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: Prof. Victor Murinde, Executive Director, AERC
09:00 - 09:10
Official Opening Hon. Prof. Njuguna Ndung’u, Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Economic Planning, Republic of Kenya
09:10 - 09:30
Keynote
Prof. Aly Ahmadou Mbaye, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Vice Chancellor, University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal
09:30 - 10:10
‘Promotion of productivity in the informal sector as part of the strategy to capture the demographic dividend’

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