AERC 55th Plenary Session on

“Poverty, growth, redistribution, and social inclusion in times of Covid-19 pandemic in Africa”

Monday, November 29, 2021 - 1500Hrs (GMT+3)

Chair of Session                Professor Yaw Nyarko, New York University

Opening Session:  15:00- 16:55

Welcoming and Opening Remarks: 15:05-15:15

Professor Njuguna Ndung’u, Executive Director, AERC

Prof Benno Ndulu Memorial Lecture: 15:15-15:50

“Africa’s Latent Assets” Professor James Robinson - University of Chicago

Five Minutes Health Break

First Presentation: 15:55–16:10

‘The labor market impact of COVID-19 lockdowns: Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa’ Dr Simone Schotte, UNWIDER, Research Fellow

Floor Discussion (10 minutes)

Second Presentation: 16:10–16:25

“Poverty, Growth, Redistribution, and Social Inclusion in Times of COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa” Professor Germano Mwabu, University of Nairobi, Kenya
Floor Discussion (10 minutes)

Third Presentation: 16:35-16:50  “COVID-19, poverty and the role of social protection systems in Africa”, **Dr Kibrom Abay**, Country Program Leader and Research Fellow, IFPRI


Floor Discussion (10 minutes)

Health break (five minutes)

High Level Policy Panel 17:20 – 18:35

Chair and Lead Panellist: - **Dr. Jane Kiringai**, Chair, Commission on Revenue Allocation, Kenya

Distinguished Panelists: - **Dr Abdul Kamara**, Deputy Director General, AfDB
- **Jane Mariara**, Professor and Executive Director of PEP
- **Margaret Chitiga**, Dean and Professor, University of Pretoria
- **Dr Clara Mira**, Deputy Division Chief, Africa Region, IMF

Floor Discussion (10 minutes)

Wrap-Up 18:45 – 18:50  Abebe Shimeles, Director of Research, AERC