



DECEMBER 2023 PLENARY SESSION

THEME

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

Sunday, November 26, 2023 – 09:00 -17:00Hrs (GMT+3)

## SPEAKERS PROFILES

## Speakers Profiles



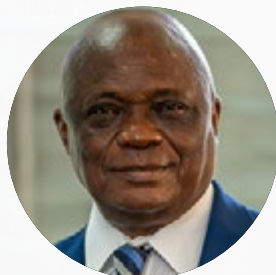
**Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u** is the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury & Economic Planning. He was appointed Cabinet Secretary by President William Samoei Ruto on September 27, 2022. Prior to the current appointment, Prof. Ndung'u was serving as the Executive Director of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), a Pan African premier capacity building network of researchers, trainers, students, universities, policy makers and international resource persons. He is an associate professor of economics at the University of Nairobi, Kenya and the immediate former Governor, Central Bank of Kenya.

Prof. Ndung'u has been a member of the Global Advisory Council of the World Economic Forum, Visiting Fellow of Practice at Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, Director of Training at AERC, Program specialist at IDRC and Team Leader in Macro-modelling at the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis. He holds a PhD in economics from University of Gothenburg, Sweden. He is a Member of Brookings Africa Growth Initiative, Member of the Advisory Committee of the Alliance for Financial Inclusion, that coordinates financial inclusion policies in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and Senior Advisor for the UNCDF-based Better Than Cash Alliance.



**Prof. Anke Hoeffler's** research is in the areas of development and security. She is one of the most widely cited social scientists and in 2019 she received an Alexander von Humboldt professorship, Germany's highest award for international research. She left the University of Oxford and moved to the University of Konstanz in Germany where she holds a chair in development policy in the Department of Politics and Public Administration.

Broadly, she is interested in the social causes of excess morbidity and mortality and uses mainly quantitative methods in her academic quest. Current research projects focus on: (1) the impact of interpersonal violence on development, in particular violence against children and women (2) the prevention of violence in the family and in schools (3) costs of violence.



**Prof. Dominique Njinkeu**, is the Interim Executive Director of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC). Before joining the AERC, Dominique worked as an International Consultant and Director of the African Trade and Sustainable Development, a Washington DC- Metro-based consulting firm undertaking policy analysis and providing advisory service to governments, regional economic communities, and development agencies in low-income countries, particularly in Africa.

He was previously the Lead Trade Facilitation Specialist and Program Manager of the World Bank Group Trade Facilitation Facility, World Bank in Washington DC. From 2003-2009. He has also worked as the Executive Director at the International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty (ILEAP) located in Toronto, Canada. Dominique has previous experience with the AERC, having worked as the Deputy Director of Research at the AERC in 1998-2003.



**Prof. Kevin Chika Urama** is the Chief Economist/Vice President for Economic Governance & Knowledge Management, African Development Bank Group (AfDB). Prof. Urama is an elected Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS); a Distinguished Professor of the University of Nigeria; an Extra-Ordinary Professor in the School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University, South Africa; an Adjunct Professor at the Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs, Western Australia, a Member of the Global Council on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the term 2021 to 2023.

Prior to joining the African Development Bank, Kevin Urama was the inaugural Managing Director of the Quantum Global Research Lab, Switzerland; Executive Director of the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS); and Senior Research Fellow at the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute, Scotland. Kevin holds an MPhil and a Ph.D. in Land Economy from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.



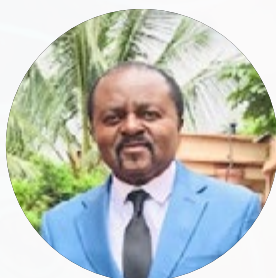
**Prof. Imran Rasul** is Professor of Economics at University College London, Director of the Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy at the Institute for Fiscal Studies, and Co-Director of the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Centre on Wealth Concentration, Inequality and the Economy. His research interests include labor, development and public economics and his work has been published in leading journals such as the American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica and the Review of Economic Studies. He is past managing editor of the Journal of the European Economic Association (2016-22), and co-editor and director of the Review of Economic Studies (2009-17).

He was awarded the 2007 IZA Young Economist Prize, the 2008 CESifo Distinguished Affiliate Award, an ERC-starter grant in 2012, and a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship in 2018. In 2019 he was jointly awarded the Yrjö Jahnsson Award in Economics (with Oriana Bandiera). In 2019 he was elected as a Fellow of the British Academy. In 2020 he was elected as a Fellow of the Econometric Society and was awarded the Order of the British Empire for Services to Social Sciences in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2020.



**Prof. Ahmadou Aly Mbaye** is Professor of Economics and Public Policies at the Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD), in Senegal, and currently holds the position of Rector (Vice-Chancellor) of UCAD. Previously, he has served as the dean of the School of Economics and Management at the Cheikh Anta Diop University and Chair of the francophone research network in Economics. He has been a consultant for many regional and international organizations.

He has numerous publications on development economics and Africa. He is a Non-Resident Senior Research Fellow at the Brookings Institution and the Center for Global Development, in Washington DC.



**Prof. Francis Menjo Baye** obtained a PhD from the University of Reading, UK, in 1991. He is Professor of Development Economics in the Faculty of Economics and Management, University of Yaoundé II – Cameroon, and Senior Economic Advisor at the Prime Minister's Offices, Republic of Cameroon since July 2016. He is Resource Person at the African Economic Research Consortium, Nairobi-Kenya.

