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The African Economic Conference provides a forum for leading thinkers and practitioners to discuss the emerging issues in Africa. The specific objectives of the Conference series are the following:

Promote knowledge management as an important driver of policy dialogue, good policy planning and implementation;

Foster dialogue that promotes the exchange of ideas and innovative thinking among researchers, development practitioners and African policymakers;

Encourage and enhance research on economic and policy issues relating to the development of African economies;

Provide an opportunity for young African researchers, Africans in the diaspora and regional and subregional organizations to disseminate their research findings and share information with African policymakers on the work that they do in the region.

Monday, 4 December 2017

9:00 – 9:30 Registration of participants

9:30 – 10:30 **Official opening ceremony**

Room: Conference Room 2

Master of ceremony: **Jimmy Ocitti**, Director, Public Information and Knowledge Management Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Opening remarks

- **Dr. Vera Songwe**, United Nations Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, ECA
- **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat**, Chairperson, African Union Commission (TBC)
- **Abdoulaye Mar Dieye**, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- **Dr. Célestin Monga**, Vice President, Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Official opening

- **H.E. Hailemariam Desalegn**, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Keynote address

- **Prof. Richard Joseph**, John Evans Professor of International History and Politics at Northwestern University, Illinois, United States of America

10:30 – 11:00 Press conference

Room: Large Briefing Room

Moderator: **Jimmy Ocitti**, Director, Public Information and Knowledge Management Division, ECA

- **Dr. Abdalla Hamdok**, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECA
- **Dr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye**, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP
- **Dr. Célestin Monga**, Vice President, Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, AfDB

10:30 – 11:10 Tea and coffee break

11:10 – 12:40

Plenary session 1 – High-level panel: Reflections and perspectives on the theory and practice of governance for structural transformation in Africa

This session will provide the opportunity for high-level experts, policymakers and practitioners to engage and share their reflections and perspectives on how governance in Africa can better support the continent's structural transformation. The session will provide the analytical framework on the relationship between governance and structural transformation and how the former affects the latter. In addition, the session will discuss Africa's key challenges and opportunities in this area and offer perspectives on the best practices, including from African countries.

Room: Conference room 2

Moderator: **Dr. Victor B. Oladokun**, Director of Communications, AfDB

Panellists:

- **Hon. Maria Kiwana Kiwanuka**, Senior Presidential Advisor, and former Minister of Finance, Uganda
- **Dr. Ibrahim Elbadawi**, Managing Director, Economic Research Forum
- **Prof. David Booth**, Principal Research Fellow, Politics and Governance Programme, Overseas Development Institute
- **Prof. Edward Edokat Tafah**, Vice Chancellor, University of Bamenda, Cameroon

12:40-14:30

Lunch break

Room: Delegates' lounge, top floor

14:30-16:00

Plenary session 2: Role of the State in governing development in Africa (ECA)

Experiences from Africa and elsewhere indicate that the State must fulfil its role, through visionary leadership, development planning, strong institutions, active industrial policy and effective service delivery, in order to achieve structural transformation. The success of these policies will essentially depend on them integrating collaboration with non-state actors into the policy design and its implementation at national, subnational and local levels. This session will provide an opportunity for leading experts to assess the role of the State in governing Africa's structural transformation and inclusive development. Experts will share views, challenges, opportunities and lessons learned on the role of African Governments in promoting development. Experts will further make policy recommendations for enhancing State capabilities and formulating and implementing appropriate strategies and policies.

Room: Conference Room 2

Moderator: **Prof. Edward Edokat Tafah**, Vice Chancellor, University of Bamenda, Cameroon

Panellists:

- **Dr. Abdalla Hamdok**, Chief Economist, Deputy Executive Secretary, ECA
- **Dr. Adeyemi Dipeolu**, Economic Advisor to the President of Nigeria
- **Dr. Nomfundo Ngwenya**, Group Chief Strategist, Ntsele Global, former Chief Director, African Economic Integration, National Treasury of South Africa
- **Dr. Omano Edigheji**, Chief Executive Officer, Zeezi Oasis Leadership Inspiration Limited
- **Mr. Charles Abugre**, Chief Executive Officer, Savannah Accelerated Development Authority, Ghana

16:00-16:30

Tea and coffee break

16:30-18:00

Plenary session 3: Inclusive resource governance as a driver of structural transformation (UNDP)

Africa's natural resources, both above and below ground, remain a major potential driver of structural transformation in a growing number of African countries. Major discoveries and expansion of current facilities are changing the continent's resource map: the estimation is that Africa hosts 30 per cent of the world's mineral reserves and an even higher proportion of deposits of gold, platinum, diamonds and manganese. This session will provide the opportunity for participants to focus on strengthening inclusive governance for natural resource-based structural transformation and inclusive growth that leaves no one behind. In particular, on the design and implementation of sustainable and equitable institutions that are in line with regionally and globally agreed development strategies, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063, in order to transform African economies.

