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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
Tuesday, July 16th

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

DAY ONE BREAKOUT SESSION ONE
July 16 @ 12:00 PM – 02:00 PM

[1311] Regional Financial Integration and Development
Seminar Room 1

[111] Agricultural Practices, Production and Food Security
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Main Auditorium

LUNCH
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DAY ONE BREAKOUT SESSION TWO
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[1312] Regional Integration and Welfare Dynamics
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Financial Development's Moderating Effects on Growth
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[1212] Financial Inclusion and Economic Development
Main Auditorium

ON-SITE REGISTRATION
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July 17 @ 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

- Banking and Market Stability Seminar Room 1
- Market Efficiency and Investment Decisions Seminar Room 2
- Renewable Energy Policies and Economic Implications Seminar Room 3
- Energy Infrastructure and Technology Adoption Seminar Room 4
- Digital Transformation, Technology Adoption, and Economic Development Seminar Room 5
- Gender Perspectives in Economic Development Seminar Room 6
- Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Policies Seminar Room 7
- Climate-Smart Agriculture and Agricultural Innovation Seminar Room 8
- 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

- Sustainable Finance and Development Goals Seminar Room 1
- Healthcare Management and Policy Interventions Seminar Room 2
- Governance, Institutions, and Economic Development Seminar Room 3
- Trade Dynamics and Economic Growth Seminar Room 4
- Global Value Chains and Industrialization Seminar Room 5
- Environment Policy and Economic Development Seminar Room 6
- COVID-19, Economic Dynamics, & Entrepreneurial Response Seminar Room 7
- Economic Development and Poverty Alleviation Main Auditorium

BREAKOUT SESSION FIVE

- Journal of African Development Session Main Auditorium
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

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
Ngwendge 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

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

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-Fabrîce Ambassa*, University of Douala; Bidiasse 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

Omovumi Idowo*, 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; Etgard 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 Tirago 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
Kusima Jackson* & Kabibiri 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

Challenges Faced by Smallholder Vanilla Farmers in Adding Value to Their Vanilla Pods in Kyakabadiima and Kyaterekera Sub-Counties, Kagadi District, Uganda
Seminar Room 3

[512] Financial Development’s Moderating Effects on Growth Dynamics
Chair: Eric Osei-Assibey, University of Ghana
Papers:
  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 Egunoluwa 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
- Zuhal Elnour, Humboldt University of Berlin
- Mungalala Ashiraf, Mekerere University

Seminar Room 5

[1412] Artificial Intelligence and ICT Implications
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:
- Aguima Aime Bernard Lombo, 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 Olowogbogbon, 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 Iddiaye* & 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
Adesola Ibironke* & Bosede Kudaisi, Adekunle Ajasin University
Digital Trade in Services and Inequality in Africa
Beatrice Mbinya* Keffa Simiu, University of Nairobi
Exploring the Energy Trilemma Index - Human Development Nexus in Africa: Using Panel ARDL Model
Smart Edward Amanfo*, Seiba English Academy; Kwaku Adu & Anthony Amoah, University of Environment and Sustainable Development
Discussants: Sessinou Dedehouanou, Laboratoire d’ Economie Publique, LEP
Michaël Adu Okyere, Clean Air Task Force
Rifkatu Nghargbu, Nasarawa State University

Plenary Session and Dinner (6:30- 8:00pm)
More Women in Research
**WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY 2024**

8.30 am – 9:00am : Arrivals 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** (10:25 am - 10:55 am) - Dr. Alfred Barimah (Dept of Economics, UG)
- **Award Presentation** (10:55 am- 11:10 am) - Prof. Mavis Dako-Gyeke (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:**
  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 matter? 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
Gnoundentinho 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 Zihembre 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)
Evans S. Osabuohien, Covenant 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
- *Farmers' Social-Economic Characteristics Influencing Value-Addition to Vanilla Pods Among Smallholder Farmers in Kyakabadiima and Kyaterekera Sub-Counties, Kagadi District, Uganda*
  - Kusiima Jackson* & Kabbiri Ronald, Mountains of the Moon University
- *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 Adedeju, Centre for the study of Economics 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*
- *Gendered Macroeconomic Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa: Physical Infrastructure Development and Women Welfare*
  - Evelyn Nyadwera*, Pennsylvania State University

**Discussants:** Mubarak 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
Adekunle Balogun*, University of Ibadan; Oladapo Fapetu, Federal University Oye-Ekiti; Pelumi Abdulmalik Adewumi, Federal University Oye-Ekiti

What is China’s Pioneering zone for in-depth China-Africa economic and trade cooperation - and how should Africa respond?
Lauren Johnston

Discussants:
Nneji Umeokeke, University of Ibadan
Chen-Wei Tseng, Financial and Fiscal Commission
Steward Lulamye, The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy
Mathew Ekundayo Rotimi, Federal University Lokoja

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

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
Kalo Achille Sanou, Université Clermont Auvergne
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
Etschewok Semreab, Federal Technical and Vocational Training Institute
Omwowumi Idowu, Elkiti State University

- Conference Luncheon (1:30pm- 3:30pm)
- Introduction of Guest Speaker - Prof. Edward Nketiah-Amponsah
  (1:45 pm – 1:50 pm)
- Guest Speaker Address - Prof. Yaw Nyarko
  (1:50 pm – 2:35 pm)
- 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
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

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; Windkoumi 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 Kunawototor, 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 Liambee 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; Olowogbogun 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**
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
Chris Alden, London School of Economics
Smart Edward Amanfo, Seiha English Academy

Seminar Room 7

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 Olowogbbon*, 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
  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

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; Gbadeho 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 Lorougnou Guede University
Eria Serwajja, Makerere University
Ruth Nsibirano, Makerere University
Yetunde O. M. Oladokun, Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria
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
    (University 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

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
Kusiima Jackson, Mountains of the Moon University

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

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

Lunch (1:30pm- 3:00pm)
3:00pm- 4:30pm: Closing of International Conference

**Moderator:** Benard Avle – General Manager, Citi

- **Welcome Address**
  - Prof. William Baah-Boateng
  - (Head, Dept of Economics, UG)
  - (3:00pm- 3:15pm)

- **Opening Remarks**
  - Prof. Samuel Amponsah
  - (3:15pm- 3:30pm)

- **Closing Remarks**
  - Prof. Jean-Claude Maswana
  - (Chair of Conference Organizing Committee)
  - (3:30pm- 3:45pm)

- **Dr. Tony Oteng-Gyasi**
  - (Board Chair - AFEA)
  - (3:45 pm-4:00pm)

- **Formal Closing of Conference**
  - Prof. Dan Ofori
  - (Provost- College of Humanities)
  - (4:00pm- 4:15pm)

- **Pass the torch to University of Nairobi – Prof. Christian Nsiah & Prof Ebo Turkson**
  - (President - AFEA)
  - (4:15pm- 4:30pm)

- **Vote of thanks**
  - Dr. Gloria Afful-Mensah
  - (Conference Organizing Committee Member)
  - (4:30pm- 4:40pm)

- **ChairP**

**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