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This book explores the disconnect between fiscal policy and macroeconomic development in South Africa. It analyses the factors that have contributed to the lack of economic growth in the country over recent decades and outlines an improved fiscal policy framework that increases investment and employment. Particular attention is given to the impact of government debt and its relationship with GDP, the connection between budget deficits and interest rates, and how economic policy uncertainty affects employment dynamics and inflation. This book provides practical fiscal policy suggestions to increase economic growth in South Africa and Africa more generally. It will be relevant to researchers and policymakers interested in African economics and economic policy. Eliphas Ndou is a Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of South Africa. He has worked as an economist at the South African Reserve Bank and has authored books on international finance, fiscal policy, monetary, labour, macro and microeconomics, banking regulation, and macro-prudential policy. Nombulelo Gumata is an Economist. She worked at the South African Reserve Bank and has authored several books on international finance and macroeconomics, macro-prudential and regulatory tools and financial stability, labour markets, and monetary, and fiscal policy.

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