Room: Conference room 2

Moderator: **Dr. Ayodele Odusola**, Chief Economist, UNDP Africa

Panellists:

- **Dr. Yao Graham**, Coordinator, Third World Network Africa
- **Dr. Lilian Ajayi-Ore**, Executive Director, Global Connections for Women Foundation
- **Ms. Hannah Forster**, Executive Director, African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
- **Dr. Claude Kabambe**, Director, Southern Africa Research Watch–Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa
- **Dr. Degol Hailu**, Senior Advisor for Sustainable Development, UNDP

18:00-19:00

Special Event A: Book launch of "Income Inequality Trends in sub-Saharan Africa: Divergence, Determinants and Consequences" (UNDP)

Room: Banquet Room

19:00-20:00

Reception hosted by the United Nations Development Programme

Tuesday, 5 December 2017

9:00 – 10:30

Plenary session 4: Role of institutions in transformative governance (ECA and AfDB)

Transformative institutions are an essential ingredient in developmental States. Such institutions will be capable of responding to the changing global economic landscape and of creating policies that are appropriate to it at the national, subnational and regional levels. Coordinated development plans and associated policy frameworks for sustainable development will be required. Developmental States emerge in different political contexts; however, in order to be sustainable, they must be both inclusive and democratic. This session will provide an opportunity for participants to look at issues in institutional structures, design and implementation for inclusive and sustainable economic transformation. In addition, participants will be encouraged to recommend measures for enhancing national, regional and subnational government policy and administration, and regulatory and resource mobilization capabilities.

Room: Conference room 2

Keynote address

- **Prof. Mushtaq Khan**, Department of Economics, University of London

Moderator: **Gabriel Negatu**, Director General, East Africa Regional Development and Business Delivery Office

Panellists:

- **Dr. Neway Gebreab**, Former Advisor to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia
- **Prof. Malcolm Sawyer**, University of Leeds, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- **Dr. Adam Elhiraika**, Director, Macroeconomic Policy Division, ECA
- **Prof. Augustin Fosu**, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana

10:30 – 11:00

Tea and coffee break

11:00 – 13:00

Concurrent session 1 (Research paper presentations)

Session 1.1: Governance, institutions and economic development

Room: Caucus room 11

Chair:

Dr. Said Adejumobi, Director, Sub-Regional Office for Southern Africa, ECA

Paper presenters:

- Can Decentralization Foster Structural Transformation? Theory and Evidence. **Michael Mbate**, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Discussant: **Ms. Ito M Mannathoko**, Formerly Senior Economist, Adviser to the Executive Director, IMF, Botswana

- Structural Change: Pace, Patterns and Determinants. **Pedro Martins**, Economic Affairs Officer, ECA.

Discussant: **Michael Mbate**, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

- Intervention de l'Etat et transformation structurelle de l'économie : cas de la campagne agricole en Guinée. **Mr. Ibrahima Camara**, Banque Centrale de la République de Guinée

Discussant: **Dr. Sandrine Dahouet-Boigny**, Economic Affairs Officer, ECA

Session 1.2: The role of the State and leadership in overcoming barriers to effective structural transformation

Room: Conference Room 3

Chair: **Dr. Gamal Ibrahim**, Chief, Finance and Private Sector Section, ECA

Paper Presenters:

- Growth, Sectoral aid and Institutional Quality: Evidence from Developing Countries. **Adamasu Maruta**, University of South Australia

Discussant: **Charles Abugre**, Savannah Accelerated Development Authority, Ghana

- The economics and politics of foreign aid and domestic revenue mobilization. **Abrams Mbu Enow Tagem**, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Discussant: **Dr. Dereje Alemaehu**, Tax Justice Network – Africa

- Can export promotion agencies stem the deindustrialisation in Sub-Saharan Africa? **Malokele Nanivazo**, University of Kansas, **Isaac Marcelin**, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, United States of America

Discussant: **Nomfundo Ngwenya**, Ntsele Global

- From Consumer to Citizen Building a social contract for transformation through direct taxation. **Adrian Gauci** and **John Sloan**, ECA

Discussant: **Carina Sugden**, AfDB

Session 1.4: Deepening regional integration towards effective governance and structural transformation

Room: Conference Room 5

Chair: **James Wakiaga**, UNDP

Paper Presenters:

- Institutional Quality and Trade: The case for COMESA region. **Shingirirai Mashura**, and **Makochekanwa Albert**, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe

