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WEBINAR INVITATION

24 FEBRUARY 2022

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## Uses of South Africa's innovation data

# Media briefing and knowledge-sharing webinar for journalists, industry association leaders, and business analysts

## Why this event, now

Outside of public policy uses, South Africa's innovation data are a unique and publicly available source of intelligence for leaders of industry associations, journalists, and business analysts. Depending on the type of analysis performed, new insights into the South African business environment can be generated using innovation data. Challenging common-sense perceptions of innovation, by using national innovation data, is important to developing more robust internal or public conversations.

The Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), together with the Centre for Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators (CeSTII) at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), invite you to join this knowledge-sharing webinar to explore uses of innovation data for organisational decision-making and analysis, and for public knowledge purposes. Innovation scholars from South Africa will use practical examples to catalyse the conversation. The knowledge exchange will follow on from a media briefing with survey leaders announcing the start of fieldwork for the **Business Innovation Survey 2019 – 2021**.

#### Who should attend



Journalists
from local and national
media outlets



Leaders of chambers of commerce and industry associations across all industrial sectors



**Business analysts** from both public and private sectors

To access the data sets, go to <a href="http://curation.hsrc.ac.za/Datasets-KDCAAA.phtml">http://curation.hsrc.ac.za/Datasets-KDCAAA.phtml</a>. For previous survey reports, go to <a href="http://www.hsrc.ac.za/en/departments/CeSTii/reports-cestii">http://www.hsrc.ac.za/en/departments/CeSTii/reports-cestii</a>.

## Media Briefing

Time	Item	Speakers
09h30	Welcome	<ul> <li>Kgomotso Matjila-Matlapeng, Department of Science and Innovation</li> </ul>
09h40	Announcement of the start of fieldwork for Business Innovation Survey, 2019 – 2021 by the implementation team	<ul> <li>Kgomotso Matjila-Matlapeng, DSI</li> <li>Dr Glenda Kruss, HSRC</li> <li>Dr Moses Sithole, HSRC</li> <li>Dr Amy Kahn, HSRC</li> <li>Bob Currin, GeoScope</li> </ul>
09h50	Survey Fieldwork Q&A	• Media

## **Knowledge-sharing Webinar**

10h10	Introduction to knowledge-sharing session: Uses of innovation data for specific sectoral or firm- level interests	<ul> <li>Dr Glenda Kruss, Executive Head, Centre for Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators, HSRC</li> </ul>
10h20	For Journalists: What is innovation, anyway? Gaps in innovation reporting in South Africa	<ul> <li>Gerard Ralphs, Policy Analyst, Centre for Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators, HSRC</li> </ul>
	<b>For Business Analysts</b> : The bottom line of innovation: Modelling innovation and productivity in services and manufacturing businesses	<ul> <li>Dr Amy Kahn, Dr Atoko Kasongo, Centre for Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators, HSRC</li> </ul>
	For Industry Association Leaders: Job creator or cost-saver? Understanding innovation and employment growth analysis	<ul> <li>Dr Yasser Buchana, Dr Moses Sithole, Centre for Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators, HSRC</li> </ul>
11h00	Innovation Data Uses Q&A	All Participants Including Media
11h30	End	

### The presenters



Kgomotso Matjila-Matlapeng



**Bob Currin** 



Dr Glenda Kruss



**Gerard Ralphs** 



Dr Moses Sithole



Dr Atoko Kasongo



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