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Welcome

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning and welcome to the 2024 African Finance and Economics Association Conference! It is with great pleasure and honor that we convene to delve into crucial discussions shaping the financial and economic landscape of our beloved continent. This gathering serves as a testament to our collective commitment towards advancing prosperity, sustainability, and inclusivity across Africa. As we embark on these deliberations, let us remain steadfast in our dedication to fostering innovation, driving impactful policies, and nurturing collaborations that will propel our economies to new heights.

Throughout this conference, we have the unique opportunity to exchange insights, share best practices, and explore innovative solutions to the challenges and opportunities facing our financial and economic ecosystems. Together, we can harness the power of knowledge, expertise, and partnership to forge a path towards a brighter, more prosperous future for all Africans.

We extend sincere gratitude to our distinguished speakers, esteemed guests, and dedicated participants for your presence and contributions to this important dialogue. Let us seize this moment to inspire, learn, and collaborate, as we strive towards building a more resilient, inclusive, and prosperous Africa.

Thank you, and may our discussions over the coming days ignite new ideas and pathways for sustainable growth and development across our continent. Welcome to the African Finance and Economics Association Conference!

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Conference at a Glance

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Tuesday, July 16th

ON-SITE REGISTRATION July 16 @ 08: 00 AM – 09: 00 AM

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[1311]	Regional Financial Integration and Development	Seminar Room 1
[111]	Agricultural Practices, Production and Food Security	Seminar Room 2
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[711]	Capital Flows and Economic Sustainability	Seminar Room 8
[211]	Industrialization and Environmental Sustainability	Main Auditorium

LUNCH July 16 @ 02: 00 PM – 03: 30 PM

DAY ONE BREAKOUT SESSION TWO July 16 @ 03: 30 PM – 05: 30 PM

[1312]	Regional Integration and Welfare Dynamics	Seminar Room 1
[113]	Agriculture, Value Addition, and Economic Empowerment	Seminar Room 2
	Financial Development's Moderating Effects on Growth	
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[312]	Responses	Seminar Room 7
[1212]	Financial Inclusion and Economic Development	Main Auditorium

ON-SITE REGISTRATION July 17 @ 08: 30 AM – 09: 00 AM

DAY TWO BREAKOUT SESSION THREE

July 17 @ 11: 30 AM– 1: 30 PM

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[521]	Market Efficiency and Investment Decisions	Seminar Room 2
[1021]	Renewable Energy Policies and Economic Implications	Seminar Room 3
[421]	Energy Infrastructure and Technology Adoption	Seminar Room 4
	Digital Transformation, Technology Adoption, and Economic	
[1421]	Development	Seminar Room 5
[621]	Gender Perspectives in Economic Development	Seminar Room 6
[721]	Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Policies	Seminar Room 7
[221]	Climate-Smart Agriculture and Agricultural Innovation	Seminar Room 8
		Main
[1221]	Education, Employment, and Social Welfare	Auditorium

LUNCH

July 16 @ 01: 30 PM – 03: 30 PM

DAY TWO BREAKOUT SESSION FOUR

July 16 @ 03: 30 PM – 05: 30 PM

[522]	Sustainable Finance and Development Goals	Seminar Room 1
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[822]	Governance, Institutions, and Economic Development	Seminar Room 3
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[222]	Environment Policy and Economic Development	Seminar Room 6
[322]	COVID-19, Economic Dynamics, & Entrepreneurial Response	Seminar Room 7
[1222]	Economic Development and Poverty Alleviation	Main Auditorium

BREAKOUT SESSION FIVE

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PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 16TH JULY 2024

8.00 am – 9:00 am Arrival and Registration of Participants

9:00 am – 11.30 pm: Opening of Conference and Plenary Session

Moderator: Benard Avle – General Manager, Citi

- ❖ Welcome Address (9:00 am- 9:20 am) – Gbadebo Odularu
(*President AFEA*)
- ❖ Introduction of Chairperson (9:20 am-9:25 am) -Prof. Mavis Dako-Gyeke
(*Dean SSS, UG*)
- ❖ Chairperson's Opening Remarks (9:25 am-9:40 am) - Prof. Nana Aba Appiah-Amfo
(*Vice Chancellor, UG*)
- ❖ Introduction of Keynote Speaker (9:40 am- 9:45 am) - Prof. William Baah-Boateng
(*Head, Dept of Economics, UG*)
- ❖ Keynote Address (9:45 am- 10:35 am) - Emeritus Prof. Ernest Aryeetey
- ❖ Music Interlude (10:35 am-10:45 am) - Ghana Dance Ensemble
- ❖ Discussants Comments/Q&A (10:45 am- 11:15 am) - Prof. Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong
(*Economics Program Director, ABE/SES, USNSF*)
- ❖ Chairperson's Closing Remarks (11:15 am-11:30 am) - Prof. Nana Aba Appiah-Amfo
(*Vice Chancellor, UG*)
- ❖ Vote of Thanks/Announcements - Dr. Gloria Afful-Mensah

11.30 am – 12:00 noon: Cocoa Break

Day One Breakout Session(s) : 12:00 noon – 5:30 pm

- ❖ Breakout Session I –
(12:00noon- 2:00 pm)

Seminar Room 1

[1311] Regional Financial Integration and Development

Chair: Socrates Majune, University of Nairobi

Papers: *Regional Financial Integration and Its Impact on Financial Development: Long-Run Evidence from Economic Community of West African States.*

Issa Segda*, Université Norbert Zongo; Mahamadou Diarra, Université Norbert Zongo
Securing ECOWAS's Energy Future with Regional Trade Agreement