Discussant: **Adeleke Salami**, AfDB

- Productivité Globale des Facteurs et transformation structurelle dans l'espace CEDEAO : une analyse du rôle des externalités technologiques. **Inoussa Traoré**, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Discussant: **Wafa Aidi**, ECA

- The Role of Regional Trade Integration and Governance in Structural Transformation: Empirical Evidence from ECOWAS Trade Bloc. **Musibau Adekunle Oladapo** and **Abiodun Surajdeen Bankole**, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Discussant: **William Davis**, ECA

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch break

13:00 – 14:30

Special event B: UN-Women – discussion on the policy recommendations from the report entitled, "The Cost of the Gender Gap in Agricultural Productivity"

Room: Delegates' lounge, top floor

Lunch offered

14:30-15:30

Special Event C: Governance for Africa's Industrialization (AfDB)

Many African countries have realized that industrialization is crucial to attain economic transformation, and have taken steps to improve the enabling environment through adoption of industrial policies, infrastructure improvements, and development of human capital. However, the governance deficit must be addressed for industrialization to be achieved. The session, Governance for Africa's Industrialization, will examine more closely the importance of governance for industrialization- examining more closely the governance factors that contribute towards more successful design and implementation of industrial policies. The session will examine modern notions of industrial policy and the evolving role of the State, as well as the importance of ensuring private sector participation. It will also examine the contribution of development and finance institutions to this agenda. The panel discussion aims to come up with policy options on possible modalities for upscaling governance for industrial development and structural transformation of African economies.

Room: Conference Room 2

- Keynote Address: **Prof. Keun Lee**, Department of Economics, Seoul National University, Korea and Director, Center for Economic Catch-up

Moderator: **Dr. Abebe Shimeles**, Director of Macroeconomics Policy, Forecasting And Research, AfDB

Panelists:

- **Dr. Tilman Altenburg**, Head of Department, German Development Institute
- **Dr. Miriam Altman**, Commissioner National Planning Commission, South Africa
- **Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi**, Director Africa and West Asia Region, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

15:30-16:00

Tea / Coffee break

16:00

Concurrent Session 2 (Research Paper Presentations)**Session 2.1: Enhancing agricultural policies for structural transformation**

Room: Caucus Room 1

Chair: **Dr. Abdul Kamara**, AfDB**Paper Presenters:**

- Targeting of Malawi's Farm Input Subsidy Programme based on Efficiency: Big Pain, Small Gain? **Solomon Asfaw** and **Andrea Cattaneo**, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Giacomo Pallante, Ministry of Environment, **Alessandro Palma**, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy

Discussant: **Obindah Gershon**, Covenant University, Nigeria

- Transaction Arrangement Choices of Smallholder Coffee Growers along Coffee Supply Chains. The Case of South-Western Coffee Growing Areas of Ethiopia. **Mebratu Alemu**, **Belaineh Legesse** and **Jema Haji**, Haramaya University and **Moti Jaleta**, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, Ethiopia

Discussant: **Mark Eghan**, AfDB

- Assessing Government Policy for Targeted Reforms: The Case Of African Agriculture. **Manitra A. Rakotoarisoa**, Infinite-Sum Modeling Inc. USA and FOFIFA Madagascar, Madagascar.

Discussant: **Mebratu Senbeta**, Arba Minch University, Ethiopia**Session 2.2: The role of the Government in supporting private sector development for structural transformation**

Room: Conference Room 3

Chair: **Abdoulaye Coulibaly**, AfDB**Paper Presenters:**

- Economic regulation and employment elasticities of growth in Sub-Saharan Africa. **Abidemi C. Adegoye**, University of Benin, Nigeria and Monday I. Egharevba and Joel Edafe, Benson Idahosa University, Nigeria

Discussant: **Edward Sennoga**, AfDB

- Incentives and Firms' Productivity: Exploring Multidimensional Fiscal Incentives in a Developing Country. **Rapuluchukwu Efobi Uchenna**, **Belmondo Tanankem Voufo**, Cameroon

Discussant: **Kevin Lumbila**, AfDB

- Climat des Affaires, Création d'emplois et Productivité du Travail des Entreprises Béninoises

Discussant: **Mr. Inoussa Traoré**, University of Ouagadougou

Session 2.3: Trade and industrial policies for structural transformation

Room: Conference Room 5

Chair: **John Anwanyu**, AfDB

Paper Presenters:

- Does trade policy impact food and agriculture global value chain participation of Sub-Saharan African countries?

