# #SATIED at #EDD19

# Focus: Inequality in South Africa

South Africa has one of the world's highest levels of inequality. At the same time, South Africa is one of the most redistributive middle-income countries in the world. Why then is South African inequality so persistent? What can be done to reduce inequality in South Africa?

# Find out more

#### Attend the Lab Debate

Critical challenges in reducing inequality – Learning from South Africa 13:00 – 14:15 Wednesday, 19 June 2019. D2

#### Panelists:

Catherine Macleod – Chief Director, Macroeconomic Policy, the National Treasury of South Africa Ingrid Woolard – Dean, Stellenbosch University, South Africa Rudi Dicks – Outcomes Facilitator: Employment and Inclusive Growth, the Department of Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation, South Africa

Moderator: Bernard Rey, Head of Cooperation, the EU Delegation to South Africa

## Visit us in the Global Village and take our Inequality Challenge

**Can you guess the distribution of South African income?** Find a partner. In this hands-on activity, you will build a 3-D model of South African inequality using M&Ms. See how close your guess comes, then model for us what you think the distribution **should be.** Come back tomorrow to see how close you came. See what others thought. Afterwards, you will better understand inequality in South Africa and inequality measures.

#### As a bonus, you can keep and share your M&Ms!

#### Take in the Unequal Scenes exhibit:

Aerial photographs of South African cityscapes from the award-winning photographer Johnny Miller offer us a visual understanding of inequality in South Africa. Explore more of the <u>Unequal Scenes</u> exhibit online.

# Dig into <u>the data</u>:

Compare South Africa's inequality with other countries with the online tool of the World Income Inequality Database (WIID). The WIID is the most comprehensive set of income inequality statistics available and can be downloaded for free.

### Find out what South Africa is doing to reduce inequality:

Use the online <u>Inequality Index</u> tool to see how South Africa ranks globally in its commitment to reducing inequality.

#### Read up:

Article – <u>SA-TIED researchers featured in the Economist</u>

Download working papers from *Turning the tide on inequality*:

SA-TIED Working Paper #31 – The Gender Pay Gap in South Africa

SA-TIED Working Paper #32 – <u>Race-based inequalities and demographic change</u>

SA-TIED Working Paper #33 – <u>Socio-economic class and poverty dynamics</u>

SA-TIED Working Paper #53 – <u>Measuring wealth inequality in South Africa</u>

SA-TIED Working Paper #54 - Using big data to research gender in the South African labour market

SA-TIED Working Paper #59 - Market power and labour earnings inequality in South Africa

## Check out Inequality in the Giants

The project from UNU-WIDER features a collection of research on South Africa.

Download the Synthesis Paper: Taking stock of South African income inequality

Read the Policy Brief – <u>Reducing inequalities in South Africa</u>

#### Watch #SATIED videos

What is SA-TIED?

What are we working on?

Why SA-TIED?

Turning the tide on inequality

Enterprise development for job creation and growth

Public revenue mobilization for growth and development

Macroeconomic modelling for policy formulation

Climate change and the energy transition as drivers of change

Regional growth for southern Africa's prosperity