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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Competition Commission and Competition Tribunal organize their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Competition Law, Economics and Policy on the topic:

### Competition policy and enforcement in BRICS countries

11 November 2015

(Venue: Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre – Durban)

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#### Introduction to the topic

The theme for this year's Annual Competition Conference is "Competition policy and enforcement in BRICS countries". South Africa will host the 4<sup>th</sup> BRICS International Competition Conference in Durban on 12 – 13 November 2015. This year's Annual Competition Conference will be a precursor event to the 4<sup>th</sup> BRICS International Competition Conference. In addition, the Commission, Cresse and the University of KwaZulu-Natal will hold a joint workshop on "*Lectures on competition policy*" on 10 November 2015.

While competition law has expanded to more than 100 jurisdictions worldwide with varying degrees of economic, social and institutional development, important questions have arisen as to the interaction between competition law and economic development. Many developing countries have designed their competition policies to include not only efficiency and consumer welfare but also distribution, equity and fairness as goals of competition policy. Competition law regimes should be designed and applied according to the institutional level of development of a country and to the overall structure of its institutional system, economy and societal norms. Put differently, the design and application of competition law and policy in BRICS countries should fit the facts of their markets and respond to their conditions and needs.

#### Conference Questions

This year's Annual Competition Conference focuses on the following areas of interest: What is the relationship between competition policy and economic development? How can competition policy be used as a tool to reduce economic inequality and contribute towards inclusive growth? What is the role of competition policy in fostering economic growth and promoting innovation? To what extent should public interests be weighted in merger regulation? What has been the impact of competition policy and enforcement in markets? What informs the promulgation of competition law in developing countries, especially BRICS

countries? What is the state of competition law in BRICS countries? and What is the impact of South Africa's participation in BRICS for competition policy in Africa?.

While papers dealing with international developments in competition enforcement are welcome, the primary focus of the conference is on appraising competition law and economics based on the experience of BRICS countries.

Further, selected papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in an edited conference book.

### **The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Competition Law, Economics and Policy**

The objective of this conference is to bring together renowned specialists in competition law and economics in conference to debate. The conference is targeted at academics (with a keen interest in the competition enforcement), policy makers and practitioners (including competition agency officials, competition lawyers and competition economic consultants).

#### **Call for Papers – OPEN**

Academics, private practitioners and competition officials, both with a legal and an economic background, are encouraged to submit their research for inclusion in the conference program. We welcome all original research.

Submissions for inclusion in the program (full papers or abstracts) may be sent together with the author's address information to: [ltebogengP@compcom.co.za](mailto:ltebogengP@compcom.co.za); and [yongaman@compcom.co.za](mailto:yongaman@compcom.co.za)

The deadline for submission abstracts is 19 June 2015. Decisions on provisional acceptance to the program will be communicated by 17 July 2015. Final papers must be submitted by the 18 September 2015. Decisions on final acceptance to the programme will be communicated by the 10 October 2015.

#### **More Information**

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