

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA WORKSHOP

13-15 DECEMBER 2019



ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY

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PROGRAMME

Friday 13 December - Sunday 15 December 2019
Addis Ababa University

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

0800 **Bus pickup** for delegates staying at the Hilton Hotel

0830 **Registration** Conference Hall of Eshetu Chole Building, Ground Floor

0900 **Welcome and introductions** by **Dr. Alemu Mekonnen**, Dean, College of Business and Economics, Addis Ababa University; and **Professor Stefan Dercon**, University of Oxford.
Chaired by **Dr. Zerayehu Sime**, Head of the Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University

0930 **Session 1**

Session 1.1 Firms **Chair: Tadele Ferede, Addis Ababa University**

- *Management Practices and Performance Improvement in Manufacturing Enterprises: The Case of Kaizen Adoption in Ghana* Richmond Atta-Ankomah, University of Ghana
- *Product-Market Competition and Managerial Practices of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Evidence from Burkina Faso* Soumaila Gansonré, LAPE/ CU-Ziniaré

Session 1.2 Households **Chair: Atnafu G. Meskel, Addis Ababa University**

- *The causal effect of income on household energy transition: Evidence from a regression discontinuity analysis* Dambala Kutela, University of Witwatersrand
- *Can Urbanization Improve Household Welfare? Evidence from Ethiopia* Households, Inequality and Poverty Tsega G. Mezgebo, Civil Service University, Ethiopia

1100 **Coffee and tea**

1130 **Session 2**

Session 2.1 Fiscal policy **Chair: Tadele Ferede, Addis Ababa University**

- *Specifying the Trade and Financial Channels of External Adjustment in Emerging and Frontier Market Economies* Bernard Njiri, Stellenbosch University
- *Government Spending Multipliers over Business Cycle: What do they tell us in a Developing Open Economy?* Naser Yenus Nuru, Adigrat University



Session 2.2 Households and Firms **Chair: Atnafu G. Meskel, Addis Ababa University**

- *Does Continuous Exposure to Social Assistance Improve Women' Autonomy? A Dose Response analysis of State Pension Receipt* Love Idahosa, University of Johannesburg
- *Discrimination from Below: Experimental Evidence from Ethiopia* Shibiru Ayalew Melesse, Adama University, Ethiopia

1300 **Lunch**

1400 **Session 3: Good Practices in Applied Microeconomics**
Margaryta Klymak, Giulio Schinaia, and Lizzie Dipple

Topics will include:

- Randomised controlled trials
- Difference-in-differences
- Instrumental variables
- Regression discontinuity design

1545 **Break**

1600 **New developments in econometrics** Margaryta Klymak
New tricks in the age of big data with a heavy focus on machine learning.

1745 **Close of Day 1** and transfer to Hilton Hotel

1830 **PUBLIC LECTURE** by Professor Stefan Dercon, University of Oxford
The recent Nobel Prizes in Economics, and what do they mean for Ethiopia and other African countries?
Venue: Hilton Hotel Ballroom

2000 **Dinner, Hilton Hotel**

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER



0800 **Bus pickup** for delegates staying at the Hilton Hotel

0900 **Session 4**

Session 4.1 Health **Chair: Wassie Berhanu, Addis Ababa University**

- *User Fee, Access and Waiting Time in Nigeria* Uche Osakede, University of Ibadan
- *Prenatal Health and Weather Shocks: Evidence from Randomized Trial in Northern Kenya* Silas Ongudi, University of Cape Town
- *Measuring antenatal care quality: Comparing estimates from household and facility survey data in Malawi* Martina Mchenga, Stellenbosch University

Session 4.2 Trade **Chair: Kefyalew Endale, Addis Ababa University**

- *Commodity Trade-related Illicit Financial Flows: Evidence of Abnormal Pricing in Commodity Exports from Ghana* Ama Asantewah Ahene-Codjoe, University of Ghana
- *Empirical analysis of demand for imports in sub-Saharan Africa* Clement Asaana, KNUST
- *Effects of Import Taxes on Intra-African Trade: New Evidence from a Case Study of Malawi's Imports* Chinyamata Chipeta, University of Ekwendeni

1115 **Coffee**

11.30 **Session 5**

Session 5.1 Labour **Chair: Wassie Berhanu, Addis Ababa University**

- *What did the 'Basic BRT' in Accra Achieve?* Patrick Asuming, University of Ghana
- *Risk preferences and job mobility in Zimbabwe* Leon Matsuro, University of Stellenbosch

Session 5.2 Agriculture **Chair: Kefyalew Endale, Addis Ababa University**

- *Governance, time preference, and collective maintenance: the case of small-scale irrigation in northern Ghana* Margaret Akuriba, University for Development Studies, Ghana
- *Spatial Spillovers, Livestock Technology Adoption and Milk Productivity of Smallholder Farmers: Evidence from Ethiopia* Jonse Bane, Addis Ababa University

