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10th AFRICAN COMPETITION & ECONOMIC REGULATION (ACER) WEEK

29 September - 3 October 2025

Venue TBC, Windhoek, Namibia

The Namibian Competition Commission (NACC) and the Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development (CCRED) in the School of Economics at the University of Johannesburg (UJ), are honoured to host the 10th African Competition and Economic Regulation (ACER) Week in-person, in Windhoek, Namibia. ACER is an essential platform for competition authorities, regulators, and practitioners to share knowledge, keep abreast of key developments across the continent, and build networks for collaboration between agencies.

The week will comprise two targeted Professional Training Programmes (PTPs), which run concurrently from 29 September – 1 October 2025 and a Conference on 2 & 3 October 2025. The PTPs will be facilitated by leading academics, experts, and practitioners to empower participants with relevant skills and knowledge in the field. The Conference will address issues of direct interest to competition authorities, economic regulators and practitioners in Africa (see <u>Call for Papers</u>).

1. Competition Law and Practice PTP

Addressing core areas in competition law and economics, this PTP is targeted at competition practitioners. Key legal and economic principles will be taught along with their practical application in cases and inquiries. This PTP will cover economic principles in topics in mergers, cartels, and abuse of dominance conduct. The focus will also be on practical aspects of competition enforcement, such initiating investigations, commissioning market inquiries, running hearings, negotiation/settlement strategies, and using the law to gather evidence. The course will be delivered through a series of lectures and case examples from the continent and internationally. As part of facilitated breakout groups, hypothetical exercises will be undertaken to enhance learning and apply concepts. Facilitators will include leading experts in competition law and economics with in-depth handson experience of cases in African jurisdictions.

ACER 2025 Fees and Booking

To reserve your place for the PTPs and Conference click here to complete the booking form. Note that the booking form contains further information on how to reserve your place for all or a combination of sessions. Registration closes on **30 August 2025**. Queries can be directed to Seli Nthite. Tel: +27 11 559 7523. E-mail: selim@uj.ac.za

2. Economics of Competition and Regulation PTP

Targeted at more experienced practitioners in competition and economic regulation fields, this PTP will cover advances in regulation of energy and telecoms markets in light of changing technologies such as renewable energy. Key cases and regulatory frameworks in digital markets on the continent and globally will be discussed and debated. Topical issues in competition economics, including in international mergers, cross-border challenges for small jurisdictions and implications for consumers, will be reviewed through assessments of key recent cases and inquiries in Southern Africa. Advances in the treatment of public interest provisions will further be debated. The course will be facilitated by Southern African and international leading experts and practitioners through a combination of lectures and practical hypothetical exercises

Package Options	Early Bird (by 30 June 2025)	Standard Fee
PTP only	USD700	USD750
PTP & Conference	USD900	USD1100
PTP & Conference (for competition authorities & students)	USD800	USD1000
Conference only	USD300	USD400