



Dissemination Webinar “The Impact of the War in Ukraine: Food Security and Compounding Development Challenges”

September 19, 2023

11: 00 am – 15:30 pm (Cairo Time)

On Zoom

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Context

Russia-Ukraine war, RUW, have resulted in tragic loss of lives, growing human miseries and massive destruction of the Ukraine's infrastructure. While peace outlook remains highly uncertain, serious economic consequences continue to unfold in a world economy already battered by COVID-19 and climate change, with more severe impacts on developing countries, (GCRG, 2022).

In 2019, Russia was the world's third-largest producer of energy; and also contributed to one-fifth of the global fertilizers' exports. In 2021, Russia and Ukraine accounted for, respectively 20% and 10% of global wheat exports. Around 35% of the world's population relies on wheat as the primary staple in their diet; and fifty countries, mainly food-deficient ones in Africa and Asia, depend on the two countries for more than 30% of their wheat supply, (FAO, 2022).

In this context, the Economic Research Forum (ERF), the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) and the Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) have joined forces to examine the policy findings based on the assessment of the macroeconomic channels, impacts, and potential responses to the RUW shock. The severity of the shock and the heterogeneity of its outcomes have different policy implications which are expected to vary across countries; sectors and population groups in a given economy. Whereas higher commodity prices could boost output in energy exporting countries in Africa and MENA regions, the disruption of already strained value-chains, including the reductions of commodity supplies and possible high pass-through effects of food price to consumer prices on the other hand, could mute aggregate consumption response, which is the major contributor to the gross domestic product in these countries. Hence, through examining how the economies of different countries have been affected by the RUW, these research outputs aim to shed light on the impacts of the Russia-Ukraine crisis while exploring the potential to turn this challenge into an opportunity.



Workshop Objectives, Agenda and Organization

The event will be held on September 19, 2023, virtually on zoom, to disseminate the key policy findings and implications of the project, among policy experts in the field.

The event will be held in English and French interpretation will be provided.

Draft Agenda
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11:00 – 11:20	Welcome Remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ibrahim Elbadawi, Managing Director, ERF - Wessam El Beih, Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa, IDRC - Dominique Njinkeu, Interim Executive Director, AERC - Heinrich Bohlmann, Research Director - Macro/Modeling Group, PEP
Impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on continental Africa	
11:20 – 12:20	Session 1: The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Africa: What does the Global-CGE Analysis tell us? (1 hour)
	<p>By Caesar Cororaton, Heinrich Bohlmann and Jessika Bohlmann Moderator: Dianah Ngui Muchai, Research Manager, AERC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commentator: Miriam Omolo, Director, The African Policy Research Institute <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>
12:20 – 13:20	Session 2: The impacts of the war in Ukraine on food security in “Kenya & Ethiopia” and “South Africa & Mozambique” (1 hour)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kenya and Ethiopia: Options for Regional Trade Collaboration By Alemayu Geda and Phillip Musyoka (15 mins) - South Africa and Mozambique: Exploring the roles of the Maputo corridor, SADC, and continental sources. By Nicholas Ngepah (15 mins) <p>Moderator: Dirk Willem te Velde, Principal Research Fellow, ODI</p>



	<p>Commentators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abebe Shimeles, Ministry of Finance, Ethiopia (20 mins) <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>
15 mins break	
Country Case Studies	
13:35 – 14:35	Session 3: The impacts of the war in Ukraine on food security in “Egypt & Sudan” and “Morocco & Senegal” (1 hour)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Case of Food Trade Development Between Morocco and Senegal <p>By Mohammed BENAYAD (15 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Egypt-Sudan corridor: How the two countries are affected and what are the prospects for building resilience <p>By Chahir Zaki, Alzaki Alhelo and Kabbashi Suliman (15 mins)</p> <p>Moderator: Ali Abbas, Director General, CBS</p> <p>Commentators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ibrahim Elbadawi, Managing Director, ERF (20 mins) - Q&A (10 mins)
14 :35– 15 :20	Session 4: Exploring the Impacts of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict on Low-Income Economies (45 mins)
-	<p>By Samson M'boueke, Abebe Shimeles, Daniel Guarara and Dianah Ngui</p> <p>Moderator: Arjan De Haan, Senior Program Specialist, IDRC</p> <p>Commentator: Dirk Willem te Velde, Principal Research Fellow, ODI</p> <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>
15 :20 – 15 :30	Closing Remarks/ Way Forward (10 mins)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yasmine Fahim, Director of Research and Programs, ERF - Heinrich Bohlmann, Research Director - Macro/Modeling Group, PEP - Dianah Ngui Muchai, Research Manager, AERC