



AERC December 2023 Plenary Session

**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)**

**AGENDA**



**Guest of Honor**

**Principal Secretary, James Muhati**, State Department of Economic Planning, Republic of Kenya (P)

**Opening Session: 9:00 – 10:40**

**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)

**Prof Benno Ndulu Memorial Lecture/Keynote address**

**09:30-10:00**

**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)

**Floor Discussion**

**10:10– 10:20**

**Health Break**

**10:20 -10:40**

**Paper Presentation Session**

**Chair of Session**

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

**10:40 – 12:30**

**First Presentation**

**10:40–11:00**

**Tackling youth unemployment in Africa,**

**Prof. Imran Rasul**, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University College London (UCL), UK (V)

**Discussant**

**11:00 -11:10**

**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)



**16:00 – 16:30**

**Floor Discussion**

**Wrap-Up 16:30 -16:45**

**Dr. Abbi Kedir, Director of Research, AERC**

**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**

**and**

**Mr. Bartholomew Armah**

**Chief of Development Planning Section, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA (P)**

**17:40 – 18:00**

**Floor Discussion**

**P=in-person; V=virtual**