

## **Jeremy Cronin to speak on Expropriation Bill at Rode-REIM Conference 2016**

A highlight on the calendar of the South African property industry, the annual conference jointly organised by renowned property economist Erwin Rode of Rode & Associates and *Real Estate Investor Magazine*, will take place in Johannesburg on 27 September and in Cape Town on 29 September.

This year's event, sponsored by Greystone Residential, will see audiences in both centres addressed by the South African Deputy Minister of Public Works, Jeremy Cronin (who will talk on the Government's Expropriation Bill) and Stephen Brookes of Balwin Properties (on the case for new property developments in South Africa).

Both centres will also hear panel discussions with experts in the field on the increase in offshore investments in the global village, as well as Erwin Rode's annual assessment on the prospects for property in the year ahead.

The economic outlook for the country will be covered by Nedbank Senior Economist Nicky Weimar in Johannesburg and by economic consultant to RMB, Prof Rudolf Gouws, at the Cape Town event.

The audience attending the Johannesburg event will also hear CEO of The Trust for Urban Housing Finance (TUHF), Paul Jackson, talk about the importance of investing in South African inner cities.

The Cape Town audience will be able to engage with financial and investment adviser Dries du Toit as he discusses "SA Property – is the democratic dividend over?" Gavin Lucas, CEO and co-founder of Stor-Age, will present the company's phenomenal rise from small start-up to what has today become a R1.5-billion property portfolio.

"We have been able to line up a cross-section of some of the country's most impressive names in the world of property, and from across vastly divergent fields," says conference organiser Erwin Rode. "In the economy in which we find ourselves today, there are so many challenges we face and yet still so many opportunities."

Co-organiser Neale Petersen, founder and editor-in-chief of *Real Estate Investor Magazine*, says: "This is exactly why we cover the full spectrum of property investment at this year's conference, ranging from the vital reurbanisation that so many South African downtowns need to engage with to meet demand as people return to traditional CBDs, to looking abroad for other investments and either spreading your risk or exploring new markets."

The Johannesburg conference will be held at the Protea Balalaika Hotel in Sandton, while the Spier Wine Estate, close to Stellenbosch, will host the Cape Town conference.

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