Adeyinka Olure-Bank*, National Open University of Nigeria; Emmanuel Ajudua, National Open University of Nigeria; Abubakar Bakare-Aremu, National Open University of Nigeria; Vivian Odishika, Samuel Olumuyiwa Olusanya, National Open University of Nigeria; Salako Gbadebo; Emmanuel Alayande University of Education

Assessing The Currency Market Integration in The SADC Region Amid Global Economic Crises

Richard Mulenga*, ZCAS University; Moses Mayondi, Ministry of Finance & National Planning, Zambia; Odongo Nicholas, African Centre for Technology Studies

Discussants: Camara Kwasi, University of Cape Coast

Adamu Hassan, Sokoto State University

Rodrigue Dossou-Cadja, University of Rome & Paris School of Economics

Seminar Room 2

[111] Agricultural Practices, Production and Food Security

Chair: Alhassan Karakara, University of Cape Coast

Papers: *Adoption Of Fertilizer and Phytosanitary Treatments in Burkina Faso: Determinants and Impact on Household Food Security*

Hamsatou Amadou Boubacar*, Université Félix Houphouët Boigny; Ngaladjo Bamba Lambert, Enseignant Chercheur Cires; Pam Zhonogo, Enseignant Chercheur Universite Thomas Sankara

Analysis of the Profitability of The Potato Sector Among Growers in The Niayes Zone: The Case of Cayar, Diogo, And Fass Boye.

Eva Josiane Onadja*, Association des unions maraîchères des Niayes

Examining The Nexus Between Herbicide Usage, Weed Resistance, Weed Appearance, Herbicide Usage Knowledge, and Weed Species Extinction in Sustainable Herbicide Practices in Cashew Farming

Kwaku Adu*, University of Environment and Sustainable Development; Prince Pobee, Cocoa

Research Institute; Kwame B. Bour, University of Environment and Sustainable Development

Discussants: William Asiedu, National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies

Amos Mungala, University of Lusaka

Beatrice Mbinya, University of Nairobi

Seminar Room 3

[511] Financial Inclusion and Economic Development

Chair: Monica Puoma Lambon-Quayefio, University of Ghana

Papers: *The Influence of Digital Financial Services on The Financial Inclusion by Commercial Banks in Cameroon*

Ngwengeh Beloke*, University of Buea; Alhassan Abdul-Wakeel Karakara, University of Cape Coast; Evans S. Osabuohien, Covenant University

Financial Inclusion Determinants Among Youth Entrepreneurs in Tanzania

Nsubili Isaga*, Mzumbe University

Harnessing Tax Revenue Mobilisation Through Demographic Dividends in Sub-Saharan Africa

Abdulfatai Adedeji*, Centre for the Study of Economies of Africa Nigeria; Wasiu Adekunle, The Nigerian Economic Summit Group.

Discussants: Ndirangu Ngunjiri

John Oladapo, Precious Cornerstone University

Adolf Dzampe, Hiroshima University

Seminar Room 4

[1011] Natural Resources Management and Economic Development

Chair: Daniel Kwabena Twerefou, University of Ghana

Papers: *Do Structural Constraints Influence Rent-Sharing? An Overview of Gold-Producing Countries in Africa.*

Kalo Achille Sanou*, Université Clermont Auvergne.

Impact Of Forestry and Fuel Wood Production on Economic Growth in Kenya

Nneji Umeokeke, University of Ibadan; Oyebisi Olajide & Sulaiman Adesina Yusuf, University of Ibadan.

Commercial Real Estate, Land Use and Its Interactions with Economic Development

Chen-Wei Tseng*, Financial and Fiscal Commission, South Africa

Enhancing Sustainable Economic Growth in Tanzania Through Efficient Management of Natural Resources

Steward

Lulamye*, The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy

Discussants: Romeo Parfait Ngaha, University of Yaounde II

Macmillian Handema, University of Lusaka

Abiola Akande. Precious Cornerstone University

Afolabi Balogun, Nigerian Army University

Seminar Room 5

[611] Gender Inequality and Economic Participation

Chair: Evelyn Nyadwera, Pennsylvania State University

Papers: *Gender Inequality and Women's Empowerment in Sub-Saharan Africa: How Social Norms Affect Labor Supply?*

Laurent-Fabrice Ambassa*, University of Douala; Bidiassé Honoré University of Douala

Gender-based Income Inequality and its Determinant in Informal Sectors in case of Addis Ababa

Etsehiwot Semreab*, Federal Technical and Vocational Training Institute, Ethiopia; Arega Shumatei

Does Oil Affect Female Labour Force Participation? Evidence From Oil Endowed Economy, Nigeria

Omowumi Idowu*, Ekiti State University

Discussants: Oluwasola Omoju, National Institute of Legislative and Democratic Studies

Oluwaseun Oyebamiji, Ege University

Micheal Adu Okyere, Clean Air Task Force

Seminar Room 6

[1111] Economic Development and Policy Dynamics in Africa

Chair: Owusu Adu Sarkodie, University of Ghana

Papers: *Mapping Potentially Risky Import Products in Africa*

Socrates Majune*, University of Nairobi; Patricia Naluwooza, Bank of Uganda; Abdiaziz

Abdikadir Ahmed, University of Cape Town

The Effect of Manufacturing, Service, And Agriculture Sectors on The Economic Growth of The East African Community

Ronnie Migwi*, University of Nairobi; Maryan Hajir; Ryan Mule; Ayan Muktar; Hamisi

Suleiman, University of Nairobi

Circular Economy Practices for Sustainable Economic Growth in West Africa

Bukola Odediran*, ATBU

Discussants: Winfred Ayertey, Electricity Company of Ghana Limited

Ikechukwu Asogwa, Micheal Okpara University of Agriculture

Gerald Zihembire Ahabwe, Makerere University

Seminar Room 7

[811] Governance, Corruption, and Policy Implications

Chair: Gbadebo Odularu, Howard University

Papers: *Digital Public Governance and Corruption: Analysis of a Bidirectional (Two-Way) Relationship in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Kogueda Afia Franky Brice*, Economics and Management Research Group [GREG], University

of Douala; Etagard Engama Manga, University of Saint Jerome

Governance And Corruption Reduction: Imperative for Attainment of Sustainable Economic Development in Nigeria's Fourth Republic: Trajectory, Dynamic and Way Forwards

