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

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<td><strong>Policy panel: Stable and inclusive financial systems for economic transformation</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Moderator:</strong> Lemma Senbet, AERC&lt;br&gt;Victor Murinde, University of Birmingham&lt;br&gt;Svetlana Andrianova, University of Leicester&lt;br&gt;Johan Rewilak, Aston University&lt;br&gt;Admassu Tadesse, PTA Bank&lt;br&gt;Keith Jefferis, Econsult Ltd&lt;br&gt;Njuguna Ndung’u, University of Oxford</td>
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<td><strong>Research panel 1a: Agriculture and growth: agricultural innovation</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Chair:</strong> Sheriffo Bojang, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Gambia&lt;br&gt;Francesco Cecchi, Wageningen University&lt;br&gt;Shashi Kolavalli, International Food Policy Research Institute&lt;br&gt;Wisdom Akpalu, University of Ghana/UNU-WIDER</td>
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<td><strong>Research panel 1b: Innovation and productivity at the micro level</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Chair:</strong> Dirk te Velde, Overseas Development Institute&lt;br&gt;Atonu Rabhani, University of Dhaka&lt;br&gt;Bansi Malde, Institute for Fiscal Studies&lt;br&gt;Samuel Wangwe, Economic and Social Research Foundation&lt;br&gt;Witness Simbanegavi, African Economic Research Consortium</td>
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15:30 – 17:00  Research panel 2a: Agriculture and growth: supply chains and the rural non-farm economy
   Chair: Victor Okoruwu, 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

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**

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*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 Okorua, 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  
TBC |
| 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  
TBC |
| 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                                          |