

Invitation and Call for Papers

SARChI WORKSHOP

At

Institute for Economic Research on Innovation (IERI),
Tshwane University of Technology (TUT),
159 Skinner Street, Pretoria, South Africa

January 20 & 22, 2011

The Challenges of Making Innovation Systems in Africa

Background Note

Between January 20 and 21, 2011, the SARChI Chair in Research on Innovation, Tshwane University of Technology, would organise a two-day workshop on the theme “Challenges of Making Innovation Systems in Africa” at the university. In addition, PhD candidates working under SARChI are encouraged to make presentations at the workshop. The presentations are expected to deal with various areas of research that border on innovation studies as well as in their areas of specialisation.

Apart from academics based in universities, other stakeholders in innovation studies who work in organisations such as the Africa Institute of South Africa, Human Sciences Research Council, the AU and NEPAD are encouraged to attend.

In order to participate in the workshop, external participants working outside the framework of SARChI must submit abstracts by **November 20, 2010**. Full-length papers are expected by **January 15, 2011**. After the workshop, selected papers would be submitted to publishers for publication under the editorship of Mammo Muchie and Sanya Osha.

Themes of the Workshop (although not limited to them)

- Theories of Innovation and Development in Africa
- Innovation Systems for African Development
- Innovation at Firm, Sectoral, Regional and National Level
- Social Innovation in Africa
- Innovation Networks in Africa
- Innovation in Agricultural Production in Africa
- Innovation in Services and Manufacturing
- Culture and Innovation
- Informal Sectors and Economic Innovation
- Innovation in Water Research
- Developing Space Programme for Economic Development: Lessons from the Global South
- Indigenous Knowledge Production Systems

Resource Persons:

Professor Mammo Muchie, SARChi Chair holder

Dr. Ope Ayinde, SARChi Post-doc fellow

Dr. Benjamin Akpor, SARChi Post-Doc Fellow

Dr. Nal Abdelrasaq, SARChi Post-Doc fellow

Dr. Blessing Karumbidza, SARChi Research Fellow

Dr. Sanya Osha, SARChi Research Fellow

Dr. Angathevar Baskaran, SARChi Associate Senior Research Fellow

Invitations would be extended to other participants who work outside the umbrella of SARChi, Tshwane University of Technology.

Key Deadlines:

Submission of Abstracts: November 20, 2010

Submission of Full-length Papers: January 15, 2011

Abstracts and Papers should be submitted to:

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