minister of Public Service and Administration. Plaatjies is the editor of Future Inheritance: Building State Capacity in Democratic South Africa

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***Prof Narnia Bohler, Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery (DGSD), HSRC***

Professor Narnia Bohler-Muller holds the degrees of BJuris LLB LLM (UPE) LLD (UP). Previously she was Professor of law at Vista University and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) before joining Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA) as research director of social sciences in February 2011. She joined the HSRC as Deputy Executive Director of the Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery research programme on 1 March 2012, and acted in the capacity of Executive Director until September 2012. She is an adjunct Professor of the Nelson R Mandela School of Law at the University of Fort Hare.

After acting as the Executive Director of the Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery research programme (DGSD) at the HSRC for seven months, she is currently the Deputy Executive Director of DGSD and an Adjunct Professor of the Nelson R Mandela School of Law at the University of Fort Hare.

Prof. Bohler-Muller has over 40 peer reviewed journal publications and has co-edited three books on gender violence; human trafficking and the dynamic of BRICS. She is an admitted Advocate of the High Court of the Republic of South Africa and served as presiding officer for the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) in Port Elizabeth for 7 years.

Amongst others she has completed research consultancy work for the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development on HIV/AIDS, human rights and access to justice; and the Institute for Child Witness Research and Training on gender-based violence.

She has completed research fellowships at Griffith University's law faculty in Brisbane, Australia; Birkbeck School of Law in London, UK; and the BRICS Policy Centre in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Currently she is a member of the HSRC BRICS Think Tank Secretariat, as well as the BRICS Think Tank Council, and has been appointed on to the Ministerial Task Team to make recommendations to the Minister of Higher Education and Training on the creation of a permanent South African BRICS Think tank.

Her research interests include international and constitutional law; human rights, democracy and social justice. Prof. Bohler-Muller is Principal Investigator on a multi-year project dealing with the Assessment of the Impact of the Decisions of the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court of Appeal on the transformation of society.

***Dr. Sibongile Muthwa, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Institutional Support, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University***

Sibongile Muthwa is the Deputy Vice Chancellor: Institutional Support at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in South Africa. Between 2004 and 2010 she served as the Director General of the Eastern Cape Provincial Government, in the South African government.

Dr Muthwa holds a PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) as well as a Masters in Development Policy and Planning from the London School of Economics (LSE) which are both part of the University of London in the United Kingdom. She has a distinguished career both in South Africa and the United Kingdom where she has worked in both the development and public sector institutions, as well as in academia.

Before joining government as the Director General, she was the Director of the Fort Hare Institute of Government, University of Fort Hare (SA) for five years. Her particular intellectual interests include: public leadership and governance, gender empowerment, public policy processes, and intergovernmental relations. She has a particular passion for promoting innovation in the public sector. She has widely facilitated leadership development processes across sectors in South Africa.

Over the years she has published research papers, edited books and continues to work on professional excellence, as well as on issues of personal effectiveness.

For about two decades, she has worked formally and voluntarily as a mentor and coach for women leaders and emerging leaders in the fields of development, business, and public service. She is associated with several leadership formations in Africa and abroad, including the United Nations University Global Leadership Academy.

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***Dr Mkhululi Ncube: Program Manager - Local Government Unit FFC***

Mkhululi Ncube holds a PhD in Economics from Gothenburg University, Sweden. His work at the Financial and Fiscal Commission focuses mainly on climate change and fiscal policies, local government budget analysis and gender budgeting. Mkhululi's research interests are in the areas of local economic development and sustainable resource use in urban spaces.

***Eddie Rakabe: Researcher - FFC***

Eddie Rakabe holds a Master's Degree in economic development from the University of Johannesburg. He is responsible for overseeing research on public finance issues in the fiscal policy unit of the Financial and Fiscal Commission. His expertise are in Development project and policy design, low income markets, value chain analysis and making markets work for the poor. Previously he has worked as an economist at the National Treasury and on the South African SKA bid at the National Research Foundation. His research interests are in the areas of low income markets, second economy activities and making markets work for the poor.

Amanda Jitsing, Public Finance and Financial Management Expert

Amanda Jitsing is head of DNA's public policy practice. She has experience in public finance, regulatory economics and policy making and has worked in all three spheres of government in South Africa. She has completed research projects in the areas of intergovernmental fiscal relations, financial management, budgeting, strategic planning, and monitoring and evaluation. Prior to joining DNA, Amanda was a project manager at the Auditor General, where she managed the interface between the Auditor General and his parliamentary stakeholders on issues such as financial management and auditing. She has also worked for the Applied Fiscal Research Centre (Pty) Ltd, a leading consultancy specialising in capacity building and research in the public sector. Amanda holds a M.Com in Economics from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She is also an SAQA accredited assessor and moderator.

