

**EASE OF DOING BUSINESS PAYING TAXES SENSITISATION WORKSHOP PROGRAMME**  
**11 MARCH 2021**  
**13:30- 15:00**

**Dear Participants,**

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (InvestSA) would like to invite you to a sensitisation workshop on the Ease of Doing Business. The purpose of the workshop is to make respondents aware of the reforms that government has implemented and is planning to implement in order to make starting and operating a business in South Africa easier. This workshop also provides the private sector with the opportunity to give input in order to substantively shape the reform process. The sensitisation workshop will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 from 13:30 till 15:00.

**Background**

His Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa, in his 07 February 2019 SONA committed to improve the ease of doing business in South Africa, which includes improving South Africa's ranking in the annual World Bank's Ease of Doing Business report. South Africa currently ranks 84<sup>th</sup> out of 190 economies; the President has set a target for South Africa to be among the top 50 global performers within the next three years. **InvestSA**, a division of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic), is mandated by the Presidency to work in collaboration with various government Department/agencies and the private sector to address South Africa's investment climate and ease of doing business. The Ease of Doing Business Programme looks at streamlining bureaucratic processes and addressing issues related to inefficiencies in business regulation. The investment climate reform initiative uses the World Bank's Ease of Doing business measure to benchmark against other leading jurisdictions in the area of paying taxes, starting a business, trading across borders, dealing with construction permits and registering a property.

**Some of the Participants in the reform process includes:**

- **The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission**
- **National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications**
- **The Compensation Fund**
- **South African Revenue Service**
- **Deed Registry**
- **Department of Human Settlement**
- **Department of Employment and Labour**
- **City of Johannesburg, eThekweni and Cape Town**
- **South African Revenue Service**
- **South African Association of Freight Forwarders**
- **South African Institute of Chartered Accountants**
- **South African Institute of Professional Accountants**
- **South African Institute of Tax Practitioners**
- **PricewaterhouseCoopers**
- **Business Unity South Africa**
- **Transnet**
- **South African Council for Architectural Professionals**
- **Engineering Council of South Africa**
- **Plumbing Industry Registration Board**
- **Various Municipalities**

**Private Sector Sensitisation Workshop**  
**Paying Taxes Indicator**  
**Date: 11 March 2021**  
**Time: 13:30 – 15:00**

**MS Teams Link:**

[https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F%23%2F%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%3Ameeting\\_YzM5ZWVhOTUzYyNy00ZTI0LWJhOTktZDIkYjBiZGJiZjVi%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522id%2522%253a%252265bb5da6-80f4-46a8-a104-842c82f8acce%2522%252c%2522oid%2522%253a%25221b14d5bd-67ab-40ad-86b7-dca60ad41f45%2522%257d%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=b4fa9da1-4411-473b-a05b-d66df99915bc&directDI=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true](https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F%23%2F%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%3Ameeting_YzM5ZWVhOTUzYyNy00ZTI0LWJhOTktZDIkYjBiZGJiZjVi%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522id%2522%253a%252265bb5da6-80f4-46a8-a104-842c82f8acce%2522%252c%2522oid%2522%253a%25221b14d5bd-67ab-40ad-86b7-dca60ad41f45%2522%257d%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=b4fa9da1-4411-473b-a05b-d66df99915bc&directDI=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true)

***Paying Taxes Indicator***

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>13:30-13:45</b>	Overview- Paying Taxes Indicator	InvestSA - <i>Bharti Daya</i>
<b>13:45-14:40</b>	1. Presentation on Government reforms 2. South Africa: Paying Taxes Procedures and Statistics 3. How does this improve South Africa's rankings?	South African Revenue Service - <i>Rebone Gcabo</i> and World Bank Group - <i>Rakesh Beekun</i>
<b>14:40-14:55</b>	Discussion + Q&A	Paying Taxes Members
<b>14:55-15:00</b>	Way forward	InvestSA - <i>Bharti Daya</i>