

Gibs South Africa's Economic Outlook Conference: Charting the Road to Recovery hosted by Prof Saville

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What is South Africa's economic outlook for 2021 and beyond? Powerful!

Good news at last for energy sapped South Africans. In a surprise move, President Ramaphosa's announcement on energy has changed the trajectory and speed with which the economy can begin to recover. Suddenly, investment looks more likely, growth attainable and we have green shoots everywhere. And it got better. The prolonged South African Airways saga appears resolved, and we have reason to feel more optimistic. A welcome shot in the arm!

This news was well received, but we remain cautiously optimistic as South Africa's economy was arguably in dire straits pre-Covid, and we are at a critical inflection point which is make or break time. What we do now, the decisions we take, and more importantly how we implement them, will be the difference between recovery and failure.

For executives, senior managers and teams grappling with immediate and long term strategy, do not miss this hard-hitting conference where we take bold and decisive steps to find solutions and identify opportunities.

Programme outline

SESSION 1 | Assessing the Damage, Impacts and Direction in a Post-Covid World

DATE & TIME	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
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7 July 2021
16h00-18h00

Weighing SA's Economic Performance, Country and Global Competitiveness, Foreign Sector Stability, Ratings Agencies and the Rand, Employment, Inclusive Growth and New Business Models

- > **Prof Adrian Saville**, GIBS Professor of Economics, Finance and Strategy, Investment Specialist, Genera Capital
- > **Steven Hanival**, Deputy Director-General for Economic Research and Economic co-ordination, dtic
- > **Gina Schoeman**, South Africa Economist, Head of Research at Citi
- > **Prof Michael Sachs**, Adjunct Professor, Southern Centre for Inequality Studies Wits
- > **Isaah Mhlanga**, Chief Economist, Alexander Forbes

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SESSION 2 | What's Working?

DATE & TIME	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
14 July 2021 16h00-18h00	Global Growth Models, Domestic Drivers and Opportunities, New Investments & New Models:	> André de Ruyter , Group Chief Executive, Eskom
	Public and Private Infrastructure The President's Investment Drive, Policy vs Action: From Talk to Action, Tax Impact, Public-Private Partnerships: Opportunities for the Private Sector	> Rudi Dicks , Head: Project Management Office, Presidency > Busi Mavuso , CEO, Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA) > Stavros Nicolaou , Head of the Health Working Group for B4SA > Roland van Wijnen , Group CEO, PPC > Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa , Head of Investment and Infrastructure in the Presidency > Zeph Nhleko , Chief Economist DBSA

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SESSION 3 | Sector and Industry Analysis

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21 July 2021 16h00-18h00	Paths to Prosperity:	> Valdene Reddy , Director of Capital Markets, JSE
	Where to	
	Post-COVID? Capital Markets:	> Anthony Leeming , CEO Sun International
	Equities, Bonds and Real	> Prof Justin Barnes , Executive Director TWIMS
	Estate, Reviving	> Paul Makube , Agricultural Economist FNB
	Industrial Paths to Prosperity: Where to	> Dr Marc Wegerif , Development Studies, UP
	Post-COVID? Capital Markets:	> Dhiren Vanmali , Executive Director: Government Affairs, Africa – International Market Group
	Equities, Bonds and Real	
	Estate, Reviving	> Sisa Ntshona , Former CEO SA Tourism
	Industrial	

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SESSION 4 | Future Risks: What Should be on Your Radar?

DATE & TIME	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
28 July 2021 16h00-18h00		> Sandro Bucchianeri , Group Chief Security Officer, Absa
	Digital: Risks and Rewards,	> Simon Freemantle , Senior Political Economist, Standard Bank
	Bridging the Skills Gap, Cybersecurity, Political	Research
	Risk,	> Dr Roze Phillips , Director of Value Creation, GIBS
	Managing Risk-	
	Possibility	> Prof Nick Binedell , Strategy Professor GIBS
	Versus Probability,	
	Informed	> Valter Adão , Chief Executive and Digital Leader at Cadena
	Optimism	Growth Partners

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