Akinwande Opayinka*, Obafemi Awolowo University

Water For All; All for Water: Assessment of the Effectiveness of Water Governance: A Case Study Of Kenya

Kent Alwaka Mukoya* & Mbutu Mwaura, Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company

Discussants: Maryam Tijjani Abba, Federal Polytechnic Bauchi

Aishat Umar, Federal University Lokoja

Md Shahadath Hossain, University of Houston

Seminar Room 8

[711] Capital Flows and Economic Sustainability

Chair: Wassiuw Abdul Rahaman, University of Ghana

Papers: *Illicit Capital Flight and Economic Sustainability in Developing Countries*

Wendja Simo Estelle Sarai*, University of Yaounde II; Mignamissi Dieudonne & Avom Desir,

University of Yaounde II

From Spending to Building: Optimizing Diaspora Remittances for Strategic Investment in Sub-Saharan Africa's Economic Development

Takudzwa Mutize*, University of the Free State

Impact Of Macroeconomic Indicators and Regime Change on Debt Stress in Zambia

Joseph Phiri*, University of Lusaka; Veronica C. Choolwe & Peter Kondwani Phiri, University of Lusaka

Discussants: Chisomo Haswell, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Mohammed Shuaibu, University of Abuja
M. Samson C Aklobo, ESG UQAM

Main Auditorium

[211] Industrialization and Environmental Sustainability

Chair: Jean-Claude Maswana, Ritsumeikan University

Papers: *Climate Risks Pricing in the Capital Markets of South Africa*

Eric Ayamga*, Texas Tech University; Eugenia Amporfu, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology; Daniel Sakyi, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology

Trade And Investment Policies for Climate-Resilient Economies in Africa: A Path to Sustainable Growth

Kamal Tasiu Abdullahi*, Istanbul University; Muhammad Abdulaziz Muhammad, Bayero University Kano

Policy Considerations and Recommendations for a Climate - Environment Friendly Waste-to-Energy Recovery Generation (ReGen) Technology in Nigeria

Opeyemi Amusan*, University of Ibadan

Discussants: Luke Adebisi, Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute

Evelyn Nyadwera, Pennsylvania State University

Kisito Jean de Dieu Ouedraogo, Nobert Zongo University

❖ **Lunch** (2:00 pm- 3:30 pm)

❖ Breakout Session II –
(3:30 pm- 5:30 pm)

Seminar Room 1

[1312] Regional Integration and Welfare Dynamics

Chair: Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong, NSF

Papers: *Spillover Effects of Burden Defense on Social Welfare from ECOWAS Region*

Oueraogo Tiraogo Rodrigue*, Université Thomas Sankara

Investigating The Determinants of Regional Value Chains (Rvcs) in African Countries: A Gravity Model Analysis

Lukman Oyelami*, University of Lagos

Tunisia's African (re)Integration

Youssef Cherif*, Columbia University/Leiden University

Business Cycle Synchronization Between WAEMU Member and Non-Member States: Shock Transmission Channels

Gnoudentiho Silue*, Université Jean Lorougnon Guédé

Discussants: Joseph Phiri, University of Lusaka,

Cedric Deguenonvo, Université de Pau at des Pays de L'Adour

Mark Kunawotor, University of Professional Studies

Doki Naomi, Benue State University

Seminar Room 2

[113] Agriculture, Value Addition, and Economic Empowerment

Chair: Nsubili Isaga, Mzumbe University

Papers: *Value-Addition Practices of Smallholder Vanilla Farmers in Kyakabadiima and Kyaterekera Sub-Counties, Kagadi District, Uganda*

Kusiima Jackson* & Kabbiri Ronald, Mountains of the Moon University

Challenges Faced by Smallholder Vanilla Farmers in Adding Value to Their Vanilla Pods in Kyakabadiima and Kyaterekera Sub-Counties, Kagadi District, Uganda

Kusiima Jackson* & Kabbiri Ronald, Mountains of the Moon University

Farmers' Social-Economic Characteristics Influencing Value-Addition to Vanilla Pods Among Smallholder Farmers in Kyakabadiima and Kyaterekeru Sub-Counties, Kagadi District, Uganda

Kusiima Jackson* & Kabbiri Ronald, Mountains of the Moon University

Is Green Finance helping Bolster Agricultural Value Chains in Sub-Saharan Africa?

Isaac Doku* & Charles Somuah Frimpong, University of Education, Winneba

Discussants: Abdullahi Abdi Yudduf, University of Nairobi

Washington Onyango, University of Nairobi

Kalo Achille Sanou, Université Clermont Auvergne

Udi Joshua, Federal University Lokoja

Seminar Room 3

[512] Financial Development's Moderating Effects on Growth Dynamics

Chair: Eric Osei-Assibey, University of Ghana

Papers: *The Moderating Effect of Financial Development, Legal Systems, And Property Rights on Growth In SSA: Evidence from Methods of Moment Quantile Regression*

Mubarik Salifu*, University of Cape Coast; James Atta Peprah & William Godfred Cantah

Food Insecurity During The COVID-19 Pandemic in Burkina Faso

Pouirketa Rita Nikiema* & F. Antoine Dedewanou, Carleton University

Financial Development, Tourism, and Shadow Economy in Sub-Saharan Africa

Solomon Afful*, University of Cape Coast; Isaac Bentum-Ennin & Eric Amoo Bondzie,