Jean Balié, **Davide Del Prete** and **Emiliano Magrini**, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Italy, **Pierluigi Montalbano**, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy and University of Sussex, UK and **Silvia Nenci**, Roma Tre University, Italy

Discussant: **Batanai Chikwene**, ECA (tbc)

- Exporting, importing and wages in Africa: Evidence from matched employer-employee data. **Marta Duda-Nyczak**, ECA, Zambia and **Christian Viegelahn**, International Labour Organization, Switzerland

Discussant: **Linguere Mbaye**, AfDB

- Economic Interactions based on Free Trade Agreements between European Union and African Countries: a panel VAR approach. **Léléng Kebalo**, University of Lomé, Togo

Discussant: **Ojijo Odhiambo**, UNDP

Session 2.4: Macroeconomic policies for inclusive development

Room: Conference Room 6

Chair: **Angela Lusigi**, Strategic Advisor, UNDP

Paper Presenters:

- Optimal monetary policy with output and asset price volatility in an open economy: Evidence from Kenya. **Peter Wamalwa**, Central Bank of Kenya, Kenya

Discussant: **Taiwo Ojapinwa**, University of Lagos, Nigeria

- Is there Causal Association between Exchange Rate and Inflation in Africa? A Panel Granger Causality Analysis. **Mamo Girma**, Addis Ababa Science & Technology University, Ethiopia

Discussant: **Admit Wondifraw Zerihun**, AfDB

- Financial repression in Sudan

Saswan Abdul-Jalil, University of Khartoum, Sudan

Discussant: **Fatou Leigh**, UNDP

18:00-19:00

Special event D: Governing Development through integrated development plans and processes: Launch of the 2017 Sustainable Development Goals (the 2030 Agenda) and Agenda 2063 Report and the 2017 Economic Report on Africa

Room: Conference Room 2

- Keynote Address: Dr. Adeyemi Dipeolu, Economic Adviser to the President of Nigeria (confirmed)

Presenters:

- **Bartholomew Armah**, Chief, Renewal of Planning Section, ECA
- **Allan Mukungu**, ECA
- **Semia Guermas de Tapia**, ECA

Wednesday, 6 December 2017

9:00 – 11:00

Concurrent Session 3 (Research Paper Presentations)

Session 3.1: Financing Africa's development – session 1

Room: Caucus Room 11

Chair: **Radhika Lal**, UNDP

Paper Presenters:

- Financial literacy and household investment choices in Uganda. **Fred Kasalirwe**, Makerere University, Uganda and Razack Lokina, University of Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania

Discussant: **Allan Mukungu**, ECA

- Finance and firm productivity in Africa. **Grace Onubedo**, Centre for the Study of the Economics of Africa, Nigeria

Discussant: **Lucas Monge Roffarello**, UNDP

- Economic growth and FDI nexus does democracy matter. **Moheeldenn Atif**, United Arab Emirates

Discussant: **Habiba Ben Barka**, ECA

- Impact of Community-Based Health Insurance on Child Health Outcomes? Evidence on Stunting from Rural Uganda. **Emmanuel Nshakinda Rukundo** and **Nicholas Gerber**, University of Bonn, Germany

Discussant: **Xuan Che**, ECA

Session 3.2: Financing Africa's development – session 2 – tax and illicit financial flows

Room: Conference Room 3

Chair: **Ernest Bamou**, UNDP

Paper Presenters:

- Corruption, illicit financial flows and political stability. **Emmanuel Orkoh**, **Carike Claassen** and **Derick Blaauw**, North-West University, South Africa

Discussant: **Ibrahima Aidara**, Open Society Initiative West Africa

- Determinants of Tax Revenue in Ethiopia (Johansen Co-Integration Approach)
Workineh Ayenew Mossie, Wachemo University, Ethiopia

Discussant: **Fitsum Abraha**, UNDP

- Does the Implementation of Tax-Related Reforms and Institutions-Related Reforms Offer Scope for Sustained Tax Revenue Mobilization in Senegal?
Ameth Saloum Ndiaye, University Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal

Discussant: **William Lochi**, European University Institute

Session 3.3: Financing Africa's development – session 3 – remittances and natural resources

Room: Conference Room 5

Chair: **Bartholomew Armah**, Chief, Renewal of Planning Section, ECA

Paper Presenters:

- Impact of remittances on food consumption and nutrition. **Rapahel Olanrewaju Babatunde**, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

Discussant: **Becaye Diarra**, UNDP

- Remittances, institutional quality and economic growth in SSA. **Taiwo Ojapinwa**, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Discussant: **Wilmot Reeves**, UNDP

- Africa's financial development exploring the role of natural resources. **Abiodun Adewale Adegboye** and **Fisayo Fagbemi**, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

Discussant: **Prof. Malcolm Sawyer**, University of Leeds, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Session 3.4: Inclusive governance of natural resources as a driver of structural transformation

