

KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL TREASURY
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**INVITATION TO THE INAUGURAL PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST FORUM CONGRESS**

You are hereby cordially invited to the inaugural annual provincial government economist forum congress. The main purpose of the congress is to discuss and debate issues important, relevant and significant to the role, functions and activities of economists within provincial government Treasuries and Economic Development Departments.

The inaugural congress will be hosted by the Intergovernmental Relations and Macro Economic Analysis units of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government. It is envisaged that the forum will meet on an annual basis and that the meeting will be held on a rotational basis.

The details of the congress are as follows:

Date – 01 and 02 October 2009

Venue – Room 308, Dept of Health, Capital Towers Building,
Pietermaritzburg

The provisional programme for the congress is as follows:

Thursday 01 October 2009

08:30 to 09:00 - Arrival and Registration

09:00 to 09:20 - Welcome, Purpose, House Arrangements

09:20 to 10:00 - Address by the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal

10:00 to 10:30 - Tea
10:30 to 11:00 - Address by MEC KZN Treasury
11:00 to 11:20 - Presentation by HOD KZN Treasury
11:20 to 11:40 – Introduction by Departments present
11:40 to 12:30 - Discussion on the Mandate, Roles and Responsibilities of Treasury and DED economists within provincial government
12:30 to 13:30 – Lunch and Networking
13:30 to 16:30 - Short Presentation (10 minutes) by a Representative of each Provincial Treasury and Economic Development Department – Own Experiences, Challenges and Views

Friday 02 October 2009

09:00 to 09:30 - Address by MEC KZN DED
09:30 to 09:50 - Presentation by HOD KZN DED
09:50 to 10:00 – General Discussion
10:00 to 11:00 - Data and Statistics Discussion and Debate
11:00 to 11:30 - Tea
11:30 to 12:30 - Research and Publications Discussion and Debate
12:30 to 13:00 – Training and Course Discussion and Debate
13:00 to 14:00 - Lunch and Networking
14:00 to 15:00 - Provincial Economic Growth and Development Strategies Discussion and Debate
15:00 to 15:40 – Way Forward for the Forum
15:40 to 16:00 – Thank You and Closure

We hope that you will be able to join us. We look forward to present, inform, discuss and debate these very important, relative and significant issues with you.

You will have to make your own travel and accommodation arrangements. We will be very happy to assist with these if required. Please do not hesitate to make contact with us wrt the above arrangements, etc. Additional information will be communicated with you as and when.

Please RSVP with us before 18 September 2009. Contact person is

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See You There

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