University of Cape Coast

Discussants: Adekunle Balogun, University of Ibadan

Kevin Wanjala, Cooperative University of Kenya

Emmanuel Umoru Haruna, Kobe University

Seminar Room 4

[522] Corporate Financial Performance & Debt Management

Chair: Stephen Emmanuel Armah, Ashesi University

Papers: *Debts And Firm Performance of Listed Cement Companies in Nigeria*

John Oladapo*, Precious Cornerstone University, Ibadan; Sunday Omojola, Bowen University; Kolawole Fijabi & Deborah Ebunoluwa Adio, Precious Cornerstone University

Household Finance, Debt and Child Work in Ghana: Evidence from the Financial Diaries

Samuel Amponsah*, Institute for International Strategy, Tokyo International University

Climate Derivatives and Risk Transfer Mechanisms in Investment Decision-Making in Developing Economies

Ndirangu Ngunjiri*

Discussants: Assefa A Berhanu, Bahir Dar University

Zuhail Elnour, Humboldt University of Berlin

Mungalula Ashiraf, Mekerere University

Seminar Room 5

[1412] Financial Development's Moderating Effects on Growth Dynamics

Chair: Lauren Johnston, University of Sydney

Papers: *Artificial Intelligence and Labour Market Transformation: A Comparative Study of AI Adoption in African Economies*

Brigid Gesami*, World Bank Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience (ACECoR), University of Cape Coast

Can ICT-Enabled Knowledge Acquisition Bridge the Gap in Enhancing the Adoption of Climate-Smart Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa?

Chisomo Haswell* & Robertson Khataza, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources

A Better Tomorrow: Inclusion Of Artificial Intelligence in The University Education System. A Case Study of Unilus And UNICAF

Veronica Mtonga*, University of Lusaka

Discussants: Aguiema Aime Bernanrd Lompo, CERDI

Emmanuel Ayangemi, University of Abuja

Faruq Quadri, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research

Seminar Room 6

[712] Economic Complexity and Diversification & Implications

Chair: Michael Adu Okyere, Clean Air Task Force

Papers: *The Role of Natural Resource Abundance in Explaining the Effects of FDI on Manufacturing in Africa: Is there a Crowding-Out Effect?*

Kirsi Zongo*, University of Thomas Sankara; Souleymane Diarr, West African Economic and Monetary Union; Sampawendé Jules Tapsoba, International Monetary Fund

A Comparative Analysis of Economic Diversification and Complexity in African Countries Versus Other Global South Regions: Assessing the Significance of Export Diversification and Economic Complexity

Christian Nsiah*, Baldwin Wallace University; Bichaka Fayissa, Middle Tennessee State University; Herman Sahni, Baldwin Wallace University

Non-Linear Effects of Export Diversification on Income Inequality in Selected African Countries: Does Human Capital Development Matter?

Camara Kwasi Obeng* & Michael Tutu Boadu, University of Cape Coast

Discussants: Toyin Olowogbon, Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Empowerment

Godfred Anakpo, Nelson Mandela University

Ahmed Hassan Ahmad, Loughborough University

Seminar Room 7

[312] COVID-19 Pandemic and Socioeconomic Impacts & Policy Responses

Chair: Bernadin Senadza, University of Ghana

Papers: *Navigating the Path to AfCFTA Success: Overcoming COVID-19 Impacts and Addressing Persistent Barriers to Inter-African Trade*

Adedeji Ademola*, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

The COVID-19 Pandemic, Food Safety Net Programmes and Household Food Security in Oyo State, Nigeria

Chuks Idiaye* & Precious O. Afolabi, University of the Free State, South Africa

Impact Of Covid 19 Partial Lockdown Policy on Domestic Water Consumption. Evidence From Ghana

Victor Abugah*, Energy Commission; Goto Daisaku, Hiroshima University

Behavior Change Communication Strategies for Use of Water and Sanitation Facilities in Post COVID- 19

Atuhaire Privah*, Makerere University

Discussants: Mwila Bowa, Kwame Nkrumah University

Eunice Stella Nyarko, University of Environment and Sustainable Development

Clement Oteng, University of Cape Coast

Judith Chepkorir, Mount Kenya University

Main Auditorium

[1212] Financial Inclusion and Economic Development

Chair: Joseph Phiri, University of Lusaka

Papers: *The Relative Impacts of The Accessibility and Usage Dimensions of Financial Inclusion on International Trade in Africa: A Panel Model Analysis*

Adesola Ibronke* & Bosede Kudaisi, Adekunle Ajasin University

Digital Trade in Services and Inequality in Africa

Beatrice Mbinya* Keffa Simiyu, University of Nairobi

Exploring the Energy Trilemma Index - Human Development Nexus in Africa: Using Panel ARDL Model

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Micheal Adu Okyere, Clean Air Task Force
Rifkatu Nghargbu, Nasarawa State University

**Plenary Session and Dinner (6:30- 8:00pm)
More Women in Research**

- ❖ **Chair** Prof. Evelyn Nyadwera
(*Pennsylvania State University*)
- ❖ **Speakers** Prof. Georgina Oduro
(*University of Cape Coast*)
Dr. Priscilla Twumasi Baffour
(*University of Ghana*)
Prof. Sarah Ssali
(*Makerere University*)

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WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY 2024