1300 **Lunch**

1400 **Session 6**

Session 6.1 Health **Chair: Lizzie Dipple, University of Oxford**

- *Modes of Waste Management and Household Health Outcomes in Ghana* Edward Martey, CSIR-Savanna Agric. Res. Inst.
- *Regulation of noise emitted by revival churches and the neighboring population's wellbeing in the Cameroon urban area* Mathieu Juliot Mpabe Bodjongo, CERE/University of Yaounde 2
- *Should Cote d'Ivoire provide Universal healthcare to small farmer holders?* Assi Kimou, University of Abidjan-Cocody



Session 6.2 Households

Chair: Tekie Alemu, Addis Ababa University

- *State-Contingent Determinants of Non-Performing Loans in Sub-Saharan Africa: Empirical Evidence from Dynamic System-GMM* Angela Ujunwa, University of Nigeria
- *Combining Financial Literacy Trainings and SMS reminders to influence mobile money usage and financial behaviour among VSLA members: Experimental evidence from Malawi* Tayamika Kamwanja, University of Malawi
- *Food Price Changes and Farm Households' Welfare: Direct and Indirect Framework? Households, Inequality and Poverty* Chioma Adekunle, FUNAAB, Nigeria

1615 Tea

1630 Session 7

Session 7.1 Fiscal and monetary policy

Chair: Giulio Schinaia, University of Oxford

- *Impact of institutions' quality on fiscal revenue in Cote d'Ivoire* Isabelle Beyera, University FHB of Abidjan
- *The Effect of Government Spending Innovations on the Ethiopian Economy: A Disaggregate Structural Vector autoregressive Analysis* Hayelom Yirgaw Gereziher, Adigrat University

Session 7.2 Health

Chair: Tekie Alemu, Addis Ababa University

- *Benefit Incidence Analysis of Health Spending in Cameroon* Samuel Fambon, University of Yaoundé II
- *Childhood Nutritional Status and Cognitive Outcomes: Evidence from Rural and Urban Ethiopia* Mesele Wolde Mariam, AAU

1800 Close of Day 2

1815 Bus transfer to YOD Abyssinia Cultural Restaurant

1900 Dinner, YOD Abyssinia Cultural Restaurant

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER



0800 **Bus pickup** for delegates staying at the Hilton Hotel

0900 **Session 8**

Session 8.1 Households and firms **Chair: Abdurazak Hussein, Addis Ababa University**

- *Emotions And Revealed Preference For Rational Altruism* George Kinyanjui, University of Cape Town
- *Intergenerational Earnings Mobility in Ghana* Kwadwo Opoku, University of Ghana
- *Early Life Shock and Labor Market Outcomes* Gidisa Lachisa Tato, AAU

Session 8.2 Education **Chair: Assefa Admassie, Addis Ababa University**

- *Influencing kids' aspirations and gender attitudes through role models: Evidence from Somali schools* Kipchumba Elijah Kipkech, BRAC International
- *Food for Thought: School Feeding and Cognitive Performance in Rwanda* Aimable Nsabimana, University of Rwanda
- *Returns to Investment in Education in South Africa* Muine Samahiya, University of Pretoria

1115 **Coffee**

11.30 **Session 9**

Session 9.1 Agriculture **Chair: Abdurazak Hussein, Addis Ababa University**

- *The unintended side-effects of a major development strategy: Commercialization of smallholder production and women empowerment in Uganda* Proscovia Ntakyio, Kabale University
- *Does women's empowerment influence agricultural productivity? Evidence from rural households in Northern Nigeria* Olajumoke Adeyeye, OAU, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Session 9.2 Political Economy and Natural Resources **Chair: Assefa Admassie, Addis Ababa University**

- *Public Job Allocation and Bureaucrats' Performance: Evidence from Local Governance in Benin* Lazare Kovo, African School of Economics, Benin
- *Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events: A major concern for Fiscal Policy in Africa* Natural Resources and the Environment Mark Kunawotor, University of Ghana

1300 **Lunch**

1400 **Session 10**

Session 10.1 Microfinance and entrepreneurship **Chair: Pramila Krishnan, University of Oxford**

- *Microcredit Spillover And Distributional Effects On Household Welfare In Ghana: A Disaggregated Analysis* Kofi Amanor, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science [KNUST]
- *Microfinance Institutions and Income Inequality: A Panel Data Analysis* Aisha Nanyiti, Makerere University

Session 10.2 Fiscal and monetary policy **Chair: Margaryta Klymak, University of Oxford**

- *Growth Dynamics, Multiple Equilibria, and Local Indeterminacy in an Endogenous Growth Model of Money, Banking and Inflation Targeting* Philton Makena, University of Pretoria
- *Has Research and Development been Growth Conducive in Africa* Warren Moraghen, University of Mauritius

1530 **Tea**

1600 **Drop in clinic teaching sessions**

1730 **Close of Day 3**