



**AFRICAN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE 2020**  
*Preliminary Agenda*

*Africa beyond COVID-19: Acceleration towards inclusive and sustainable development*

**Virtual**

**8 – 10 December 2020**

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

## Day 1 – Tuesday 8 December 2020

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<p><b>EST-6:00am-6:45am</b></p> <p><b>GMT-11.00 – 11.45</b></p> <p><b>EAT-14:00-14:45</b></p>	<p><b>Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p><b>Master of Ceremony:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Esther Awonyi, Business Anchor and producer, CNBC Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Vera Songwe, UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) – <i>7min</i></li> <li>• Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina, President, African Development Bank Group— <i>7min</i> (tbc)</li> <li>• Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Administrator and Director Regional for Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – <i>7min</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Goodwill Message</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Prof. Victor Harison, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, AUC</li> </ul> <p><b>Official Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Ms. Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Republic of Ethiopia— <i>10min</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>EST- 6:45-8:00am</b></p> <p><b>GMT-11.45 – 13:00</b></p> <p><b>EAT- 14:45-16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary Session 1: High-level panel on Africa beyond COVID-19: How to move towards inclusive and sustainable development? (AfDB, UNECA, and UNDP)</b></p> <p>This high-level panel will discuss Africa’s experiences with COVID-19, the attempts to contain its impact on Africa’s development trajectory, and how Africa can build back better to ensure inclusive and sustainable development. It will discuss the lessons learnt from the pandemic, and the priorities for building resilience in Africa against similar emergencies, and future shocks. High-level panellists will also share with the audience their insights and perspectives on the role of social safety nets and other social protection measures as a tool to support vulnerable people against shocks. Finally, panellists will debate how African countries can leverage their abundant natural and human resources to ensure inclusive and sustainable development while accounting for countries’ heterogeneity.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Esther Awoniyi</b>, Business Anchor and producer, CNBC Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E Prof. Abderrahmane Benbouzid</b>, Minister of Health, Population and Hospital Reform, Algeria. (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Vera Songwe</b>, UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina</b>, President, African Development Bank Group</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa</b>, Assistant Administrator and Director Regional for Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sanjay Pradhan</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Open Government Partnership</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Dorothy Jane Anika</b>, Convener, Young Women in Political Party Leadership (Kenya) and, Member, UN Women Beijing 25+ Global Youth Task Force</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteurs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Linguere Mbaye</b>, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Luca Monge Roffarello</b> (UNDP)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Muazu Ibrahim</b>, UNECA</li> </ul>
<p><b>EST-8:00am-8:30am</b></p> <p><b>GMT-13:00 – 13:30</b></p> <p><b>EAT-16:00-16:30</b></p>	<p><b>Health break</b></p>
<p><b>EST-8:00am-8:45 am</b></p> <p><b>GMT-13:00 – 13:45</b></p> <p><b>EAT-16:00-16:45</b></p>	<p><i>Press Conference</i></p>
<p><b>EST-8:30-9:45am</b></p> <p><b>GMT-13:30 – 14:45</b></p> <p><b>EAT-16:30-17:45</b></p>	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions 1: Socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 on Africa (UNECA)</b></p> <p><b>Register in advance for this webinar:</b>  <a href="https://afdb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AJtbdLNISPad64hXifRDoQ">https://afdb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AJtbdLNISPad64hXifRDoQ</a></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>Participation link at the time of conference: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:</b>  Please click this URL to join.  <a href="https://afdb.zoom.us/j/94320321744?pwd=cXE1SFhsMHl1TTlkd1o3SlpNMG9DZz09">https://afdb.zoom.us/j/94320321744?pwd=cXE1SFhsMHl1TTlkd1o3SlpNMG9DZz09</a>  <b>Password: 59279466</b></p>

### 1.1. *Micro- and macro-economic impacts of COVID-19 on Africa*

**Moderator:** Mr. Hopestone Chavula, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA

- The effect of COVID-19 on macroeconomic stability in Ethiopia, *Habatamu Demmisie*

