



AERC December 2023 Plenary Session

AFRICAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH CONSORTIUM
DECEMBER 2023 BIANNUAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP PLENARY SESSION

ON

Youth, Demographic Dividend, Migration, and Economic Opportunities in African Economies

Sunday, November 26, 2023 – 09:00 -18:00Hrs (GMT+3)

AGENDA



Guest of Honor

Principal Secretary, James Muhati, State Department of Economic Planning, Republic of Kenya (P)

Opening Session: 9:00 – 10:40

9:00-9:10

Welcoming Remarks:

Prof. Dominique Njinkeu, Interim Executive Director, AERC (P)

A minute's of silence in memory of Dr. Janvier Nkurunziza

9:10-9:30

Opening Remarks:

Principal Secretary, James Muhati, State Department of Economic Planning, Republic of Kenya (P)

Prof Benno Ndulu Memorial Lecture/Keynote address

09:30-10:00

Prof. Kevin Chika Urama, Chief Economist of AfDB and Vice President for the Bank's Economic Governance and Knowledge Management complex, Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire (V)

Floor Discussion

10:10– 10:20

Health Break

10:20 -10:40

Paper Presentation Session

Chair of Session

Prof. Anke Hoeffler, Professor of Development Research, Department of Politics & Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany (P)

10:40 – 12:30

First Presentation

10:40–11:00

Tackling youth unemployment in Africa,

Prof. Imran Rasul, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University College London (UCL), UK (V)

Discussant

11:00 -11:10

Dr. Marcellin Ndong Ntah, Lead Economist, East Africa Regional Development and Business Delivery Office, AfDB (P)



Floor Discussion 11:10 – 11:30

Second Presentation:

11:40 –12:00

Promotion of productivity in the informal sector as part of the strategy to capture the demographic dividend.

Prof. Aly Ahmadou Mbaye, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Vice Chancellor, University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar Senegal (V)

Discussant

12:00-12:10

Prof. Abdoulaye Seck, Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Management, Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD), Dakar, Senegal (P)

12:10 – 12:30

Floor Discussion

Lunch

12:30 -13:30

Third Presentation

13:30-: 14:00

Migration, refugees and society, 2023 World Development Report

Dr. Quy-Toan Do, Co-Director for the 2023 World Development Report and Lead Economist in the Development Research Group, World Bank, Washington D.C, USA (V)

Discussant

14:00 -14:20

Prof. Victor Murinde, AXA Professor of Global Finance and Director of the Centre for Global Finance at SOAS University of London, U.K (P)

14:20– 14:40

Floor Discussion

High Level Policy Panel 14:40– 16:40

Chair and Lead Panellist

Prof. Anke Hoeffler, Professor of Development Research, Department of Politics & Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany (P)

Distinguished Panelists

Prof. Francis Baye, Professor of Development Economics, Advisor, Prime Minister's Office, Cameroon (P)

Prof. Mary Femi Ayadi, Professor of Health Care Administration, College of Business, University of Houston, Clear Lake, USA(P)

Dr. Kupukile Mlambo, Formerly Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (P)

Ms Hendrina Doroba, Lead Economist, Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development, AfDB (P)



16:00 – 16:30

Floor Discussion

Wrap-Up 16:30 -16:45

Dr. Abbi Kedir, Director of Research, AERC

17:00 – 17:40

Launch of the 2023 Economic Report on Africa (ERA) & The Africa Sustainable Development Report (ASDR) UNECA

Ms. Lee Everts, Chief of Macroeconomic Analysis Section, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA

and

Mr. Bartholomew Armah

Chief of Development Planning Section, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA (P)

17:40 – 18:00

Floor Discussion

P=in-person; V=virtual