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## ERSA Networking Workshop on “Firm Level Data Analysis”

ERSA is pleased to announce a two-day networking workshop on “Firm Level Data Analysis” to take place at the University of Witwatersrand from Tuesday 19 February to Wednesday 20 February 2008.

The objective of the workshop is to bring researchers and policy makers together to discuss research, measurement and policy issues related to firms in South Africa and Africa. The specific focus will be on techniques for dealing with firm-level heterogeneity and the implication of this firm-level heterogeneity for policy. A further objective is to provide an opportunity for researchers to present current research and further develop research areas related to firms.

The workshop will be linked to an IDRC workshop for the four country project "Globalisation and better jobs". This project uses micro-data, both firm and labour data, to investigate the links between trade and jobs in an African context. There will be synergies between the two workshops and thus participants will benefit from the overlaps.

Participants include Francis Teal from the Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford), and Jorge Rodriguez Mesa and Alvaro Gonzales from the Enterprise Analysis Unit of the IFC.

The workshop will be of interest to academics and senior postgraduate students working or interested in using firm data in empirical analysis.

ERSA can guarantee financial support to cover travel and accommodation expenses to one research active member of any South African economics department wishing to attend the workshop.

Should you wish to attend please contact Gloria Halland at ERSA by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January ([gloria.halland@uct.ac.za](mailto:gloria.halland@uct.ac.za)), giving your academic affiliation and areas of interest.