Room: Conference Room 6

Chair: **Francis Ikome**, Chief, Governance and Public Sector Management Section, ECA

Paper Presenters:

- Impact on oil exploitation on wellbeing in Chad. **Gadom Djal Gadom**, University of N'Djamena, Chad, **Armand Mboutchouang Kountchou**, University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon and **Abdelkrim Araar**, Université Laval, Canada

Discussant: **Kevin Lumbila**, AfDB

- Governance in the mineral dependent economy. **Ita Mary Mannathoko**, Formerly Senior Economist, Adviser to the Executive Director, IMF, Botswana

Discussant: **Yao Graham**, Third World Network – Africa

- Energy sector governance and cost reflective pricing. **Obindah Gershon**, Covenant University and Alex Ezurum, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Discussant: **Frederick Mugisha**, UNDP

Tea / coffee break

11:00 – 11:30

11:30 - 13:00

Plenary Session 5: Institutions, Competitiveness, and Industrial Policy in the age of Global Value Chains: Lesson from China (AfDB)

This session focuses on how China's industrial development model can provide inspiration to Africa, which has faced major constraints to the growth of its industrial sector. A systematic overview of China's industrial development mechanisms will highlight how the interplay of well-designed institutions, sound competitiveness, and industrial policy has been decisive in ensuring China's formidable advances. The institutional framework for innovation policymaking has been instrumental in formulating a broad spectrum of support, and associated legislation at the macro and State Council levels. This framework enables definition of innovation policies, covering a wide spectrum of R&D-related activities. These, complemented with other policy instruments such as regulation of markets, taxation, and infrastructural development, have played a critical role in remedying market failures, building innovation networks, creating a fertile innovation environment, and improving innovation capacity. At the same time, China adopted an export-oriented strategy that has encouraged private and overseas investment in labor-intensive manufacturing.

Room: Conference Room 2

Session chair:

- **Dr. Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse**, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI-Addis Ababa

Presenters:

- **Prof. Fang Xia**, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China
- **Prof. Zhongxiu Zhao**, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China
- **Dr. Bart Minten**, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- **Prof. Xiaobo Zhang**, Peking University, Beijing, China and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

13:00-14:00

Presentation of the Best Paper Award

Room: Conference Room 2

Presentation by ECA

Closing remarks

- ECA
- AfDB
- UNDP

14:00 – 15:30

Lunch

PARTICIPANT BIOS



DR. VERA SONGWE

Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Dr. Vera Songwe is UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

Dr. Songwe was Regional Director of the International Finance Corporation, covering West and Central Africa. In addition, she continues to serve as a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution's Africa Growth Initiative. She is also a member of the African Union institutional reform team under the direction of the President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, and a board member of the African Leadership Network and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation.

Previously, she was Country Director for the World Bank, covering Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania and Senegal. She was also Adviser to the Managing Director of the World Bank for Africa, Europe and Central and South Asia and a lead Country Sector Coordinator for the organization. She had earlier served as the World Bank's Senior Economist in the Philippines.

Prior to joining the World Bank, she was a Visiting Researcher at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota and at the University of Southern California.

She holds a PhD in Mathematical Economics from the Center for Operations Research and Econometrics and a Master of Arts in Law and Economics and a Diplôme d'études approfondies in Economic Science and Politics from the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium. She also has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of Michigan. She is also a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes College in Cameroon and has published widely on development and economic issues.

DR. CÉLESTIN MONGA

Vice President and Chief Economist of the African Development Bank Group



Dr. Célestin Monga is the Vice President and Chief Economist of the African Development Bank Group. He has held various board and senior executive positions in academia, financial services, and international development institutions, serving most recently as Managing Director at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and Senior Economic Advisor-Director at the World Bank. Prior to these assignments he was Manager in the Bank Nationale de Paris Group, a member of the Board of Directors of the Sloan School of Management Fellows Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and taught economics at Boston University and the University of Bordeaux. He currently also serves as a pro bono Visiting Professor of Economics at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, and Peking University. Dr. Monga has published extensively on various dimensions of economic and political development. His books have been translated into several languages and are widely used as teaching tools in academic institutions around the world. His most recent works include *Beating the Odds: Jump-Starting Developing Countries* (Princeton University Press, 2017), with Justin Yifu Lin; the two-volume *Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics* (Oxford University Press, 2015), co-edited with Justin Yifu Lin; and *Nihilism and Negritude: Ways of Living in Africa* (Harvard University Press, 2016). Dr. Monga holds graduate degrees from MIT, Harvard University, the Universities of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Pau.