8.30 am – 9:00am : Arrival and Registration of Participants

9:00 am – 10.35 am: Plenary Session II

Moderator: Benard Avle – General Manager, Citi

- ❖ **Welcome Address** (9:00 am- 9:10 am) - Prof. Evelyn Nyadwera
(*Former Board Chair-AFEA*)
- ❖ **Introduction of Chairperson** (9:10 am-9:15 am) -Dr. Yetunde O.M Oladokun
(*Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria*)
- ❖ **Chairperson's Opening Remarks** (9:15 am-9:30 am) - Dr. Tony Oteng-Gyasi
(*The Executive Chair, Tropical Cable and Conductor Ltd,*
Former President, AGI)
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker (9:30 am - 9:35 am) - Dr. Alhassan Karakara
(*University of Cape Coast*)
- ❖ **Keynote Address** (9:35 am - 10:25 am) - Mrs. Elsie Addo Awadzi
(*Second Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana*)
- ❖ **Discussant Comments/Q&A** - Dr. Alfred Barimah

- (10:25 am - 10:55 am) (Dept of Economics, UG)
❖ Award Presentation - Prof. Mavis Dako-Gyeke
(10:55 am- 11:10 am) (University of Ghana)
❖ Closing

11.10 am – 11:30 am: Cocoa Break

Day Two Breakout Session(s) 11:30am – 5:30pm

- ❖ Breakout Session III –
(11:30am- 1:30pm)

Seminar Room 1

[521] Banking and Market Stability

Chair: Mohammed Shuaibu, University of Abuja

Papers: *Do Shocks in Money Market Indicators Affect Financial Stability of the Banking Sector in Nigeria?*

Adamu Hassan*, Sokoto State University Sokoto

Independence and Central Banking Models: Africa and the Global Overview

Rodrigue Dossou-Cadja*, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy) & Paris School of Economics (PSE, France)

Bayesian estimation of a multi sector dynamic stochastic general equilibrium model

William Asiedu*, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan; Prof. Roberto Leon-Gonzalez, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan

Discussants: Oluwaremilekun Adebisi, Covenant University

Issa Segda, Norbert Zongo University

Adeyinka Olure- Bank, National University of Nigeria

Seminar Room 2

[521] Market Efficiency and Investment Decisions

Chair: Abel Fumey, University of Ghana

Papers: *An investigation of the validity of the weak-form efficient market hypothesis on stock market performance: Evidence from Lusaka Securities Exchange.*

Amos Mungalu*, University of Lusaka

Social Interactions, and Firm Financing in Africa

Beatrice Mbinya*, University of Nairobi; Kefa Simiyu, University of Johannesburg; John Nyawa, Mount Kenya University

Does crowdlending matters? Exploring the Crowdlending Awareness among entrepreneurs in Tanzania

Nsubili Isaga*, Mzumbe University

Discussants: Richard Mulenga, ZCAS University

Oueraogo Tiraogo Rodrique, Thomas Sankara University

Lukman Oyelami, University of lagos

Seminar Room 3

[1021] Renewable Energy Policies and Economic Implications

Chair: Chuks Idiaye, University of Ibadan

Papers: *Energy Access, Renewable Energy Consumption and Environmental Sustainability in SSA Countries*

Afolabi Balogun*, Nigerian Army University Biu; Auwal Yahaya, Bauchi State University Gadau

Being Green and Prudent? Economic Implications of Production Subsidy for Renewable Energy in Nigeria

Oluwasola Omoju*, National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies; Lulit Mitik Beyene, World Bank; Emily Ikhide, National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies; Stephen K. Dimnwobi, Nnamdi Azikiwe University; Augustina O. Ehimare, University of Nigeria

Renewable Energy Adoption and Its Impact on Economic Resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa

Oluwaseun Oyebamiji*, Ege University; Muhammad Abdulaziz Muhammad, Bayero University Kano; Kamal Tasiu Abdullahi, Istanbul University; Garba Ibrahim, Kano State College of Education and Preliminary Studies

Computation Of Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) in the Power Sector For African Countries and the Implications for Country-Specific Energy Technology Cost

Michael Adu Okyere*, Clean Air Task Force; Prudence Dato, Michael Dioha & Brian Mukhaya, Clean Air Task Force; Hélyoth Hessou, University of Sherbrooke; Boris Houenou, Goldbricks Capital and Founder at HDS Strategies

Discussants: Youssef Cherif, Columbia University & Leiden University

Gnoudentiho Silue, Jean Lorougnou Guede University

Hamsatou Amadou Boubacar, Felix Houphouet Boigny University

Seminar Room 4

[421] Energy Infrastructure and Technology Adoption

Chair: Louis Boakye-Yiadom, University of Ghana

Papers: *The Impact of Increase in Block Pricing on Electricity Demand Responsiveness: Evidence from Ghana*

Winfred Ayertey*, Electricity Company of Ghana Limited; Ayyoob Sharifi, Hiroshima University

Energy Transition Influence on the Energy Balance Value Chain Flows from The Primary Energy Supply to the Final Energy Consumption Block in Sub-Saharan Africa

Ikechukwu Asogwa*, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture; Madueme Stella Ifeoma, University of Nigeria

Dynamics of Prepaid Metering Technology Uptake in Water Utility Services in Uganda

Gerald Zihembire Ahabwe*, D. W. Batega & C. B. Niwagaba, Makerere University

Discussants: Pouirketa Rita Nikiema, Norbert Zongo University

Eva Josiane Onadja, Association des Unions Maraîchères des Niayes (AUMN)

Kusiima Jackson, Mountains of the Moon University

Seminar Room 5

[1421] Digital Transformation, Technology Adoption and Economic Development

Chair: Kwaku Adu, University of Environment and Sustainable Development

Papers: *Accelerating Digitalization and Technological Innovation as Keys to Boosting Economic Growth in Africa*

Ndirangu Ngunjiri*, University of Nairobi

Can ICT-Enabled Knowledge Acquisition Bridge the Gap in Enhancing the Adoption of Climate-Smart Agriculture in Malawi?

