



CIRET Bi-Annual Conference 2026

9–12 September 2026 |
Stellenbosch, South Africa
Jointly hosted by the BER & SARB





Exploring New Frontiers in Economic Monitoring and Forecasting

Conference Theme

Today's macroeconomic challenges:

- Post-pandemic debt
- Sluggish productivity
- AI disruption & innovation
- Inflation & demographic pressures



Economic Surveys, Indicators, and Policy Making: Navigating Uncertainty in a Constrained World

Special Topic

- Expectations under fiscal/monetary limits
- Measuring uncertainty
- Policy credibility via surveys
- New indicators and tech integration
- Global shocks & business cycles
- Case studies & international tools

Why Present Your Research at CIRET 2026



Engage with leading global experts



Get feedback from peers shaping international policy



Contribute to advancing survey and indicator methodology



Strengthen your visibility within the CIRET community

About your hosts

- Bureau for Economic Research (**BER**)
 - Business surveys since 1954
 - Consumer confidence surveys since 1974
 - Inflation expectations since 2000
- The South African Reserve Bank (**SARB**)
 - Produce business cycle indicators and determine (growth cycle) turning points
- Benefited greatly from CIRET over the years



Why Stellenbosch?



World-class university town in the Cape Winelands



Combination of rigorous academic environment + inspiring setting



Opportunity to network in a relaxed, walkable setting



Unique chance — first time hosted in SA since 1993

What to Expect

Academic Program (9–11 Sept):



Keynote address



In-person parallel paper sessions



Practitioner-focused special session



IKA Award closing

Social Program (12 Sept):

- Excursion & wine farm lunch
- Networking opportunities



Rethinking Economic Survey Practice: Data Quality, Trust, and Innovation in Turbulent Times

- Reviving Engagement & Reliability
- Innovative Survey Techniques
- Statistical Inclusion & Informal Economies



**Special session
in partnership
with the OECD**

Getting to Stellenbosch

- Stellenbosch = **50 km from Cape Town / 25 km from the airport**
- **Flights**
 - Non-stop international flights from all continents
 - ~9 hrs South America
 - ~11 hrs Europe & Asia
 - ~19 hrs North America
 - Hub options: Istanbul, Dubai, Addis Ababa, Johannesburg
- Uber/pre-booked transfer from the airport





Safe & Accessible Town

- Stellenbosch is a **compact, walkable university town**
- Safe to walk between venues and accommodation in the central areas
- No rental car required

Exploring Beyond the Conference

- Plenty of companions' activities during sessions
 - Local excursions: wine farms, Franschhoek, golf courses
 - Cape Town visits: Uber recommended
- Garden Route & Eastern Cape: rental car required (drive on the left)
- Kruger Park / Drakensberg Mountains: 2 hr flight



Practical Travel Info

- **Visas:** Not needed for most visitors
- **Health:** No vaccines/malaria meds needed (unless far north of Kruger)
- **Currency:** South African Rand (ZAR)
- Cards accepted everywhere, ATMs widely available
- **Costs:**
 - International flights = main expense
 - Accommodation & car hire = moderate
 - Restaurants & services = excellent value



Farewell Lunch & Excursion

- Saturday, 12 September 2026
 - Visit to **Babylonstoren** historic farm gardens
 - Farewell lunch at the **Spice Route** wine farm
 - Tasting choices: wine, beer, or chocolate
- A relaxed close in Stellenbosch's iconic countryside
- Venues and program details are subject to change



Submit Your Paper - Join the Conversation



We invite you to submit your research, engage in dialogue, and help shape the future of economic analysis.



We look forward to welcoming you to Stellenbosch



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