DR. JIM OCITTI

Director, Public Information and Knowledge Management Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Dr. Jim Ocitti is the Director of Public Information and Knowledge Management Division in the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) where he provides strategic guidance and transactional leadership in four critical areas of ECA's work: communications, knowledge management, publications and information technology. These specialisms form ECA's strategic and collective platform through which the organization's image and profile as a think tank of reference on Africa's development is developed, shaped and implemented.

Prior to joining ECA, Dr. Ocitti served as Regional Communications Director for World Vision in West and Central Africa where he developed, managed and supervised the regional communications strategy at the height of the Sahelian food crisis. Based in Dakar, Senegal, his remit covered Senegal, Niger, Mauritania, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Mali and Chad.

Earlier, he had worked as a Senior Communications and Coordination Advisor as well as Head of Office in the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator's office in South Sudan. Dr. Ocitti has also previously served as a Public Information Advisor and Spokesman in the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration programme of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Afghanistan.

Prior to that, he worked in the Balkans as a Public Information Coordinator and Senior Editor for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo and, later, Media Advisor to UNDP's election programme in the South American state of Suriname. He has also served in New York as a Media Consultant for the UNDP's Action 2 programme, which was the UN Secretary General's initiative to harmonize human rights policies and actions of the United Nations Country Teams globally.

Dr. Ocitti started his professional career as a Journalist in Uganda, later moving to Germany and the Netherlands as Producer, Editor and Senior Producer respectively. He got his PhD in Politics from the University of Bristol in the UK and attended Harvard University as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Programme on International Conflict Analysis and Resolution and a Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. He was also a Centre Associate at Harvard. Dr. Ocitti has authored three books on Ugandan politics, history and the media.

PROF. RICHARD JOSEPH

John Evans Professor of International History and Politics
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Prof. Richard Joseph is John Evans Professor of International History and Politics at Northwestern University and Non-resident Senior Fellow in Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institution. As a Fellow of The Carter Center, he participated in democracy and peace initiatives in Ghana, Zambia, Ethiopia, Liberia and Sudan. He has written extensively on issues of democracy, governance, and political economy. His selected books include *Radical Nationalism in Cameroun* (Clarendon Press, 1977), *Democracy and Prebendal Politics in Nigeria* (Spectrum Books, 1987) and edited books, *Gaullist Africa: Cameroon under Ahmadu Ahidjo* (Fourth Dimension, 1978), *State, Conflict and Democracy in Africa* (Lynne Rienner, 1999), and (with Alexandra Gillies) *Smart Aid for African Development* (Lynne Rienner, 2009). He served as Principal Investigator of the Research Alliance to Combat HIV/AIDS (REACH), a collaborative program in Nigeria, 2006-2011. Dr. Joseph completed his B.Phil at New College in 1969, and his D.Phil in 1973 at Nuffield College, both of Oxford University. He has promoted access to knowledge in Africa as a university lecturer in Sudan and Nigeria, the publication of his books in affordable editions, and digital scholarship via AfricaPlus and Northwestern's Arch Library. Many of his articles, essays, and lectures since 1977 are being re-published at Arch in an online volume, *The Nigerian Crucible: Politics and Governance in a Conglomerate Nation, 1977-2017*. A collaborative study of these issues across Africa since 1987, *Freedom Gates: Building Peace and Democracy in Africa*, is underway. He also hopes to establish an African Governance Learning Network.



DR. VICTOR B. OLADOKUN

Communications and media practitioner

Dr. Victor Oladokun is a highly accomplished communications and media practitioner with more than 25 years of demonstrated expertise in public relations, corporate branding, journalism, broadcasting, strategic communications consulting, leadership development, and executive coaching, and as an adjunct professor. Dr. Oladokun joined the African Development Bank in 2017 from 3D Global Consult, a media and communications consulting firm in Nigeria, where he has been the Chief Executive Officer since 2012. Early in his career, he worked at Cadbury Nigeria Plc. in various management positions from 1983 to 1986 as Publications Manager, Media Relations Manager, and Acting Corporate Affairs Manager. From 1986 to 1987, he worked as the Group Public Relations Manager/Spokesperson for the A.G. Leventis group of companies, Lagos, Nigeria. Between 1990 and 2009, he worked as a news journalist, international TV host, Producer, Senior Producer, and later as Managing Producer at CBN International, Virginia Beach, USA. He thereafter became Adjunct Professor at Bethel College, Hampton, Virginia, USA, before joining 3D Global Consult. Dr. Oladokun holds a Doctorate of Strategic Leadership (DSL) degree from Regent University, Virginia Beach, USA; a Master of Arts in Communication from Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History/Political Science from the University of Ife, Nigeria.