Chisomo Haswell* & Robertson Khataza, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Can Digital Infrastructure Improve Trade Performance? Further Evidence from Africa

Mohammed Shuaibu*, University of Abuja; Mamello Nchake, Stellenbosch University

Discussants: Isaac Doku, University of Education

Ngwengeh Beloke, University of Buea

Abdulfatai Adededeju, Centre for the study of Economies of Africa (CSEA)

Seminar Room 6

[621] Gender Perspectives in Economic Development

Chair: Ruth Nsibirano, Makerere University

Papers: *Gendered Agglomeration and Innovation Dynamics*

M. Samson C. Aklobo*, ESG UQAM; Bernadin Geraud Comlan Ahodode, Université d'Abomey-Calavi

Does Digital Financial Inclusion Enhance Women Empowerment? Evidence from Rural Households in Nigeria

Luke Adebisi*, Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute (ARMTI) Ilorin, Kwara State; Adebisi Oluwaremilekun, Covenant University

Gendered Macroeconomic Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa: Physical Infrastructure Development and Women Welfare

Evelyn Nyadwera*, Pennsylvania State University

Discussants: Mubarik Salifu, University of Cape Coast

Solomon Afful, University of Cape Coast

Kalo Achile Sanou, Université Clermont Auvergne

Seminar Room 7

[721] Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Policies

Chair: Ahmad Hassa Ahmad, Loughborough University

Papers: *The Impact of Insecurity on Foreign Direct Investment Inflow into the Emerging Oil-Driven Economy - Nigeria*

Udi Joshua*, Federal University Lokoja; Esther Ufedo Gabriel, Federal University Lokoja
Impact Of Debt, Tax and Lending on FDI in Zambia

Joseph Phiri*, University of Lusaka; Puruweti Siyakiya, National University of Lesotho; John Musantu, University of Zambia; Aubrey Sakala, Copperbelt University; Chanda Michael Chiseni, Gothenburg University

Financial Development, Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Growth in Senegal

Adeleke Balogun*, University of Ibadan; Oladapo Fapetu, Federal University Oye-Ekiti;

Pelumi Abdulmalik Adewumi, Federal University Oye-Ekiti

Discussants: Nneji Umeokeke, University of Ibadan

Chen-Wei Tseng, Financial and Fiscal Commission

Steward Lulamye, The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy

Seminar Room 8

[221] Climate-Smart Agriculture and Agricultural Innovation

Chair: Mark Kunawotor, University of Professional Studies

Papers: *Smallholder Farmers' Preferences for Climate-Smart Agricultural Innovations in Three Agro-Ecologies of Ethiopia*

Assefa A. Berhanu*, Bahir Dar University; Zewudy Berhanie Ayele & Dessalegn Chanie Dagnew, Bahir Dar University

Climate Change Impacts Across Agroecological Zones on Agriculture in Kenya: An Economy-Wide Analysis

Zuhail Elnour*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Harald Grethe, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Mumina Guyo, Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization Kenya; Alphonse Orango, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics; Peter Mwangi, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Miriam W. Oiro Omolo, The African Policy Research Institute Kenya; Jan Volkholz, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

Climate Change as A Global Crisis: Unveiling Uganda's Strategic Response Through the Lens of Global Politics- Insights from the Karamoja Sub-Region, Northern Uganda

Mugalula Ashiraf*, Makerere University

Discussants: Brigid Gesami, World Bank Africa Centre for Excellence in Coastal Resilience & University of Cape Coast

Chisomo Haswell, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Veronica Mtonga, University of Lusaka

Main Auditorium

[1221] Education, Employment, and Social Welfare

Chair: Richard Ayisi, University of Ghana

Papers: *Modelling Poverty in Sub-Sahara Africa Using Economic, Psychological, Political And Sociological Indicators*

Eunice Stella Nyarko*, University of Environment and Sustainable Development, Somanya
Idiosyncratic Covariates of Unemployment Duration in Ghana: The Joint Effect of Migration and Education

Clement Oteng*, University of Cape Coast
Adequacy of Higher Education Loans Board Allocation on Cost of Participation in Universities Among Undergraduate Students with Disabilities in Kenya

Judith Chepkorir*, Mount Kenya University; Bunyasi Beatrice, Kenyatta University;
Murugami Margaret Wangui

Discussants: Laurent- Fabrice Ambassa, University of Douala
Etsehiwok Semreab, Federal Technical and Vocational Training Institute
Omowumi Idowu, Ekiti State University

- ❖ **Conference Luncheon (1:30pm- 3:30pm)**
- ❖ Introduction of Guest Speaker (1:45 pm – 1:50 pm) - Prof. Edward Nketiah-Amponsah
(Dept of Economics, UG)
- ❖ Guest Speaker Address (1:50 pm – 2:35 pm) - Prof. Yaw Nyarko
(Dept of Economics, NYU)
- ❖ Breakout Session IV (3:30pm- 5:30pm) –

Seminar Room 1

[522] Sustainable Finance and Development Goals

Chair: Emmanuel Codjoe, University of Ghana

Papers: *The Role of Islamic Finance in Promoting/Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in African Economies*

Roméo Parfait Ngaha*, S University of Yaounde II

Determinants of Pension Fund Asset Allocation Decisions in Emerging Economies: The Fund Manager's Perspective

Macmillan Handema*, University of Lusaka

The Economic Impact of Increased VAT on the Nigerian Economy

Joseph Phiri*, University of Lusaka; Veronica C Choolwe & Peter Kondwani Phiri, University of Lusaka

Discussants: Socrates Majune, University of Nairobi

Ronnie Migwi, University of Nairobi

Bukola Odediran, SPEESSECE ATBU

Seminar Room 2

[922] Healthcare Management and Policy Interventions

Chair: Pouirketa Rita Nikiema, Université Norbert Zongo

Papers: *Physician Behavior: Experimental Evidence from Physician and Patient Perspectives*

