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Employment Policy, Technology, and South Africa's Future of Work

DSI/NRF South African Research Chair in Industrial Development (SARChI)

On 28 March 2025, the Southern Africa Towards Inclusive Economic Development (SA-TIED) programme, a flagship initiative of the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), in partnership with the DSI/NRF South African Research Chair in Industrial Development (SARChI-ID) in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Johannesburg. This co-hosted policy dialogue with Econ3x3 marked the official relaunch of the revamped Econ3x3 website.

The policy dialogue brought together policymakers, economic advisors, researchers, and industry experts to explore South Africa's employment and economic growth challenges in the context of fiscal constraints, technological change, and labour market transformation.

Discussions focused on:

- Balancing growth, employment, and fiscal constraints.
- The role of industrial policy, SMEs, and sectoral interventions.
- Technology, automation, and the future of work.

Speakers:

Gilad Isaacs – Executive Director, Institute for Economic Justice

Neva Makgetla – Senior Economist, Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies

Renosi Mokate – Executive Chairperson, Concentric Alliance

Fiona Tregenna – SARChI Chair in Industrial Development, University of Johannesburg

Mark Nasila – Chief Data and Analytics Officer, First National Bank (Risk)

Moderated by: Ferial Haffajee – Associate Editor, Daily Maverick

