



An AERC Tribute



Jeffrey C. Fine

It is with great sadness that I share the news of the passing of Jeffrey C. Fine, the first Executive Director of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC). He served AERC from August 1988 to March 1994.

Mr. Fine left his position at the International Development Research Centre (Jan 1984 – July 1988), where he was the Senior Programme Officer, to establish the AERC. He is known for having introduced new approaches for improving the quality and relevance of economic research and its effective dissemination to key audiences within and outside Africa. Also, he implemented the collaborative graduate program in economics, which currently serves more than 20 Sub-Saharan African universities, and successfully mobilized resources from 15 international and bilateral agencies and private foundations towards core support of the AERC's capacity building projects.

Jeff made an incredible mark on the AERC and economic policymaking in Sub-Saharan Africa. The AERC fraternity sends condolences to Jeff's family and friends during this time of profound loss.

Prof. Victor Murinde
Executive Director, AERC

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