

AFRICAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (AERC) SENIOR POLICY SEMINAR XXV

Theme:

Human Capital Development in Africa (HCD) 29–30 March 2023

Draft Programme

Tuesday, 28 March 2023

16:00–18:30:00

Hrs Registration

Wednesday, 29 March 2023

08:00 –10:30

Official Opening Session

Session chair:

H. E. Dr. Kerfalla Yansane, Ambassador of Guinea to the USA & Former Minister for Mining & Geology

Welcome remarks:

Prof. Théophile Azomahou, Ag. Executive Director, AERC

Official Opening & Keynote:

Hon. Eliud Owalo, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information Communications & Digital Economy

10:30 –11.00

Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 –12:30 Session 1:

A Lifecycle, Economy-Wide Framework for Human Capital in Africa

Session chair:

Hon. Bangasi J. Bakosoo, Minister for Public Service & Human Resource Development, South Sudan

Presenters:

Prof. Lant Pritchett, Harvard University, USA

Discussant:

Dr. Adam Mugume, Executive Director, Bank of Uganda

Floor Discussion

12:30 –14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 –15:30 Session 2:

Human Capital Investments and Economic Growth in Africa

Session chair:

H. E. Dr. Kheswar Jankee, Ambassador, Embassy of Mauritius in Russia

Presenter:

Prof. Jere R. Behrman, Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Discussant:

Dr. Sherillyn Raga, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), UK

Floor Discussion

15:30 –17:00 Session 3:

Human Capital Accumulation in Africa: Drivers, Consequences, and Way forward

Session chair:

Hon. Kobygda Larba Issa, Ministere de l'Economie, des Finances et du Developpement, Burkina Faso

Presenter:

Prof. Germano Mwabu, Department of Economics, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Discussant:

Prof. Olu Ajakaiye, African Centre for Shared Development Capacity Building, Nigeria

Floor Discussion

17:00 –17:30

Tea/Coffee Break

19:00 – 21:00

Cocktail Reception

8:30 –10:00 Session 4: **Education in Africa: Career Progressions, Gaps in Learning Outcomes and Responding to the Learning Crisis**
Session chair: **Dr. Wilson T. Banda**, Governor, Reserve Bank of Malawi Presenters: Prof. **Adrienne Lucas & Dr. Gerald Ipapa**, Lerner College of Business & Economics, University of Delaware, USA
Discussant: **Dr. Elizabeth Nanziri**, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

10:00 –10:30 **Tea/Coffee Break**

10:30 –12:30 Session 6: **Policy Roundtable**
Session chair: **Her Royal Highness (HRH), Queen Nozizwe Mulela**, Kingdom of Eswatini
Panellists: **Dr. Rose Ngugi**, Executive Director, Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis, (KIPPRA)
Dr. Martha Muhwezi, Executive Director, FAWE
Ms. Barbra Barungi, Managing Partner, Imara Africa
H. E. Dr. Kheswar Jankee, Ambassador, Embassy of Mauritius in Russia
Hon. Issa-Toure Salahaddine, Speaker of the National Assembly, Togo
Prof. Ahoure Alban Alphonse E. Directeur, Centre for Economic and Social Research (CAPEC)

12:30 – 12:45 Session 7: **Conference Resolutions (Communiqué)**
Session chair: **H. E. Dr. Kerfalla Yansane**, Ambassador of Guinea to the USA & Former Minister for Mining & Geology

12:45 – 12:55 Vote of Thanks

13:00 –14:00 Lunch Break

18:00 – 20:00 Dinner

