AERC 56\textsuperscript{th} 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

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<td>Professor Njuguna Ndung’u,</td>
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Presentation of AERC New Website
Senvy Maistry
Chief Communications Officer, AERC

Keynote Address
Professor Leonard Wantchekon
Princeton University

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<td>“Poverty reduction through growth, redistribution and social inclusion in times of COVID-19 pandemic in Africa: the underlying mechanisms”</td>
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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,
Third Presentation: 16:50-17:10
“The labor market impact of COVID-19 lockdowns: Evidence from Ghana”
Dr. Simone Schotte, Research Associate, UNUWIDER
Discussant: 17:10-17:20
Professor Anthony Wambugu, University of Nairobi

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

Floor Discussion: 10 minutes
Health Break: 5 minutes

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

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

Honorable Gov. Dr. Denny Kalyalya,
 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
Abebe Shimeles, Director of Research, AERC