Adolf Dzampe*, Hiroshima University; Daisaku Goto | Hiroshima University

Mediating Role of Knowledge Sharing Between Transformational Leadership and Innovative Service Delivery Among Nurses in The Federal Medical Centers of North East Nigeria

Maryam Tijjani Abba*, Federal Polytechnic Bauchi

Comparative analysis of government health spending and economic growth in Nigeria and Ghana

Aisha Umar* & Mathew Ekundayo Rotimi, Federal University Lokoja

The Lasting Effects of Early Childhood Interventions: The National Vaccination Commando Program in Burkina Faso

Md Shahadath Hossain*, University of Houston; Richard Daramola, State College of Florida;

Harounan Kazianga, Oklahoma State University; Karim Nchare, Vanderbilt University

Discussants: Kogueda Afia Franky Brice, University of Douala

Akinwande Opayinka, Obafemi Awolowo University

Kent Alwaka Mukoya, Nairobi City and Sewerage Company

Kirsi Zongo, University of Thomas Sankara

Seminar Room 3

[822] Governance, Institutions, and Economic Development

Chair: Gloria Afful-Mensah, University of Ghana

Papers: *Effects of Institutional Quality on Intra-Regional Export Diversification in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Kisito Jean de Dieu Ouedraogo*, Norbert Zongo University; Windkouni Haoua Eugenie Maiga, Norbert Zongo University; Idrissa Mohamed Ouedraogo, Aube Nouvelle University

The Role of Institutional Quality in the Debt-Growth Nexus in Sub-Saharan Africa: Essay With Two Dynamic Panel Approaches

Cedric Deguenonvo* & Jamal Bouoiyour, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour
Government Size, Institutional Quality and Economic Welfare in Africa

Mark Kunawotor, University of Professional Studies, Accra
Institutional Quality, Foreign Capital Flows and Industrial Output in West African

Doki Naomi*, Benue State University; Abubakar Sule, Kogi State University; Raymond Liambée Aor, Benue State University

Discussants: Muhammad Abdulaziz Muhammad, Bayero University Kano

Takudzwa Mutize, University of Free State

Eric Ayamga, Texas Tech University

Kamal Tasiu Abdullahi*, Istanbul University

Seminar Room 4

[722] Trade Dynamics and Economic Growth

Chair: Mamello Amelia Nchake, Stellenbosch University

Papers: *The Effect of Traditional and Modern Services Exports on Economic Growth in Kenya*

Abdullahi Abdi Yussuf*, University of Nairobi; Ilhan Abdullahi Mursal, Saleh Yahye Khalif, Nur Ramla Ahmed & Mohamednoor Kusow, University of Nairobi

Chinese Import Dominance and Structural Transformation in Africa

Washington Onyango*, National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies; Lulit Mitik Beyene, World Bank; University of Nairobi

Tourism Growth and Financial Development in Sub-Saharan Africa; A Multidimensional Analysis

Solomon Afful*, University of Cape Coast; Isaac Bentum-Ennin & Eric Amoo Bonzie, University of Cape Coast

Discussants: Wendja Simo Estelle Sarai, University of Yaounde II

Dr. Opeyemi Amusan, University of Ibadan

Adedeji Ademola, Obafemi Awolowo University

Seminar Room 5

[722] Global Value Chains and Industrialization

Chair: Isaac Doku, University of Education

Papers: *The Dynamic Influence of Economic Complexity, Export Quality and Consumption Patterns on the Ecological Footprint in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Kevin Wanjala*, Cooperative University of Kenya

Does Financial Inclusion Impact Rural Economy for Sustainable Development: Evidence from Kwara State, Nigeria

Oluwaremilekun Adebisi*, Covenant University; Adebisi Luke Oloruntoba, Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute; Olowogbon Samuel Toyin, Covenant University

Global Value Chain Participation and Sustainable Industrialization in Africa? Evidence From a Cross-Country Analysis

Emmanuel Umoru Haruna*, Kobe University; Nneka Esther Osadolor, University of Benin; Joseph Junior Aduba, Ritsumeikan University

Discussants: Chuks Idiaye, University of Ibadan

Victor Abugah, Energy Commission

Atuhaire Privah, Makerere University

Seminar Room 6

[222] Environment Policy and Economic Development

Chair: Camara Kwasi Obeng, University of Cape Coast

Papers: *Efficiency in the Public Sector and the Allocation of Climate Finance: Are Donors Reward Public Sector Efficiency? Evidence From Developing Countries*

Aguima Aime Bernard Lompo*, Cerdi/ Universite Clermont Auvergne

Environmental Degradation and Inclusive Growth in Africa

Emmanuel Ayangbemi*, University of Abuja

Assessing The Role of Trade on the Nexus Between Environmental Quality and Energy Use: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa

Faruq Quadri*, Nigerian Institute of social and Economic Research

Discussants: Adesola Ibironke, Adekunle Ajasin University

Beatrice Mbinya, University of Nairobi

Smart Edward Amanfo, Seiha English Academy

Seminar Room 7

[322] COVID-19, Economic Dynamics, & Entrepreneurial Response

Chair: Opeyemi Amusan, University of Ibadan

Papers: *Social Policy Response in the Post-Pandemic Era: Evidence to Advance Inclusive and Equitable Agricultural Transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Toyin Olowogbon*, Federal University Oye-Ekiti

Entrepreneurial Competencies and COVID-19 Crisis Management of Small Medium and Micro Enterprises in South Africa: Evidence from Enterprise Survey Data

Godfred Anakpo*, Nelson Mandela University; Syden Mishi, Nelson Mandela University

The Impact of The Covid-19 Pandemic on Household Well-Being and The Role of Mobile Money in African Economies: Panel Evidence from Ghana

