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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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“The Financial Technology (Fintech) Revolution in Africa”

Sunday, 1st December 2024 – 09:00 -18:00Hrs (GMT+3)

Venue: Glee Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Master of Ceremony: *Dr. Charles Owino, Manager, Strategic Partnerships and Resource Mobilization, AERC*

08:00-08:30	Registration of Participants
SESSION I	OPENING
Call to Order 08:30 – 08:40	Dr. Abbi Kedir , Director of Research, AERC
Chair of Session	Professor Ernest Aryeetey , Chair of the Board, AERC
Moment of Silence in Memory of: Prof. Mohammed S. Mukras , University of Nairobi & Maseno University Prof. Martin Wittenberg , University of Cape Town Prof. Nathan Okurut , University of Botswana & Kyambogo University	
Welcoming Remarks 08:40 -0 8:50	Prof. Victor Murinde , Executive Director, AERC
Official Opening by Guest of Honour 08:50 - 9:10	Dr. Kamau Thugge , Governor, Central Bank of Kenya
Keynote & Prof. Benno Ndulu Memorial Lecture 09:10 - 09:40	<i>‘UK- India Bilateral Trade in Fintech and Fintech-enabled services: what are the lessons for Africa’</i> Professor Thankom Arun , Professor of Global Development and Accountability, Essex Business School and Faculty Dean Research (Social Sciences), University of Essex
Discussant	Dr. Maureen Were , Senior Manager and Acting Deputy Director, Real Sector Division, Central Bank of Kenya
09:40 -10:00	PHOTO SESSION AND HEALTH BREAK

SESSION II	PLENARY PAPER PRESENTATION
Chair of Session	Jared Osoro , Director, Credit Markets, Financial Sector Deepening (FSD) in Africa
First Presentation 10:00-10:20	<i>'Fintech Evolution in Commercial Banking in Kenya: Challenges and Opportunities'</i> Dr. Samuel Tiriongo , Director, Research & Policy, Kenya Bankers Association and Dr. Rodgers Ochenge , Lecturer, Department of Economic Theory, Kenyatta University
10:20 -10:30	Floor Discussion
Second Presentation 10:30-10:50	<i>Voices of Today and Tomorrow in the FinTech Space</i> : Presentation by the youth (TBC)

SESSION III	HIGH LEVEL PRACTITIONER ROUND TABLE (KENYA BANKERS ASSOCIATION)
Moderator 10:50-11:50	Dr. Hippolyte Fofack , Research Associate, Centre for African Studies, Harvard University
Distinguished Panelists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Betty Korir, CEO, Credit Bank • Prof. John Ddumba-Sentamu, Group Chair of the Board, Centenary Bank Group • Dr. Abdi Mohamed, CEO & Managing Director, Absa Bank Kenya (TBC) • Dr. James Mwangi, CEO, Equity Banking Group (TBC) • Dr. John Gachora, Chair of the Governing Council and Group MD Group Managing Director, NCBA Bank Group (TBC) • Dr. Paul Russo, Group CEO, Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) (TBC) • Dr. Vivienne Yeda, Director General, East African Development Bank (TBC) • Dr. Patricia Ojangole, Uganda Development Bank (TBC)
11:50-12:10	Floor Discussion
12:10-13:00	LUNCH
SESSION IV	PAPER PRESENTATION
Chair of Session	Professor Peter Muriu , Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Development Studies, University of Nairobi
Third Presentation 13:00-13:20	<i>"The impact of the FinTech revolution on the future of banking: Opportunities and risks"</i> Professor Markos Zachariadis , Professor/Chair in Financial Technology #FinTech at Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester
Fourth Presentation 13:20-13:40	<i>"FinTech, open banking and financial inclusion"</i> Professor Pinar Ozcan , Professor of Entrepreneurship and innovation, Said Business School, Oxford University, UK (TBC)
Fifth Presentation	<i>'Financial Literacy: Unlocking Fintech Potential in Africa'</i>

13:40-14:00	Professor Meryem Duygun , Professor of Banking and Finance, University of Nottingham and President of International Finance and Banking Society (IFAB)
14:00-14:20	Floor Discussion
14:20-14:30	HEALTH BREAK

SESSION V	CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS FORUM I “CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCIES: WHERE ARE WE?”
Moderator 14:30-15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professor Sheri Markose, Professor of Digital Finance, University of Essex
Distinguished Panelists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Denny Kalyalya, Governor, Bank of Zambia (TBC) ● Dr. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou, Governor, Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) (TBC) ● Dr. Lesetja Kganyago, Governor, Reserve Bank of South Africa (TBC) ● Dr. John Rwangombwa, Governor, National Bank of Rwanda (TBC) ● Dr. Ernest Addison, Governor, Bank of Ghana (TBC) ● Dr. Michael Atingi-Ego, Deputy Governor, Bank of Uganda (TBC) ● Dr. Wilson Banda, Governor, Reserve Bank of Malawi (TBC) ● Dr. Emmanuel Tutuba, Governor, Bank of Tanzania (TBC) ● Dr. James Alic Garang, Governor, Bank of South Sudan (TBC)
15:30-15:50	Floor Discussion
SESSION VI	CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS FORUM II DEBT RESTRUCTURING AND SDR REALLOCATION IN AFRICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY
Moderator 15:50 – 16:50	Dr. Dianah Muchai , Collaborative Research Manager - AERC
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prof. Kevin Gallagher, Director, Global Development Center, Boston University ● Prof Abebe Shimeles, Honorary Professor, University of Cape Town and Senior Economic Advisor, Government of Ethiopia
Conversation panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Adelaide Matlayane, Minister of Finance, Lesotho (TBC) ● Dr. Mamo Mihretu, Governor, National Bank of Ethiopia (TBC) ● Dr. Jean-Claude Kassi Brou, Governor, Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) (TBC) ● Dr. Daouda Sembene, CEO Africatalyst (TBC)
WRAP-UP 16:50 - 17:00	Dr. Abbi Kedir , Director of Research, AERC (Recap of the Deliberations)
18:00 – 21:00	DINNER (SPONSORED BY CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA) INDUCTION INTO AERC HALL OF FAME: ANNOUNCEMENT OF FELLOWS