

Industrialisation and competition in Southern Africa

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African countries face huge ongoing challenges in diversifying their economies and overcoming the colonial legacy of dependence on natural resources and agricultural commodities. The case for diversified industrialisation has been further emphasised by the decline in commodity prices which resulted in faltering growth rates. Africa Day is an appropriate time to critically assess these issues of stalled industrialisation in some cases and de-industrialisation in others, as well as to reflect on what can be done in light of the recent SADC industrial strategy action plan. Join CCRED as we unpack the key challenges and engage in the issues by looking at important case studies in the region, bringing out issues of competition, regional value chains, coordinated industrial policy and the relationships with regional integration.

Presentations:

- *Key issues and trends in industrial development in Southern Africa*, Prof Simon Roberts (CCRED)
- *Barriers to growth and development of sugar and confectionery producers in Zambia and South Africa*, Reena das Nair (CCRED)
- *Developing capabilities in medium technology industries: the case of cosmetics in Zambia and South Africa*, Pamela Mondliwa (CCRED)

Discussants:

Garth Strachan (DDG of Industrial Development, DTI)

Prof Mzukisi Qobo, (Pan African Institute, University of Johannesburg)

VENUE: CCRED Seminar Room, 1st Floor, 6 Sturdee Avenue, Rosebank, Johannesburg. [Click here for map](#)

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