Ahmad Hassan Ahmad*, Loughborough University

The Impact of Covid-19 On Inflation, Interest Rates and Exchange Rates in Zambia

Mwila Bowa*, Kwame Nkrumah University; Sharper Sikota, Mufalali Simasiku Mwiya &

Majory Chikumbe, Kwame Nkrumah University

Discussants: Adeyinka Olure- Bank, National University of Nigeria

Oueraogo Tiraogo Rodrigue, Thomas Sankara University

Lukman Oyelami, University of Lagos

Youssef Cherif, Columbia University & Leiden University

Main Auditorium

[1222] Economic Development and Poverty Alleviation

Chair: Alfred Barimah, University of Ghana

Papers: *The Employment Status of Young Heads of Households and the Level of Poverty Within Their Households in Benin*

Sessinou Dedehouanou*, Laboratoire d'Economie Publique (LEP), UCAD

"Digital Health and Inequality/ inequity in Health Care Access in Health facilities, Home and Workplace in Africa

Rifkatu Nghargbu*, Nasarawa State University; Gbadebo Odularu, Bay Atlantic University

Implications Of Averting Expenditures to Mitigate Unstable Electricity Supply for Energy Poverty in Developing Countries: Evidence from Benin

Michael Adu Okyere*, Clean Air Task Force; Prudence Dato, Clean Air Task Force; Sylvain

Hekponhoue, University of Abomey-Calavi; Laté Lawson, Education Sub Saharan Africa;

Brian Mukhaya, Clean Air Task Force

Discussants: Gnoudentiho Silue, Jean Lorougrou Guede University

Eria Serwajja, Makerere University

Ruth Nsibirano, Makerere University

THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2024

8.30 am – 9:00am : Arrival and Registration of Participants

Day Three Plenary Session III and Breakout Session 9:00am – 1:30pm

Moderator: Benard Avle – General Manager, Citi

- ❖ Welcome Address (9:00 am- 9:10 am) - Prof. Edward Nketiah-Amponsah
(*Univeristy of Ghana*)
- ❖ Introduction of Chairperson (9:10 am-9:15 am) -Dr. Ruth Nsibirano
(*Makerere University*)
- ❖ Chairperson’s Opening Remarks (9:15 am-9:30 am) - Dr. Humphery Ayim-Darke
(*President of AGI and The Founder, Redmoon Resources Limited*)
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker (9:30 am - 9:35 am) - Dr. Rebecca Yaa Ayifah
(*University of Ghana*)
- ❖ Keynote Address (9:35 am - 10:25 am) - Prof. Augustin Fosu
(*University of Ghana*)
“Economic Development: Whither Africa?”
- ❖ Discussant Comments/Q&A (10:25 am - 10:55 am) - Prof. Abena Oduro
(*Dept of Economics, UG*)
- ❖ Closing

- ❖ Breakout Session V –

Main Auditorium

[631] Journal of African Development Session

Chair: Abena Oduro

Papers: *Victims of Their Bodies: Capitalism and Exploitation of Women’s Labour on Floricultural Farms in Uganda*

Eria Serwajja*, Makerere University; Priscilla Mwondha, Makerere University; Charles Omulo, Nkumba University

Effects of COVID-19 Lock Down on Small and Micro Entrepreneurs in Kampala: Gender, Experiences and Coping Strategies

Ruth Nsibirano*, Makerere University; Consolata Kabonesa, Makerere University

Norms, Institutions and Female Employment in Africa

Yetunde O.M Oladokun*, Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria; Olubunmi O. Alawode, University of Ibadan;

Discussants: Olowogbon Samuel Toyin, Covenant University

Isaac Bentum-Ennin, University of Cape Coast

Evans S. Osabuohien, Covenant University

- ❖ **Coffee Break (11:00am- 11:30am)**
- ❖ **Undergraduate Economics Challenge Competition**

Host – Dr. Socrates Majune
(*AFEAA, President-Elect*)

(11:30am- 1:30pm)

❖ Lunch

(1:30pm- 3:00pm)

3:00pm- 4:30pm: Closing of International Conference

Moderator: Benard Avle – General Manager, Citi

- ❖ Welcome Address (3:00pm- 3:15pm) - Prof. William Baah-Boateng
(*Head, Dept of Economics, UG*)
- ❖ Opening Remarks (3:15pm- 3:30pm) - Prof. Samuel Amponsah
(*Chair of Conference Organizing Committee*)
- ❖ Closing Remarks (3:30pm- 3:45pm) - Prof. Jean-Claude Maswana
(*Board Chair- AFEA*)
(3:45 pm-4:00pm) -Dr. Tony Oteng-Gyasi
(*The Executive Chair, TCCL, Former President, AGI*)

- (4:00pm- 4:15pm) - Prof. Dan Ofori
(*Provost- College of Humanities*)
- ❖ Formal Closing of Conference (4:15pm- 4:30pm) - Gbadebo Odularu
(*President- AFEA*)
- ❖ Pass the torch to University of Nairobi – Prof. Christian Nsiah & Prof Ebo Turkson
- ❖ (4:30pm- 4:40pm) (*Secretary/Treasurer, AFEA*)/ (*Conference Programme ChairP*)
- ❖ Vote of thanks (4:40pm- 4:45pm) - Dr. Gloria Afful-Mensah
(*Conference Organizing Committee Member*)

Break Out Sessions

- ✓ 2 hour sessions
- ✓ 3 Presentations of 35 minutes each **(105 Minutes in all)**
- ✓ Each 35 minute Presentation will have the following time allocation
 - 15 minutes for presentation
 - 10 minutes for discussant
 - 10 minutes for Q&A and Response
- ✓ A **10 minute** coffee break session
- ✓ **5 minutes** at the end of the session for Chairperson's remarks