



## Economic opportunities for a better future Leveraging agriculture, innovation and financial inclusion

### DAY 1

08:45 – 09:00 **Arrival and registration**

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening remarks**

Lemma Senbet, African Economic Research Consortium  
Dirk Willem te Velde, Overseas Development Institute  
H.E. Dr. Kerfalla Yansané, Senior Minister, Office of the President, Guinea

09:30 – 10:30 **Keynote speeches**

Sheila M'Mbijewe, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Kenya  
Admassu Tadesse, PTA Bank President

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Policy panel: Stable and inclusive financial systems for economic transformation**

*Moderator: Lemma Senbet, AERC*  
Victor Murinde, University of Birmingham  
Svetlana Andrianova, University of Leicester  
Johan Rewilak, Aston University  
Admassu Tadesse, PTA Bank  
Keith Jefferis, Econsult Ltd  
Njuguna Ndung'u, University of Oxford

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 **Research panel 1a: Agriculture and growth: agricultural innovation**

*Chair: Sheriffo Bojang, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Gambia*  
Francesco Cecchi, Wageningen University  
Shashi Kolavalli, International Food Policy Research Institute  
Wisdom Akpalu, University of Ghana/UNU-WIDER

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**Research panel 1b: Innovation and productivity at the micro level**

*Chair: Dirk te Velde, Overseas Development Institute*  
Atonu Rabbani, University of Dhaka  
Bansi Malde, Institute for Fiscal Studies  
Samuel Wangwe, Economic and Social Research Foundation  
Witness Simbanegavi, African Economic Research Consortium

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15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30 – 17:00 **Research panel 2a: Agriculture and growth: supply chains and the rural non-farm economy**

*Chair: Victor Okoruwa, University of Ibadan*

Julius Gatune Kariuki, African Center for Economic Transformation

César Revoredo Giha, Scotland's Rural College

Cyriaque Hakizimana, University of the Western Cape

Dambala Gelo, University of Cape Town

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**Research panel 2b: Finance and inclusive growth: the role of international regulation**

*Chair: Keith Jefferis, Econsult Ltd*

Ricardo Gottschalk, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Peter Knaack, University of Oxford

Victor Murinde, University of Birmingham

17:00 – 17:30 **Closing remarks**

Pete Vowles, Country Director, Department for International Development - Kenya

17:30 – 19:00 **Drinks reception**

19:00 **Dinner and keynote speech**

Njuguna Ndung'u, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford  
(Former Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya)

## DAY 2

09:00 – 09:30 **Arrival and registration**

09:30 – 10:45 **Policy panel: Challenges of agricultural transformation in contemporary sub-Saharan Africa**

*Moderator: Namakau Mukelabai, TV News Anchor, Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation*

Steve Wiggins, Overseas Development Institute

Boaz Keizire, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

Sheriffo Bojang, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Gambia

Linda Kwamboka, Mfarm Ltd.

Gabriel Negatu, African Development Bank

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Research panel 3a: Agriculture and growth: fulfilling the potential of irrigation**

*Chair: Steve Wiggins, Overseas Development Institute*

Ruth Meinzen-Dick, International Food Policy Research Institute

Hans Komakech, Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology

Victor Okoruwa, University of Ibadan

**Research panel 3b: Agriculture and inclusive growth**

*Chair: Witness Simbanegavi, African Economic Research Consortium*

Dambala Gelo, University of Cape Town

Wisdom Akpalu, University of Ghana/UNU-WIDER

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12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 **Policy panel: Transforming economies for employment generation: the role of industrial policy**

*Moderator: Namakau Mukelabai, Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation*

Maureen Mackintosh, Open University

George Essegbey, CSIR-STEPRI

Gituro Wainaina, Delivery secretariat of Kenya Vision 2030

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15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30 – 16:30 **Closing keynote speech**

H.E. Dr. Kerfalla Yansané, Senior Minister, Office of the President, Guinea

16:30 – 17:00 **Closing remarks**

17:00 **End of conference reception**