



AERC Plenary Session on

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

Sunday, 2 June 2024 – 09:00 -18:00Hrs (GMT+3)

Venue: Raddison Blu Hotel, Nairobi Upper Hill

Master of Ceremony: Dr. Charles Owino, AERC, Manager Communications

OPENING SESSION

Call to Order:	Dr. Abbi Kedir , Director of Research, AERC
Chair of Session	Dr. Patrick Njoroge , Former Governor, Central Bank of Kenya
Welcoming Remarks: 09:00 - 09:10	Prof. Victor Murinde , Executive Director, AERC
Official Opening 09:10 - 09:30	Hon. Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u , Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Economic Planning, Republic of Kenya
Keynote 09:30 - 10:10	'Promotion of productivity in the informal sector as part of the strategy to capture the demographic dividend' Prof. Aly Ahmadou Mbaye , <i>Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Vice Chancellor, University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal</i>
Reflections 10:10-10:20	Prof. Andy McKay , University of Sussex, UK
10:20 – 10:50	Floor Discussion
10:50 – 11:10	HEALTH BREAK

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Chair of Session **Prof. Peter Muriu**, University of Nairobi, Kenya

First Presentation: 11:10–11:40	‘The Returns to Skills During the Pandemic: Experimental Evidence from Uganda’ Prof. Imran Rasul , Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University College London (UCL), UK
Discussant: 11:40 -11:50	Prof. Finn Tarp , University of Copenhagen, Denmark
11:50 – 12:10	Floor Discussion
Second Presentation: 12:10-12:40	‘Investing in human capital/education for a demographic dividend’ Prof. Lant Pritchett , Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, UK
Discussant: 12:40 -12:50	Prof. Yaw Nyarko , New York University, USA
12:50 – 13:10	Floor Discussion
13:10 – 14:10	LUNCH
Third Presentation: 14:10-14:40	‘Case Study on Migration Policies in Africa’s RECs’ Blaise Gnimassoun , Chercheur associé à EconomiX, Université Paris Nanterre
Discussant: 14:40-14:50	Prof. Francis Baye , University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon
14:50 – 15:10	Floor Discussion
15:10 – 15:40	HEALTH BREAK
HIGH LEVEL POLICY PANEL	
15:40 – 17:20	Moderator: Maggie Mutesi, Africatalyst
	- Dr. Vera Songwe, Non-resident Senior Fellow, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution
	- Dr. Andrew Mwaba, Director, Kuyuma Development Ltd (formerly of AfDB Group)
Distinguished Panelists:	- Dr. Thomas Bwire, Deputy Director, COMESA Monetary Institute
	- Dr. Rose Ngugi, Executive Director, KIPPRA
	- Dr. Patricia Ojangole, Managing Director, Uganda Development Bank
17:20 – 17:50	Floor Discussion
Wrap-Up 17:50 – 18:00	Dr. Abbi Kedir , Director of Research, AERC
18:30	DINNER RECEPTION