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Wednesday, 29 April 2020, Time: 14:00 -18:30 hours (Abidjan time)

Programme (Confirmed Speakers)

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<td>Opening and Welcome Remarks</td>
<td>Charles Leyeka LUFUMPA, Acting Chief Economist and VP, ECVP</td>
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<td>14:05 – 14:35</td>
<td>Setting the Scene: The pre- and Post COVID-19 World – Implications for Inclusive Development in Africa</td>
<td>Prof Kevin Chika URAMA Senior Director, African Development Institute (ECAD)</td>
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<td>Macro-economic Policy Options for Developing Countries</td>
<td>Prof. Cameron Hepburn, Director of the Smith School University of Oxford, UK.</td>
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<td>14:45 – 15:10</td>
<td>Facilitated Brain Storming Session</td>
<td>Emmanuel PINTO MOREIREIRA, Director, Country Economists Department, AfDB.</td>
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<td>Participants to raise hands for 3 minutes interventions (5 Participants). All Participants to send their thoughts and questions by email to: <a href="mailto:Africandevelopmentinstitute@afdb.org">Africandevelopmentinstitute@afdb.org</a></td>
<td>Prof. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong*, Harvard University Center for African Studies</td>
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<td>Prof. Landry Signé* Fellow Africa Growth Initiative (AGI), Global Economy and Development, The Brookings Institution, Washington DC, USA</td>
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<td>Dr. Folarin Gbadebo-Smith Director General Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research, Nigeria.</td>
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<td>Prof. Wisdom Akpalu*, Dean, School of Research and Graduate Studies (SRGS),</td>
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<td>Expert Panel Discussion (5 minutes per Panellist)</td>
<td>Dr. Melissa Leach&lt;br&gt;Director&lt;br&gt;Institute of Development and Studies, Sussex University, United Kingdom.</td>
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<td>Yohannes Ayalew PhD*, Deputy Director General, Macroeconomic and Financial Policy Studies Sector, Head, Policy Studies Institute</td>
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<td>Mr. Simon Gill&lt;br&gt;Managing Director&lt;br&gt;Overseas Development Institute (ODI), United Kingdom.</td>
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<td>Prof. Augustin K. FOSU&lt;br&gt;Professor, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana.</td>
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<td>Fiscal Policy Responses: A facilitated Brainstorming Session.</td>
<td>Chair: Dr. Hanan Morsy, Director, Macro-economic policy forecasting and Research Department, AfDB.</td>
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| 16:00 – 16:30 | Conversation Starters: Monetary Policy Responses                           | Chair: Prof. Njuguna Ndung’u, Executive Director, AERC / Former Governor, Central Bank, Kenya. | Professor Ibi Ajayi  
Professor of Economics and  
Distinguished Fellow, Department of Economics,  
University of Ibadan, Nigeria  

Titus A. Kuuyuor, PhD*  
Senior Resilience Advisor  
Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development Unit  
UNDP, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.  

Dr. Rose Ngugi  
Executive Director, KIPPRA, Kenya  

T. Ademola Oyejide Emeritus  
Professor of Economics, University of Ibadan, and Chairman, Centre for Trade and Development Initiatives (CTDi).  

Robert Lue  
Professor and UNESCO Chair on Life Sciences and Social Innovation,  
Faculty Director |LabXchange, Harvard University|
| 16:30 – 16:45 | Monetary Policy Responses: A Facilitated Discussion                          | Chair: Akpan Hogan Ekpo, FNES; Professor of Economics and Public Policy  
Department of Economics  
University of Uyo, Nigeria/Former DG, WAIFEM. | Mr. Abdoul Wane, Director AFRITAC South and Africa Training Institute, IMF  
Holger A. Kray  
Practice Manager Agriculture & Food Security |
### 16:45 – 17:15
**Implications for accelerating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Agenda 2063 and the Hi-5s Strategies of the Bank Group / A brief presentation of the COVID-19 Rapid Response Facility**

**Chair:** Khaled SHERIF, Vice President, RDVP, AfDB

**Panel Discussion**

Professor Camilla Toulmin  
Senior Associate,  
International Institute for Environment and Development (IIE) / INET, Oxford University, Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), UK.

Sami Ben Naceur*  
Deputy Division Chief, African Division, IMF Institute for Capacity Development.

Prof. Ashiwel S. Undieh,  
MPharm/PhD  
Medical Professor, Neuroscience & Pharmacology  
City University of New York School of Medicine

### 17:00 – 17:45
**Facilitated Brainstorming session:**  
**Monetary & Fiscal Policy Responses & Implications for Quality and Inclusiveness of growth in Africa**

**Chair:** Prof. Njuguna Ndung’u, Executive Director, AERC / Former Governor, Central Bank, Kenya.

Prof. Thomas Jayne,  
Michigan State University, United States

Mohammed Tawfik Mouline  
Director General  
Institut Royal des Etudes Stratégiques (IRES)

Elias T. Ayuk (PhD)  
Senior Strategic Advisor and Sub-Regional Director, The SDGCA/Former Director, UNU-INRA.
Sheila Jagannathan*, Head, Open Learning Campus, World Bank, Washington DC

Folashadé Soulé* Senior Research Associate in International Relations University of Oxford

Adama Ekberg Coulibaly Lead Economist, Economic Diversification, UNECA

Godfrey Bahiigwa* Director for Rural Economy and Agriculture African Union Commission (AUC), Addis Ababa

Dr. Thomas Chataghalala Munthali, PhD Director General Malawi National Planning Commission (NPC)

Professor Ibi Ajayi Professor of Economics, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Prof. Augustin K. FOSU Professor, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana; Extraordinary Professor, Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa; and Research Associate, Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

Mr. Charles Boamah, Former Senior Vice President, African Development Bank Group.
Notes to Speakers:

The World is going through epoch-making times. The COVID-19 pandemic has re-ignited debates regarding adequacy of, as well as asymmetries and contradictions in, the contemporary global order. Many draw parallels with what happened during the post-World War II which gave birth to the Bretton Woods Institutions. Everything is up for debate: the relative virtues of centralized or regionalized health systems; the trade-offs between the economy and public health, the adequacy of globalization, glocalization, or nationalism; the pros and cons of Authoritarianism, Confucianism, Democracy, and Populism; the value of a globalized, regionalized, or nationalized value chains, etc.

As countries continue to rightly focus on flattening the disease curve and finding the vaccine and therapeutic cure, African countries also need support with regard to knowledge products and technical assistance in making prompt decisions to address the rapidly evolving pandemic, and at the same time keep in view what the COVID-19 responses may bequeath to economies after the pandemic, in the short, medium and long term.

This is a brainstorming technical session. All individual contributions will be treated under the Chatham House Rule. Please feel free to think freely and innovate. Experts in macro-economics and other field of science and economics are purposively invited to allow us to think outside our core disciplines, institutional positions and comfort zones. Africa needs practical and feasible polices to build a more inclusive and resilient economy now more than ever. Recent challenges facing our common humanity are increasingly supra-national: climate change, disease pandemics, poverty, inequality, social exclusion, …, and more, …, and so are the policy tools for addressing them.

Each Speaker has been requested to submit a think piece. This will enable us to ensure that your bright new ideas are captured as we prepare the policy brief for the RMCs and our global partners and stakeholders on the subject.

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