

PROGRAMME

South Africa's Presidency of the UN Security Council: Perspectives, Challenges and Limitations

Date: 8 October 2019 15:30 for 16:00-19:00

Venue: University of the Witwatersrand, South West Engineering Building,
Humanities Graduate Room

The **Foreign Policy Forum**: Regional Powers in Global Politics accompanies South Africa's membership in the UN Security Council during 2019-2020. It consists of a series of six roundtables each dedicated to a particular theme. The overarching topic is the role of regional powers in global affairs which is characterised by a return of great power politics and erosion of multilateralism. Each roundtable consists of a select group of local and international experts. The Foreign Policy Forum is funded by the **Konrad Adenauer Stiftung** (KAS).

In this third roundtable we are discussing the upcoming presidency of South Africa in the UN Security Council. Which priorities is South Africa setting in the Council. How can African interests be championed in global politics? Will South Africa be able to avoid the great power rivalry?

16:00

Welcome:

Prof Malte Brosig (Wits IR Dep.)

Henning Suhr (Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung)

16:15

Roundtable participants:

Dr Sithembile Mbete (University of Pretoria)

Ms Aditi Lalbahadur (South African Institute for International Affairs)

Mr Zaheer Laher (Department of International Relations and Cooperation)

Dr Martin Schaefer (Amb. Germany) tbc

Dr Shiferaw Teklemariam Menbacho (Amb. Ethiopia) tbc

Moderator:

Dr Mopeli Moshoeshe (Wits IR Dep.)

Prof Malte Brosig (Wits IR Dep.)

17:45 Q&A

18:15-19:00 Reception