Dr Megan Govender, Public Finance Economist

Megan Govender is a Public Finance economist employed at DNA Economics since 1 November 2012. His work focusses on projects pertaining to public policy and public finance. These have included Expenditure Performance Reviews for National Treasury as well as Evaluation of Training Programmes for the KZN Department of Economic Development (DEDT). Prior to his appointment at DNA Economics, Dr Govender worked as a Director within the Public Finance division at the National Treasury. His primary responsibility was to provide economic and financial advice to the Department of Police (budget of R60 billion) and the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID). Megan was awarded a doctorate in economics in 2012. His doctoral thesis dealt with the use of conditional cash transfers as a means of addressing poverty in South Africa.

Dr Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa, Director of Development Research, African Development Bank

Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa is Director of Development Research at the African Development Bank. He has also been Regional Director for East Africa, Director for Policy, Lead Economist and Head of the Extended Mission to Zimbabwe. He was previously Project Director at the UN University's World Institute for Development Economics Research in Helsinki and Senior Economist at the IMF. He earned his PhD at the University of Gothenburg, where he also became Associate Professor in 1994. He has published on macroeconomic policies, institutions and development in Africa.

Dr Saras Jagwanth, Senior Lecturer in Constitutional & Administrative Law, United Nations

Saras Jagwanth is a senior lecturer in Constitutional and Administrative Law at the University of Cape Town. She has a special interest in the relationship between law and democracy and the way these can be enhanced in a Constitutional State. She has published in this area and most recently co-edited a volume on equality law in South Africa and elsewhere.

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REGISTRATION

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OPENING SESSION

Programme Director: **Prof. Sibongile Muthwa**, Financial and Fiscal Commission and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN

Speaker: **Ian Douglas Neilson**, Executive Deputy Mayor of City of Cape Town

WELCOME ADDRESS

Speaker: **Hon. Thandi Modise, MP**, Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), Parliament of the Republic of South Africa

INTRODUCTION TO THE FINANCIAL AND FISCAL COMMISSION (FFC) AND ITS ROLE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL FISCAL RELATIONS SYSTEM (IGFR)

Speaker: **Bongani Khumalo**, Acting Chairperson and Chief Executive, Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC)

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SESSION TWO:

THE ROLE OF IGFR INSTITUTIONS IN DECENTRALIZATION

Chairperson: **Hon. Lechesa Tsenoli**, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly

KEY NOTE ADDRESS: THE ARCHITECTURE OF MULTI-ORDER GOVERNANCE FOR THE INFORMATION AGE

Speaker: **Prof. Anwar Shah**, Brookings Institution, USA, SWUFE, Chengdu/Wenjiang, China and World Bank

REFLECTIONS ON 20 YEARS OF THE FFC'S ROLE IN IGFR IN SOUTH AFRICA: A 20-YEAR REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL AND FISCAL COMMISSION (FFC)

Speaker: **Prof. Jaap De Visser**, Director of the Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town

Discussant: **Joel Netshitenzhe**, Executive Director and Board Vice-Chairperson, Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA)

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THE FINANCIAL AND FISCAL COMMISSION: TWO DECADES OF EVOLUTION

Speaker: **Tania Ajam, Commissioner, Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC)**

Discussant: **Dr. Renosi Mokate, University of South Africa (UNISA), SBL**

OPEN DISCUSSION

13:00

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SESSION THREE: TOWARDS SOCIAL JUSTICE IN DECENTRALIZED INTERGOVERNMENTAL SYSTEMS

Chairperson: **Hon. Paul Mashatile, Chairperson of Standing Committee on Appropriations**

ACCOUNTING FOR ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL FISCAL RELATIONS SYSTEM

Speakers: **Dr. Saras Jagwanth and Dr. Friedrich Soltau, United Nations, New York**

A REVIEW OF THE INSTITUTIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT IMPACT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S SOCIAL WELFARE GRANT POLICIES

Speakers: **Prof. Vivienne Taylor (University of Cape Town)**

RETHINKING THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF NORMS AND STANDARDS

Speakers: **Amanda Jisting, Dr. Megan Govender & Stephen Chisadza, DNA Economics**

Discussants Panel: **Prof Narnia Bohler, HSRC**

Selwyn Jehoma, EPRI

Ms. Ronette Engela, GTAC

OPEN DISCUSSION

18:30 - 22:00 | Speech by the President of the Republic of South Africa & Gala Dinner

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SESSION FOUR: SOCIAL JUSTICE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN IGFR SYSTEMS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: CASE STUDIES

Chairperson: **Hon. Yunus Carrim, Chairperson of Standing Committee on Finance**

FISCAL DECENTRALIZATION AND THE PROVISION OF CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED BASIC SERVICES (CMBS): A REVIEW OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SYSTEM

Speakers: **Prof. M. Chitiga, Dr. Jaya Josie & Annette Verryin, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), South Africa**

