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Announcement and Call for Papers

The South African Saving Institute and Economic Research Southern Africa are pleased to announce a one and half day workshop on "Savings: Theory and Policy" to be held from 04 to 05 August 2009 at the South Africa Reserve Bank, Pretoria.

A chronic lack of saving accumulation is a significant limit to the country growth and macroeconomic stability. Less than 60% of the formal labour force contributes towards retirement savings. Coverage of the informal, domestic and agricultural sectors is minimal. The government is instituting reforms to extend coverage and improve income levels in retirement. Mandatory savings during employment is one of the key proposals put forward by the government. The reforms are expected to have a positive effect on the national savings rate. Research that examines the relationship between the reforms and savings is essential for policymakers and other stakeholders contributing to the design of the new retirement savings system.

The aim of the workshop is to raise the profile of Savings both in the academic and policy debate. The first day will be dedicated to presentation of relevant current research, while the second day will be dedicated to policy analysis. The organizers are looking for both theoretical and empirical studies and would welcome any work in progress that present interesting preliminary results on the issue.

Submission:

Please submit papers or extended abstracts (2-3 pages) as pdf-file together with full contact details by 15 June 2009 to:

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ERSA will provide financial support to cover economy class flights, transfers and accommodation. However, places are limited and access to the workshop is at the discretion of the course organizers. Flights cannot be cancelled, and any changes are the delegates own responsibility and expense.

Please email Tania.jacobs@uct.ac.za if you would like to attend. The deadline is 30 June 2009.

For more information on the Savings Workshop, please contact Prof Nicola Viegi at nicola.viegi@uct.ac.za