AERC 56th Plenary Session on

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

Monday, May 30, 2022 - 1500Hrs (GMT+3)

Chair of Session
Professor Finn Tarp,
University of Copenhagen

Opening Session: 15:00-15:45

Welcoming and Opening Remarks
15.05-15.15
Professor Njuguna Ndung’u,
Executive Director, AERC

Presentation of AERC New Website
Senvy Maistry
Chief Communications Officer, AERC

Keynote Address
15:15-15.45
Professor Leonard Wantchekon
Princeton University

Paper Presentations

First Presentation: 15:45–16:05
“Poverty reduction through growth, redistribution and social inclusion in times of COVID-19 pandemic in Africa: the underlying mechanisms”

Professor Germano Mwabu,
University of Nairobi, Kenya

Discussant:
Carlos Gradín,
Research Fellow, UNUWIDER

Second Presentation: 16:15-16:35
“Revisiting poverty trends and the role of social protection systems in Africa during the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Dr Kibrom Abay,
Country Program Leader, and Research Fellow, IFPRI

Discussant:
Prof Björn Nilsson,
University of Paris XI
Health Break: 5 Minutes

16:50-17:10
Dr. Simone Schotte, Research Associate, UNUWIDER
Discussant: Professor Anthony Wambugu, University of Nairobi
17:10- 17:20

Fourth Presentation: “What can Africa learn from a better understanding of the interaction among growth, inequality and poverty in its fight against the Covid-19 pandemic?”
17:20-17:40
Erik Thorbecke, H.E. Babcock Professor of Economics Emeritus, Cornell University
Discussant: Dr. Christian Ebeke, Senior Economist, IMF
17:40- 17:50

Floor Discussion: 10 minutes
Health Break: 5 minutes

Policy Reflections

Policy Reflections: Moderator: Dr. Jane Kiringai
18.05-19.05 Chairperson, Commission for Revenue Allocation, Kenya

Honorable Mthuli Ncube, Minister of Finance, Zimbabwe (TBC)

Honorable Gov. Dr. Denny Kalyanya, Governor Bank of Zambia

Honorable Gov. Dr. Wilson T. Banda, Governor Reserve Bank of Malawi

Dr. Rose W. Ngugi,
Executive Director, Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis

Wrap-Up

19.05 – 19.10
Abebe Shimeles, Director of Research, AERC