

How to fund interventions to reduce poverty?

10 June 2021 from 09h00 – 11h30

How do we fund key interventions toward reducing poverty and inequality with government debt already at almost 90% of GDP and a consistent budget deficit?

What are South Africa's fiscal constraints and can we afford to increase the national debt to pay for this. What are the funding options?

Programme

Programme Facilitator: Prof Johann Kirsten, Bureau for Economic Research (BER), Stellenbosch University (SU)

09h00 – 09h10	Welcome Prof Himla Soodyall, ASSAf Executive Officer
09h10 – 09h15	Background to the Webinar Series Prof Julian May, University of the Western Cape (UWC), Chair of the Standing Committee on the Science for the Reduction of Poverty and Inequality (SCSfRPI)
09h15 – 09h20	Remarks by Co-host Bureau for Economic Research (BER) and Introduction to the Webinar Prof Johann Kirsten, BER, Stellenbosch University (SU)
09h20 – 09h30	Opening remarks Judge Dennis Davis
09h30 – 10h20	Opening Statements based on Empirical Evidence by Panellists Dr Gilad Isaacs, Institute for Economic Justice, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) Prof Stan du Plessis, Stellenbosch University (SU) Prof Ingrid Woolard, Stellenbosch University (SU) Ms Mamokete Lijane, ABSA Capital Mr Edgar Sishi, National Treasury
10h20 – 11h25	Replies and Discussion Moderator: Judge Dennis Davis
11h25 – 11h30	Vote of Thanks and Closure Prof Himla Soodyall