He has previously been Economic Advisor at the Prime Minister's Office (2005-July 2016), a Research Fellow at the Department of Forecast, Ministry of Finance (1998-2000) - Cameroon and Senior Research Fellow at the Follow-up Committee of Economic Programmes, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development – Cameroon (2000-2005). He continues to exercise his university activities, especially the supervision of research students. His research interest is in Development Economics and has published extensively on Poverty, Inequality, Social Welfare, labour Market issues, Gender issues, Conflict, and Education and Health Economics related issues.



**Prof. Femi Ayadi** is a Professor in the Healthcare Administration program at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, Texas, USA where she teaches health economics courses. Prior to University of Houston Clear-Lake, she worked as a health economist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta Georgia. Prof. Ayadi is a recipient of the Carnegie African Diaspora Program grant (2016), and was a Fulbright Scholar to Nigeria, in 2012. Prof. Ayadi helps train and mentor economics doctoral students via the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) platform.

As an AERC Network member, Ayadi taught for 5 years in the Collaborative PhD program and serves as a Resource Person in Group A of the Biannual Research conference. She also served as a Resource Person in AERC's Collaborative Project on Healthcare Financing in Africa, Country Case Studies and as a member of the Project Steering Committee on AERC's collaborative Research Project on the Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Livelihoods in Africa. Ayadi taught as an adjunct faculty at Strathmore Business School's Executive Healthcare Management Program and currently serves as supervisor for Strathmore Business School's doctoral program.

She has taught in the Certificate in Business Administration program of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Ayadi's research interests are in health services research, maternal and child health and healthcare financing. Her research is published in peer reviewed journals. Prof Ayadi holds a Ph.D. in economics from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University.



**Ms. Doroba Hendrina Chalwe** is the Division Manager, Education, and Skills Development at the African Development Bank. She is a development practitioner, educationalist, mathematician, gender expert, and Leadership coach with over 35 years of work experience in the development sector. Before joining the Bank, Ms Doroba served as the Executive Director of the Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) Africa. During her leadership tenure, FAWE won the \$1 million Al-Sumait Prize and became a 2017 Laureate for African Development in Education for her achievements in influencing positive policy and practice toward promoting gender equity and equality across 33 African Countries.

Ms Doroba also served and represented FAWE on various advisory Boards, including the Global Education Monitoring Advisory Board, UNGEI Global Advisory Board, and African Union Specialised Technical Committee and ADEA. She also served as the chairperson of the Gender in my Agenda Campaign (GIMAC) Network Steering Committee for two years. Her contribution to these various boards ensured that the girls and women's issues remained a priority and given due consideration.

In her previous engagements, Ms. Doroba has held various positions in the international development arena, including the Irish Embassy in Zambia, Oxfam GB-Zambia, and the Ministry of Education- Zambia. A teacher by profession, her passion remains towards empowering the youth- improving education and skills development opportunities and professional coaching. Promoting and strengthening linkages between tertiary Education and Human Capital and skills needs in local African industries. Ms. Doroba is an alumnus of the National University of Ireland, Dublin, the University of Melbourne, Australia, and Nkrumah Teachers' Training College in Kabwe, Zambia: a Synergos Senior Fellow, Global Women Leadership Network (GWLN) member, and Brave Thinking Institute.



**Dr. Quy-Toan Do** is the Co-Director for the 2023 World Development Report and a Lead Economist in the Development Research Group. His research focuses on Fragility, Conflict and Violence with an emphasis on conflict, crime, and forced displacement. He is the lead author of the recent Policy Research Report Violence without Borders: the Internationalization of Crime and Conflict. He holds a PhD in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA) and an MA from Ecole Polytechnique (France).



**Dr. Kupukile Mlambo** is a former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, and served there between July 2012 and 2002. He was in charge of Economic Research, Policy and Human Resources. As Deputy Governor, Dr. Mlambo was also a member of the RBZ Board of Directors, Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), Human Resources and Banking Sector Stability Committees.

Between 1997 and 2012 Dr. Mlambo was on the staff of the African Development Bank where he rose from the rank of Senior Economist in 1997 to the post of Regional Director in January 2012, where he was in charge of country strategy formulation, country portfolio programming and management as well as leading policy dialogue in 7 countries in East Africa.

Dr. Mlambo started his career as a university lecturer in Economics, first at the University of Zimbabwe (1994), and then as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Fort Hare in South Africa (1995-96) where he is Acting Chairman of the Department of Economics.

Dr. Mlambo has also served in a number of company boards and state owned enterprises, including chairman of the Infrastructure Development Bank of Zimbabwe Board, chairman of the Lupane State University Council, chairman of Imara Asset Management Company, and past board member of the Deposit Protection Corporation.

An economist by training, Dr. Mlambo's areas of expertise include macroeconomic and exchange rate policy, economic growth, finance, investment, and productivity growth and efficiency analysis. He has published papers in referred journals and has chapters in edited books. Dr. Mlambo holds a Ph. D. in Economics from Gothenburg University in Sweden, a M.Sc. (Econ) and B.Sc. (Econ-Hons) from the University of Zimbabwe.