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Economics of Competition and Regulation: Professional Training Programme

29 September to 1 October 2025, Windhoek, Namibia

10th African Competition and Economic Regulation (ACER) Week

PRELIMINARY OUTLINE

Targeted at experienced practitioners in competition and economic regulation, this Professional Training Programme will cover key topics in competition economics along with advances in the regulation of energy and telecoms markets. Issues in competition economics will include treatment of international mergers, cross-border challenges for small jurisdictions and implications for consumers, with assessments of key recent cases and inquiries in Southern Africa. Important cases and developments in regulatory frameworks for digital platforms will also be discussed. Lectures will address the implications of changing technologies such as renewable energy for economic regulation to support sustainable industrialisation.

The course will be facilitated by leading international and Southern African experts and practitioners with hands-on experience in cases and inquiries at the most senior levels. The classes will be a combination of lectures and practical hypothetical exercises and include discussion of recent key cases and inquiries with an opportunity for participants to engage with facilitators on the theories of harm and analysis on which the matters have turned. The facilitators include Yasmin Carrim, Sha'ista Goga, David Kovo, Prof Massimo Motta and Prof Simon Roberts.

Programme*





29 September 2025	
0830 - 1045	Assessing mergers, especially international mergers with possible cross-border effects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market definition • Assessment of horizontal mergers, including assessing effects on potential competition and possible killer acquisitions • Assessment of non-horizontal mergers • Assessing possible competition effects in cross-border mergers • Southern African merger examples
Tea break	
1100 – 1230	Exercise 1: Challenges for small jurisdictions assessing regional mergers
Lunch	
1330 - 1400	Exercise 1 continued
1400 - 1630	Collusion and coordinated effects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of coordination and collusion • Consideration of coordinated effects in mergers • Hub and spoke cartels • Coordination and information exchange • Digitalisation and implications for coordination • Challenges for Namibia and similar small economies
30 September 2025	
0830 - 1045	Digital platforms and abuse of dominance: key principles and international cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing dominance and substantial market power • Theories of harm in digital platform cases, core theories and new developments • Review of recent major exclusionary platform cases • Discussion exercises
Tea break	
1100 - 1230	Digital platforms and abuse cont.
Lunch	
1330-1430	Digital platforms: cases and regulatory regimes in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploitative abuse cases • DMA: provisions and progress
Tea break	

1500 - 1630	Market inquiries in African countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing market inquiries: poor market outcomes and possible adverse effects on competition • Information gathering and analysis • Outcomes from inquiries • Links to government policies and regulations • Examples from comparative review of inquiries: sectors, issues and African experiences
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1 October 2025	
0830 - 1045	Economic regulation and changing technologies in telecoms and energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation objectives and regimes – core principles • Economic regulation in the context of changing technologies, introducing competition and opening markets to alternative business models • Developments in mobile telecoms, fibre and data markets • Renewable energy generation, transmission and demand • Balancing investment, transformation of systems, and competition concerns
Tea break	
1100-1230	Exercise 2: Options for regulation of energy for green industrialisation
Lunch	
1330-1400	Exercise 2 continued
1400-1600	Economic regulation and the green transition in energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green energy regulation for energy transformation and industrialisation • Structural changes and regulation • Energy for hard-to-abate industries: green hydrogen, steel and fertilizer
CLOSE OF DAY 3, HANDING OUT OF CERTIFICATES	

**The contents for the programme are subject to change.*

Speakers

	<p>Ms Yasmin Carrim currently serves as an acting judge in the Gauteng Division of the High Court (Johannesburg) and an adjunct professor at University of the Witwatersrand. She served as a full time Tribunal Member of the Competition Tribunal of South Africa for 17 years. She has previously also served as: a part-time member on the National Consumer Tribunal; a councillor on the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA); and as Group Executive of Regulatory Affairs at MTN SA. Ms Carrim has produced the Competition Tribunal Handbook of Case Law, which spans some 20 years of Tribunal jurisprudence and serves as a guide to practitioners, academics, and students. She has also co-edited a handbook on Telecommunications Regulation in South Africa. An attorney by profession, Yasmin was a director at the law firm Cheadle Thompson & Haysom and a founding trustee of the Women's Legal Centre.</p>
	<p>Ms Sha'ista Goga is a Director of Acacia Economics, a Research Fellow at the Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development (CCRED) at the University of Johannesburg, and a research associate at the Southern Centre for Inequality Studies at Wits University. She has recently been a member of the South African Competition Tribunal. Sha'ista has provided advice to regulators and stakeholders in the financial services, ICT, healthcare, and energy sectors, including in various sectoral inquiries in Southern and East Africa. She has provided expert economic advice on many competition cases in South Africa and other countries in the region. Sha'ista has an MPhil in Economics from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. She has published several academic papers in journals and edited volumes.</p>
	<p>David Kovo is Mergers coordinator at the Chief Economist Team of DG Competition at the European Commission. He is also a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges and a Visiting Lecturer at the Barcelona School of Economics. He has previously held Economist positions in the Economic Consulting team of Deloitte LLP in London and in the UK Office of Fair Trading (currently Competition and Markets Authority). His experience spans across all aspects of competition economics (mergers, anti-competitive agreements, abuses of dominance and state aid), as well as regulatory and public policy matters. He has a master degree in Economics from the London School of Economics.</p>
	<p>Massimo Motta is a Research Professor at ICREA-Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona Graduate School of Economics and was the chief competition economist of the European Commission. Prof. Motta's main areas of research are industrial organisation and competition policy, with publications in the leading international economic journals that are widely cited. His book on <i>Competition Policy: Theory and Practice</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2004) is the standard international reference on the economics of antitrust. His other book on <i>Exclusionary practices. The Economics of Monopolisation and Abuse of Dominance</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2018) with Chiara Fumagalli and Claudio Calcagno, contains original research, case discussions and policy implications, shedding new light on this controversial area of antitrust. He has extensive experience in advising competition agencies on cases and policy, including authorities of South Africa, Chile, Portugal and Italy.</p>



Simon Roberts is a professor at the University of Johannesburg and at SOAS University of London. He was the founding Executive Director of the Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development (CCRED), University of Johannesburg. Simon has been an economics director at the UK's Competition and Markets Authority and the Chief Economist and Manager of the Policy & Research Division at the Competition Commission South Africa. Prior to joining the Competition Commission, he was Associate Professor of Economics at the University of the Witwatersrand. Simon has consulted extensively on competition matters over the past 20 years and has been an expert witness in a number of major cases. He has published extensively on competition issues and economic development and has edited seven books in the field.