



CALL FOR PAPERS: CONFERENCE

2nd ANNUAL COMPETITION AND ECONOMIC REGULATION (ACER) WEEK, SOUTHERN AFRICA

11 & 12 March 2016

Venue: Livingstone, Zambia

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of Zambia and the University of Johannesburg's Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development are honoured to host the **2nd Annual Competition and Economic Regulation (ACER) week in Southern Africa**. The ACER week provides a valuable platform for competition authorities and regulators to share knowledge, keep abreast of key developments across the region, and build networks for collaboration between agencies. The 2nd ACER Week will be co-hosted by the Energy Regulation Board of Zambia and the National Energy Regulator of South Africa. The week consists of four intensive short learning programmes (from **8 – 10 March 2016**) and a conference on **11 & 12 March 2016**. Delegates can attend either or both the courses and conference.

The conference seeks to address issues of direct interest to competition authorities and economic regulators in southern Africa. It is targeted at competition and regulatory authority practitioners, government officials in the field, legal practitioners, regional and international experts, and academics in the competition and regulation fields.

We invite the submission of **papers** or **abstracts** for papers for consideration for the conference, especially those which fall within the following key themes:

- Promoting competition in concentrated markets
- Industrial policy, regional integration and competition
- Economic regulation and competition in energy markets, the appropriate market structure for the Electricity Supply Industry in developing economies
- Cost-reflective prices and tariffs for gas and petroleum in developing economies
- Mobile money and competition in financial and telecommunications markets
- Barriers to entry, exclusionary strategies, regulation and inclusive growth
- Institutional design, regulation and competition policy for small economies
- Cartel enforcement: developments in leniency, penalty determination and regional cooperation
- Critical review of precedent-setting regulatory decisions and competition cases
- The use of market inquiries in competition enforcement

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words and submitted for consideration to darmishad@uj.ac.za on or before **23 October 2015**.

Acceptance of abstracts for papers will be communicated by **6 November 2015**. Final papers must be submitted by **19 February 2016**.

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