



Prof Jonathan Jansen,

President, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)

cordially invites you to

the 4th Annual ASSAf Science-Business Leadership Forum

The Effects of War in Ukraine on Oil Price and SA Economy

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) annually hosts the ASSAf Science-Business Leadership Forum colloquium in which we bring together prominent scientists/scholars and leading experts from the business community to deliberate on a matter of shared significance. We recently held a forum in 2020 looking at what the SA Economy might look like post COVID-19. We now find ourselves in another battle in 2022, a military invasion on Ukraine launched by Russia on 24 February 2022 which has led to tightening sanctions on Russia. The invasion will most likely lead to higher oil prices, thus causing inflationary spikes globally. The theme for the 2022 forum will look at the implications of the ongoing war on South Africa's economy and commodity prices and the direct impact on prices of key goods such as fuel, grain etc.

- Date:** 5 May 2022
- Time:** 09:00 to 11:00 (SA Time)
- Platform:** ZOOM Webinar
- Registration:** Please [click here](#) to register (You will receive a joining link immediately after registration)
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About the Speakers



Mr Wandile Sihlobo is the Chief Economist of the Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa (Agbiz) and the author of "*Finding Common Ground: Land, Equity, and Agriculture.*" Mr Sihlobo is Senior Lecturer Extraordinary at the Department of Agricultural Economics at Stellenbosch University. He is also a Visiting Research Fellow at the Wits School of Governance, University of the Witwatersrand. He holds a BSc degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Fort Hare and a MSc degree in Agricultural Economics from Stellenbosch University. Mr Sihlobo was appointed as a member of President Cyril Ramaphosa's Presidential Economic Advisory Council in 2019 after serving on the Presidential Expert Advisory Panel on Land Reform and Agriculture between 2018 and 2019. He is also a member of the Council of Statistics of South Africa (Stats SA) and a Commissioner at the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC). Mr Sihlobo is a columnist for Business Day and Farmers Weekly magazine. @WandileSihlobo



Prof Nicola Viegi is a South African Reserve Bank Chair in Monetary Economics at the University of Pretoria. His areas of research include: economic policy theory, macroeconomic modeling and regional macroeconomic integration. His current research includes inflation targeting under uncertainty, monetary policy and assets prices, macroeconomic integration in Southern Africa. He has served at various universities like University of Strathclyde as Research Fellow, University of Strathclyde as Lecturer in Economics, University of Kwazulu-Natal as Senior Lecturer in Economics and University of Cape Town as Associate Professor in Economics. He has been Visiting Lecturer in ESC Toulouse, Lecturer in Business Economics (1999-2002), University of Malta, Lecturer in International Finance (1999-2002) and De Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam (2000-present).



Prof Heinrich Bohlmann holds a PhD in Economics from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia and an M. Com in Economics of Trade and Investment from the University of Pretoria (UP). He is currently employed as an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at UP where he specialises in economic policy research using dynamic computable general equilibrium (CGE) modelling methods. Prof Bohlmann has also been contracted as an economic modelling consultant on various research and training projects to clients such as the World Bank, UN Development Programme, South Africa's National Treasury, Gauteng Provincial Government, Eskom, Airports Company South Africa and the CSIR. His academic and contract work has mainly focused on macroeconomic planning, energy and environmental policy, and labour market topics.