AFRICAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

DECEMBER 2023 BIANNUAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP PLENARY SESSION

ON

Youth, Demographic Dividend, Migration, and Economic Opportunities in African Economies

Sunday, November 26, 2023 – 09:00 -18:00Hrs (GMT+3)

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| 9:00-9:10 | Welcoming Remarks:  
Prof. Dominique Njinkeu, Interim Executive Director, AERC (P)  
A minute's of silence in memory of Dr. Janvier Nkurunziza |
| 9:10-9:30 | Opening Remarks:  
Principal Secretary, James Muhati, State Department of Economic Planning, Republic of Kenya (P) |
| 9:30-10:00 | Prof Benno Ndulu Memorial Lecture/Keynote address  
Prof. Kevin Chika Urama, Chief Economist of AfDB and Vice President for the Bank’s Economic Governance and Knowledge Management complex, Abidjan, Cote D’Ivoire (V) |
| 10:10-10:20 | Floor Discussion |
| 10:20-10:40 | Health Break |
| 10:40-12:30 | Paper Presentation Session  
**Chair of Session**  
Prof. Anke Hoeffler, Professor of Development Research, Department of Politics & Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany (P)  
**First Presentation**  
Tackling youth unemployment in Africa,  
Prof. Imran Rasul, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University College London (UCL), UK (V)  
**Discussant**  
Dr. Marcellin Ndong Ntah, Lead Economist, East Africa Regional Development and Business Delivery Office, AfDB (P) |
**Floor Discussion 11:10 – 11:30**

**Second Presentation:**

11:40 – 12:00

Promotion of productivity in the informal sector as part of the strategy to capture the demographic dividend.

**Prof. Aly Ahmadou Mbaye**, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Vice Chancellor, University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar Senegal (V)

**Discussant**

12:00-12:10

**Prof. Abdoulaye Seck**, Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Management, Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD), Dakar, Senegal (P)

12:10 – 12:30

Floor Discussion

Lunch
12:30 -13:30

**Third Presentation**

13:30-: 14:00

Migration, refugees and society, 2023 World Development Report

**Dr. Quy-Toan Do**, Co-Director for the 2023 World Development Report and Lead Economist in the Development Research Group, World Bank, Washington D.C, USA (V)

**Discussant**

14:00 -14:20

**Prof. Victor Murinde**, AXA Professor of Global Finance and Director of the Centre for Global Finance at SOAS University of London, U.K (P)

14:20– 14:40

Floor Discussion

**High Level Policy Panel 14:40– 16:40**

**Chair and Lead Panellist**

**Prof. Anke Hoeffler**, Professor of Development Research, Department of Politics & Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany (P)

**Distinguished Panelists**

**Prof. Francis Baye**, Professor of Development Economics, Advisor, Prime Minister’s Office, Cameroon (P)

**Prof. Mary Femi Ayadi**, Professor of Health Care Administration, College of Business, University of Houston, Clear Lake, USA(P)

**Dr. Kupukile Mlambo**, Formerly Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (P)

**Ms Hendrina Doroba**, Lead Economist, Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development, AfDB (P)
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<td>Wrap-Up 16:30 -16:45</td>
<td><strong>Dr. Abbi Kedir</strong>, Director of Research, AERC</td>
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| 17:00 – 17:40| Launch of the 2023 Economic Report on Africa (ERA) & The Africa Sustainable Development Report (ASDR) UNECA | **Ms. Lee Everts**, Chief of Macroeconomic Analysis Section, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA  
                                                                         **Mr. Bartholomew Armah**  
                                                                         Chief of Development Planning Section, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA (P) |
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| 17:40 – 18:00| Floor Discussion                                                     |                                                                          |

P=in-person; V=virtual