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FISCAL DECENTRALIZATION FOR SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN EMERGING AFRICAN ECONOMIES: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ETHIOPIA AND KENYA

Speaker: **Dr. Meheret Ayenew**, *Executive Director, Forum for Social Studies (FSS)*

RESTRUCTURING IGFR IN AN AFRICAN COUNTRY IN TRANSITION - THE CASE OF SUDAN

Speaker: **Dr. Mekki El Shibly**, *Vice Chancellor, Omdurman Ahlia University, Sudan*

Discussant Panel: **Wendy Fanoë**, *National Treasury*
Ms. Phindile Ngwenya, *World Bank* / **Eddie Rakabe**, *FFC*

OPEN DISCUSSION

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TEA / COFFEE

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SESSION FIVE: SOCIAL JUSTICE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN IGFR SYSTEMS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: CASE STUDIES (Continued)

Chairperson: **Prof. Nico Steytler**, *FFC Commissioner and University of Western Cape*

FISCAL DECENTRALIZATION GRANT SCHEMES TO ADDRESS GEO-SPATIAL INEQUALITY AND POVERTY IN RURAL AFRICAN ECONOMIES: THE ETHIOPIAN PERSPECTIVE

Speaker: **Dr. Tassew Woldehanna**, *Dean, College of Business and Economics, Addis Ababa University, Senior Research Fellow, Ethiopian Development Research Institute*

PUBLIC SPENDING IN AGRICULTURE AND POVERTY REDUCTION LINKAGE ANALYSES FOR FISCAL PLANNING: CASE STUDY OF THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Speakers: **Dr. S. Ndhleve & Dr. MDV Nakin**, *Walter Sisulu University, Eastern Cape*, & **Dr. A. Obi**, *University of Fort Hare*

Discussant Panel: **Dr. Mkhululi Ncube**, *FFC*
Dr. Precious Zikhali, *World Bank*

OPEN DISCUSSION

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SESSION SIX: SOCIAL JUSTICE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN IGFR SYSTEMS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: CASE STUDIES (Continued)

Chairperson: **Prof. Daniel Plaatjies**, *FFC Commissioner and HSRC*

AN AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL FISCAL RELATIONS POLICIES TO MEET THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Speakers: **Hon. Pravin Gordhan, MP, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Republic of South Africa**
Hon. Mcebisi Jonas, Deputy Minister of Finance, Republic of South Africa

A CASE STUDY EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF EQUALIZATION GRANTS IN THE DRC

Speakers: **Dr. Ramos Mabugu, Director, FFC**
Dr. Claude Sumata, Professor, Catholic University of Congo (Kinshasa / DRC)

Discussant Panel: **Dr. Catriona Purfield, World Bank, Lead Economist for South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, and Swaziland**
Prof. Andrew Reschovsky, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

OPEN DISCUSSION**17:00****TEA / COFFEE****AGENDA: DAY THREE - 13 AUGUST 2014****09:00**

SESSION SEVEN: THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE IGFR POLICY
 Chairperson: **Hon. Cj de Beer, Chairperson of Select Committee on Finance**

PANEL DISCUSSION: Perspectives for social justice and sustainable development in Sub-Saharan Africa
Perspectives for South Africa's IGFR system
Perspectives for policy objectives, norms and standards, an effective IGFR institutional instruments

Panelists: **Leslie Simiso Magagula, KwaZulu-Natal Treasury (TBC)**
Themba Fosi, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Sasha Peters, Financial and Fiscal Commission
Ghalieb Dawood, Financial and Fiscal Commission
Tania Ajam, Commissioner, Financial and Fiscal Commission
Dr. Govinda Rao, Member of International Peer Review
Prof. Andy Reschovsky, Member of International Peer Review
Edgar Sishi, National Treasury
Ndlela Kunene, North West Treasury
Dr. Saras Jagwanth, United Nations, New York
Ms. Ronette Engela, Presidency and National Treasury, GTAC, South Africa
Mr Ismail Momoniat, National Treasury, South Africa (TBC)
Mr Andrew Donaldson, National Treasury, South Africa
Prof. Narnia Bohler, Human Sciences Research Council

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Panelists:

Harry Malila, *Western Cape Provincial Treasury*
Dr. Catriona Purfield, *World Bank, Lead Economist for South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, and Swaziland*
Prof. Philip van Ryneveld, *Hunter van Ryneveld (Pty) Ltd, South Africa*
Prof Claude Sumata, *Professor of Economics and Finance at the Catholic University of the Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo*
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Prof Robin Boadway, *Queens University, Canada*
Prof. Anwar Shah, *Brookings Institution, USA; SWUFE, Chengdu/Wenjiang, China; and World Bank*
Sheila Hughes, *Department of Cooperative Governance, South Africa*

13:00

WRAP-UP AND VOTE OF THANKS - *FFC Commissioner*

13:10-
14:30

LUNCH AND DEPARTURE

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