HON. MARIA KIWANA KIWANUKA

Special Presidential Adviser, Finance



Hon. Maria Kiwanuka is the Special Presidential Adviser, Finance. She served as Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development for the Republic of Uganda (2011-2015).

Hon. Maria Kiwanuka has served as a Non-Executive Director on Financial Boards i.e. Stanbic Bank (U) Ltd, UDB (U) and Governor of Islamic Development Bank, Governor at African Development Bank and Governor of international Monetary Fund.

Hon. Maria Kiwanuka has also served as a Non-Executive Director on several Regulatory Institutions i.e. Uganda Registration Service Bureau, Uganda Communications Commission as well as major Tertiary Education Institutions i.e. Makerere University Business School and Nkumba University.

She holds an MBA from London Business School (University of London) and B.Com from Makerere University.



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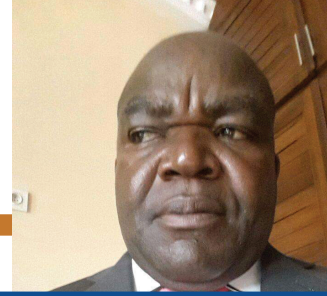
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Dr. Ibrahim El Badawi is the Managing Director of ERF. Earlier he served as the director of research at the Dubai Economic Council, which he joined in March 2009. Before that, he was lead economist at the Development Research Group of the World Bank, which he joined in 1989. He has published widely on macroeconomic and development policy, democratic transitions and the economics of civil wars and post-conflict transitions. He was the thematic leader of the Natural Resource Management and Economic Diversification theme at the ERF for five years and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Arab Planning Institute. He holds a PhD in economics and statistics from NC State and Northwestern

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Studied at the University of Lagos in Nigeria where he obtained a B. Sc (Hons) Economics in 1979. He enrolled in the University of Ibadan in the same year where he graduated in 1980 with an M. Sc (Economics). He returned to Cameroon and was recruited as an Assistant Lecturer in the then Faculty of Laws & Economics of the then University of Yaounde in 1981. He returned to the University of Lagos in 1984 for a PhD, which he obtained in March 1989. He returned to the University of Yaounde to continue his career as a University lecturer.

Prof. Tafah held the positions of Head of Department of Human Resources and Vice Dean in charge of Academic Affairs in the Faculty of Economics and Management at the University of Yaounde II, Soa from 1998 - 2003. He was appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management at the University of Dschang from 2003-2009. He became the Vice Rector in charge of Research and Cooperation in the same University from 2010-2011.

Professor Edokat became the Pioneer Vice Chancellor of the State University of Bamenda in September 2011, a position he occupied until November 2015.

He has taught in almost all the State Universities in Cameroon either as full time, part time lecturer, or as examiner in PhD theses. He has rendered consultancy services to the government of Cameroon in several domains and was part of the Cameroon team to the IMF/World Bank in 1997 to negotiate for the Enhanced Adjustment Facility. He was also a consultant to the United Nations Institute for Economic Development in Dakar. He is presently a visiting Professor of Development Economics in the Collaborative PhD Economics programme of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Nairobi Kenya. He was among the few African Economists selected to prepare the position of African Heads of States on the mobilisation of domestic resources for Africa's development. Professor Tafah has published several articles and contributed to Book Chapters.



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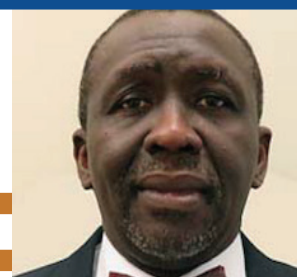
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Mr Abugre has also been active in the international NGO world, founding a few in the African Continent, heading the global research and advocacy division of Christian Aid, UK; and leading development programmes and consultancy missions in several African, Carrebean and Asian countries.

He was a lecturer and research fellow at the Centre for Development Studies, Swansea University and taught several summer courses abroad. He studied development economics and is a co-founder of the World Economic Association, an Advisory Board member of the Chronic Poverty Network hosted by ODI, UK and a member of the International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs) and the Tax Justice Network International, where he still serves as a Board member.

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He was Chief Technical Adviser: Public Service Reform at the Public Service Commission of South Africa. In this capacity, he led the reforms process to build a professional, career-driven and capable public service in South Africa. In this capacity, he was leader of a high-level delegation of South African government officials to China, Brazil, Malaysia and Mauritius to explore best-practice in economic and public reforms. Prior to that, he was Research Director in the Policy Analysis Unit of the Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa, and headed the Council's research and policy programme on State and Economic Development. Additionally, Dr. Edigheji was Research Manager at the Johannesburg-based policy think-tank, Centre for Policy Studies.

