



# A High-Level Roundtable

on How Macro-Fiscal Policymaking  
Capabilities Can Support Economic Growth

## SPEAKER PROFILES



### Side Event:

AfDB Annual meetings

10:30 – 12:45Hrs

Radisson Blu; Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

May 28, 2025

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### Speakers



#### **Dr. Abbi M. Kedir**

Dr. Abbi M. Kedir is the Director of Research at the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC). He joined AERC in 2023 from the University of Sheffield, UK, where he served as an Associate professor of International Business since 2016. In addition to long years of service in UK academia since 1999, he has experience working in government (Ethiopia), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), and on various consulting assignments with the World Bank, UNDP, UN Women, and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

He has published more than 50 journal articles and several book chapters. He is an editorial board member of the Journal of Development Studies and Entrepreneurial Behaviour and Research. He is co-editing a Routledge Handbook on Development Economics and Development Finance. He is a member of the IMF, Climate and Development Taskforce, and the Technical Advisory Group of AUDA-NEPAD.



#### **Hon. Boima S. Kamara**

Hon. Boima S. Kamara is a seasoned economist with strong managerial and technical expertise. He has served Liberia in key roles, including Minister of Finance and Development Planning and Deputy Governor for Economic Policy at the Central Bank. He brings deep institutional knowledge of the ECOWAS Monetary Cooperation Program and contributed to drafting the ECOWAS Vision 2050 Framework.

Regionally and continentally, he has worked as an international consultant with UNECA in Niger and as a Health Financing Advisor to the Africa CDC under the African Union Commission. His experience blends technical insight, policymaking, and leadership rooted in collaboration. He holds an MPhil in Economics from the University of Ghana, an MSc in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University, and is an alumnus of the AERC's Collaborative MA Program.

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### **Dr. Tewodros Mekonnen**

Dr. Tewodros Makonnen Gebrewolde is a Senior Country Economist at the International Growth Center (IGC). He has over 20 years of research experience on the Ethiopian economy. Dr. Tewodros' research interest is macroeconomic policy and development economics. In the past, he has worked as a Junior Research Fellow at the Ethiopian Economic Association (EEA), Junior Research Officer at the National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE), served as the Executive Committee of the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) and Editor in chief of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics.

In 2019/20 he served as a Macroeconomic Advisor to the Governor of the National Bank of Ethiopia. He is a board member of the Ethiopian Securities Exchange. Dr. Tewodros holds PhD the University of Leicester, MSc in Economic Policy analysis from Addis Ababa University, and BA in economics from Mekelle university.



### **Dr. Jonathan M. Chipili**

Dr. Jonathan M. Chipili is a seasoned economist with a PhD from the University of Leicester, UK, and over 25 years of experience in key areas such as monetary policy, exchange rate management, foreign reserves, and debt management. He currently serves as the Director of Research at the Bank of Zambia.

Dr. Chipili has successfully maintained a parallel professional and academic career, with more than 20 years of university teaching experience. He has published scholarly work in internationally refereed journals, consulted globally, and served a short-term appointment as a visiting scholar at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

In addition to his central banking and academic roles, Dr. Chipili brings extensive governance experience, having served on the boards of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Zambia Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (ZIPAR).



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He has also previously held the role of Deputy Registrar of financial service providers.

### **Dr. Mark Miller**

Dr. Mark Miller is an adviser to the Gates Foundation on the role that macrofiscal policy making can play in enabling economic growth. Previously, Mark held a range of leadership roles in ODI Global including Director of the Development and Public Finance program.

Mark has advised finance ministries in Southern Africa and East Asia and has also worked with the World Bank Group and United Nations Development Programme. He was a member of the senior expert advisory group of Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action and on the advisory board of the international Public Expenditure Financial Accountability program.



### **Prof. Bernadette Dia Kamgnia**

Prof. Bernadette Dia Kamgnia is a Consultant in International Development, Associate Researcher at the Economic Policy Analysis Unit of the CIRES (CAPEC), Member of the Scientific Committee of the West African Center for Training and Studies in Banking (COFEB), Member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Excellence in Statistics of the ENSEA, and a AERC Fellow.

She is a former Acting Director of the African Development Institute of the African Development Bank; having joined the Bank in November 2011 as the Manager of the Policy Management Division of the Institute. Prof. Kamgnia is Agrégé in Economics, in the Field of Statistics and Econometrics, holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois, Urbana - Champaign, and is Engineer in Agriculture from ENSA of Abidjan.

She had a long academic career at the University of Yaoundé II, Faculty of Economics and Management where she has been the Vice Dean in Charge of Programming and Academic Affairs, Vice Dean in Charge of Student Affairs, Vice Dean in charge of Research, and Head of the department of Public Economics. She coordinated the Francophone



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Training Programme in Economics (NPTCI), from November 2007 to November 2011.

### **Dr. Musa Dukuly**

Dr. Musa Dukuly is the Deputy Governor for Economic Policy at the Central Bank of Liberia. With over 13 years of experience, he has played a key role in Liberia's macroeconomic reforms in Liberia, notably leading the shift from exchange rate targeting monetary policy to an interest rate-based framework, paving the way for inflation targeting in the medium term.

He is an AERC network member and holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Nairobi and previously served as Principal Economist at ECOWAS' West African Monetary Agency. Dr. Dukuly also worked with the UNDP on participatory poverty assessment on Liberia and served as economic advisor to former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, contributing to key national policy strategies.



### **Dr. Daniel M'Amanja**

Dr. Daniel Mwirigi M'Amanja was appointed Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) in January 2025. Having begun his career as a Statistics Officer with the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), Dr. M'Amanja boasts more than 30 years' experience in Economics, Fiscal, Monetary, and Exchange Rate policy formulation and implementation, Macroeconomic Modelling, and Regional Integration.

Prior to his appointment, Dr. M'Amanja served as Deputy Director, Research at the Central Bank of Kenya. He has held several portfolios in the Ministry of Finance, such as Principal Economist in the Economic Affairs Department and Strategies and Policy Analysis Division, as well as being a Budget Analyst and Trainer.

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### Dr. Ahmad Hassan Ahmad

Dr Ahmad Hassan Ahmad is a Senior Lecturer in Economics at Loughborough Business School, Loughborough University, United Kingdom. His research focuses primarily on macroeconomics and development finance, with a specialization in fiscal and monetary systems in developing economies, international finance, exchange rate dynamics, and—more recent financial access and inclusion.

His work has been published in leading international peer-reviewed journals, contributing to academic and policy discussions in these fields. Dr. Ahmad has an extensive track record in funded research, serving as a Co-Investigator for the ESRC research project under DEGRP, on “Delivering Inclusive Financial Development and Growth.” He also led as Principal Investigator on a study exploring mobile money adoption in Ghana.

His recent projects have been supported by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), the International Growth Centre (IGC), Retail Finance Distribution (ReFinD) and J-PAL. Beyond academia, Dr. Ahmad has provided advisory expertise as a consultant to the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and UNCTAD, while maintaining active collaborations with the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) to shape evidence-based economic policies.