

Agenda



POLICY DIALOGUE	Roundtable discussion: Rethinking SMME Development for Innovative, Resilient and Sustainable Growth		
Date	Tuesday, 7 July 2020	Time:	10.00 – 12.00
Venue	Zoom Webinar		
Link	Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84613491648		

Policy Dialogue Webinar Objectives

This policy webinar is focused on unpacking new approaches and thinking around policy and industry/sector development for SMMEs, in a post-Covid-19 world. The webinar aims to identify new shifts that are needed in policies, the changing working environment for SMMEs and the private sector at large, and how governments and societies need to respond to a 'new normal' that includes strengthening innovation, competitiveness and resilience amongst SMMEs. Presentations and discussions about SMMEs' role in the smart, inclusive and sustainable growth are to be informed by the following key focal areas:

1. What policy changes, instruments and new approaches are needed to build greater resilience and competitiveness amongst SMMEs?
2. How can SMMEs be crowded into new and emerging economic activities, such as the green and digital transformation, and how can policymakers stimulate changes in an ecosystem to encourage greater technology adoption, development and green innovation amongst SMMEs?
3. The post-COVID world for businesses: what new businesses models do SMMEs need to adopt or develop and what is needed to do business well within the 'new normal'? How can SMMEs overcome challenges to internationalisation in a contracting global economy?

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1.	10.00am	Hosting of zoom call	Daniel Chiwandamira , EDSE
2.	10.00 – 10.10	Introduction and welcome remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDSE programme and context of the policy dialogue webinars. • The purpose of the policy dialogue. 	Nigel Gwynne-Evans , EDSE Programme Team Leader Lana Hopkinson , SMME Policy component leader Rasa Jautakaite-Tunaitiene , Programme Officer: European Union Delegation

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3.	10.10 – 10.30	Session 1: Improving competitiveness, resilience and internationalization of SMMEs	<p>Jakkie Cilliers, Institute for Security Studies: <i>South Africa's long-term economic prospects:</i></p> <p>Septi Bukula, OSIBA Management: <i>Thoughts on strengthening the international competitiveness of SMMEs – the case of tourism.</i></p> <p>Rainer Agster, Director of Operations at SEED Global – <i>SMME growth opportunities in a post-COVID world</i></p>
4.	10.30 – 10.45	Facilitated Q & A	Daniel Chiwandamira , EDSE
5.	10.45 – 11.05	Session 2: Exploring SMME participation in the green transformation and circular economy	<p>Ms Kauna Ndilula, Managing Director of Business Financial Solutions: <i>Understanding the Green Economy in Africa – the case of renewables in Namibia</i></p> <p>Emile Fourie, social entrepreneur, Ywaste and Gezakapa Recycling: <i>Waste recycling and waste management eco-system in South Africa</i></p> <p>Rest Kanju, SEED South Africa coordinator: <i>Support to SMMEs during COVID-19 and adapting to climate change measures</i></p>
6.	11.05 – 11.20	Facilitated Q & A	Daniel Chiwandamira , EDSE
6.	11.20 – 11.40	Session 3: Encouraging SMME innovation and growth in new sectors	<p>Marius Oosthuizen, GIBS Business School <i>Accelerating SMME growth through a social compact for supply chain transformation – what government, business and civil society must contribute:</i></p> <p>Audrey Verhaeghe, CEO of Innovation Summit South Africa: <i>Developing a Start-up Act for South Africa</i></p> <p>Saul Levin, Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS) <i>Technological Change and Small Business</i></p>
7.	11.40 – 11.55	Facilitated Q & A	Daniel Chiwandamira , EDSE
8.	11.55 – 12.00	Short input on the Small Enterprise Masterplan	Vukile Nkabinde , DSBD
9.	12.00 – 12.05	Collating of way forward	Lana Hopkinson , EDSE
10.	12.05	Closure of Zoom call	Daniel Chiwandamira , EDSE