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Dr. Edigheji has published extensively, including three books, including *Governance in the New South Africa: The Challenges of Globalization* (co-editor, University of Cape Town Press, 2003); and *Constructing a Democratic Developmental State in South Africa: Potentials and Challenges* (ed., HSRC Press, 2010). He has made more than 100 presentations at a variety of forums involving policy-makers and academics across the globe.

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Hannah Forster is the Executive Director of the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies in Gambia. Created by the Gambian government in 1989, the Center's mission is to ensure respect for individual rights and freedoms through educational activities and publications, as provided in the Charter. In 2007, Ms. Forster was the first Gambian to receive the US Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award. She has also worked for the adoption of the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. Ms. Forster is the current Chairperson of the African Democracy Forum, a region network affiliated with the World Movement for Democracy.

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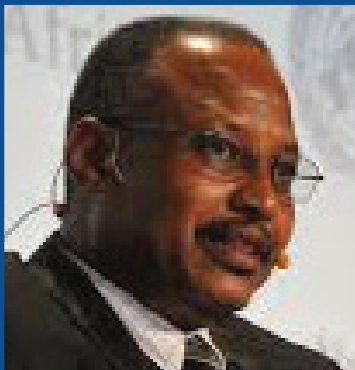
Professor of Economics, University of Leeds 1991 to 2017; formerly Professor of Economics, University of York. Pro-Dean for Learning and Teaching, Faculty of Business, University of Leeds, 2005-2008. Principal Investigator for European Union funded (8 million euros) project on Financialisation Economy Society and Sustainable Development involving 15 partner institutions around Europe and beyond, 2011 to 2016. Managing editor International Review of Applied Economics, 1986 to 2016; editorial board of a range of journals including Review of Keynesian Economics, European Journal of Economics and Economic Policy. Co-editor of annual International Papers in Political Economy published by Palgrave Macmillan. Author of 12 books, edited over 30 books, and published over 100 papers in refereed journals and over 100 chapters in books. Book on Can the Euro Survive? (Polity Press) has been published October 2017; currently working on book on The Power of Finance: Financialization and the Real Economy to be published by Agenda. Research interests: post Keynesian and Kaleckian macroeconomics, fiscal and monetary policy, political economy of the euro, financialisation.

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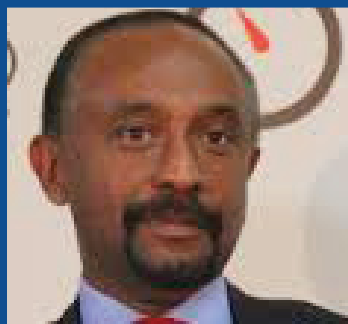
Dr. Adam B. Elhiraika (PhD-Glasgow University) is the Director of the Macroeconomic Policy Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He directly supervises ECA's work on development planning; forecasting and macroeconomic policy analysis; economic governance and public sector management; and finance and private sector development, including research and advocacy work on combating illicit financial flows. The Division leads the substantive preparation of the Commission's flagship publication: the *Economic Report on Africa*. Before joining the UN, Mr. Elhiraika served as Assistant and Associate Professor of Economics in several universities and he has published extensively in internationally refereed journals, books and monographs.

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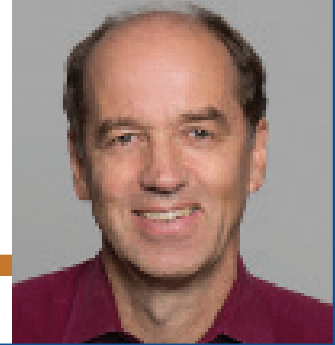
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Mr. Gabriel Negatu was appointed Director General, Eastern Africa Regional Hub in 2016. The Regional Hub is part of the Bank's new strategy to accelerate business and development impacts across the continent. His more than 25 years of senior level program, project and portfolio management experience includes 18 years of service at the African Development Bank. His illustrious record of managing sector and country operations comes from serving as Senior and Principal Program Officer, Chief Program Officer and Sector Director, where he established/led the Bank's Economic and Financial Governance department. He has been credited with successfully leading the Bank's response to the global financial crisis and spearheading the innovative use of budget support instruments; including in fragile states. Appointed as Country & Regional Director for Eastern Africa in 2010, he successfully piloted the Bank's decentralization strategy. Presently he directs the Bank's largest Regional Center, responsible for 13 member countries and a portfolio valued in excess of US\$9 billion. Mr. Negatu completed his university studies in the USA, receiving a Bachelor's Degree from California State University, USA, and a Master's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, with concentration in Economics and Social Development. He has also completed several advanced studies, including at Harvard University Business School, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, and the University of Manchester, UK.

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DR. BART MINTEN

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