



Entrepreneurship and  
Cooperative Development  
Institute

## JOIN THE COMMUNITY | IMPROVE THE PRACTICE

The Services SETA ECDi has three Communities of Practice (CoP). Two-hour Online Engagements are hosted every quarter covering current and relevant topics. Speaker, as thought-leaders, share different perspectives to inform dialogue, polls are conducted to solicit participant experiences, and solutions are debated that seek to influence policy and practice. Each CoP has its own LinkedIn Group. Invitations, programmes, summaries and news are shared in the LinkedIn Groups enabling continued and ongoing dialogue. Members also post newsworthy and interesting content. If your **WORK** and **PASSION** is aligned to any of these Communities of Practice – join this learning space, contribute to the learning of others, shape your own thinking and knowledge, and help to effect change, **ONE IDEA AT A TIME**.

### Entrepreneur Network Organisers (ENO) Community of Practice (CoP)

**WHO?** Entities that organise/convene networks of entrepreneurs operating in the South African Entrepreneurial Ecosystem. These organisers convene regular engagements, onsite or online, bringing entrepreneurs together to connect, exchange, learn, generate ideas and explore opportunities for improving and growing their business.

**WHY?** By strengthening the sustainability and impact of ENOs through this Community of Practice, ENOs will strengthen their support to entrepreneurs, and entrepreneurs will thrive and grow our economy.

Click [HERE](#) to join the ENO CoP LinkedIn Group

### Research Monitoring & Evaluation (RM&E) Community of Practice (CoP)

**WHO?** Research and M&E practitioners that generate data and information on entrepreneurship and the small business sector, and policy makers operating in the South African Entrepreneurial Ecosystem. Academics at Public and Private Universities supervising student research, Research Institutions, Funding Agencies, Private and Independent Researchers, Policy Makers, and Monitoring and Evaluation Practitioners that collect and report data.

**WHY?** Promoting meaningful research, and access to data and information that strengthens and informs policy and decision making at all levels.

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### Business Advisory Services (BAS) Community of Practice (CoP)

**WHO?** Entities that manage a cohort/network of business advisors, professional bodies, business associations and policy makers operating in the South African Entrepreneurial Ecosystem. Business Development Services Providers, business incubators and lenders most often have their own network of business advisors. Professional Bodies with business advisory, consulting and coaching professional designations have a large membership of practitioners that support small business clients, often organised into provincial structures. These intermediaries represent the interests of and can influence their network of suppliers.

**WHY?** Promote professional development, quality service delivery and demand for services that research shows has a significant impact on supporting and growing sustainable small business development.

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### What is a Community of Practice?

A Community of Practice is “a group of people who share a concern, a set of problems, or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise by interacting on an ongoing basis.”. [Source](#)

### What is the purpose of a Community of Practice?

A Community of Practice is a common learning space for expert practitioners and policy makers to connect, share and engage about models, practices and experiences. Engagements generate knowledge, foster innovation and improve policy and services.

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