**Discussant:** Jane John Mpapalika, Fellow, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA

- Rethinking China-Africa trade relations: The impact of a Sino-Africa FTA on trade balance, *Mila Malavoloneke*

**Discussant:** Ms. Rachael Nsubuga, Sub-regional Office for Eastern Africa, UNECA

- COVID-19 in Africa: The implications for macroeconomic and socioeconomic dimensions, *Mma Ekeruche*

**Discussant:** Jean Paul Boketsu Bofili, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA

- Income-related health inequalities associated with the coronavirus epidemic in South Africa: A decomposition analysis, *Chijioko Nwosu*

**Discussant:** Sidzanbnoma Nadia Denise Ouedraogo, Sub-Regional Office for West Africa, UNECA

### 1.2. *COVID-19 and the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa*

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**Moderator:** Ms. Christine Awiti, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA

1. Assessing the impact of corona virus (Covid-19) on rural household food security in South-western Nigeria: A Gender-household head Perspective; *Abdulrazaaq Kamal Daudu*

**Discussant:** Bosede Olanike, Fellow, Macroeconomics and Governance, UNECA

2. The Effect of Blackouts on Household Electrification Status: evidence from Kenya; *Raul Bajo-Buenestado*

**Discussant:** Amandine Nakumuryango, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA

3. Household food security and COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria; *Cleopatra Ibukun*

**Discussant:** Charles Jumbe

4. Household Sanitation and Waste Disposal Practices during COVID-19 Pandemic in South-West Nigeria; *Oluwaseun Olowoporoku*  
**Discussant:** Mamoudou Sebege, Sub-Regional Office for West Africa, UNECA

**1.3. The implications of COVID-19 for sustainable development in Africa –the environment and economic transformation**

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**Moderator:** Mr. Joseph Baricako, Regional Integration and Trade Division UNECA

- Covid-19, Tourisme et croissance économique en Afrique de l’Ouest : Évidence du Sénégal et du Togo, *Mathilde Marthe Enouga*

**Discussant:** Mr. Nimonka Boyale, Fellow, Macroeconomics and Governance, UNECA

- The Impact of Coronavirus on African Firms: Evidence from COVID-19 focused Enterprise Surveys, *Hibret Maemir*

**Discussant:** Zoubir Benhamouche, Sub-Regional Office for North Africa, UNECA

- How is COVID-19 Pandemic Affecting Electricity Access in Africa? Evidence from Nigeria, *Abdulrasheed Isah*

**Discussant:** Yohannes Hailu, Private Sector Development and Finance Division, UNECA

- Estimating the impact of COVID-19 on Small and Medium Scale Enterprise: Evidence from Nigeria, *Adebayo Ogunniyi*

**Discussant:** Yesuf Muhamednur Awel, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA

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**Event A: Economic Governance Report - Institutional Architecture to Address IFFs from Africa (UNECA)**

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**Moderator:**

**GMT-14:45-16:00**

**EAT- 17:45-19:00**

- **Mr. Bartholomew Armah**, Director, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA

**Presentation:**

- **Mr. Allan Mukungu**, Economic Governance and Public Finance Section, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA

**Panelists**

- **Mr. Ephraim Murenzi**, Programme Officer, African Tax Administration Forum ATAF
- **Ms. Ms. Chenai Mukumba**, Policy Manager, Tax Justice Network Africa

**Rapporteur:**

- **Ms. Opeyemi Akinyemi**, Fellow, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, UNECA

***Event B: “Realizing the AfCFTA Promised Gains: Fostering Implementation through Digitalization and Comparative Experiences from the Global South” (UNECA/UNSOCC).***

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**Moderator:**

- **Mr. Mactar Seck**, Economic Affairs officer, UNECA

**Opening Remarks:**

- **Mr. Tunde Fafunwa**, Lead Advisor, UNECA

**Presentation:**

- **Ms. Bineswaree Bolaky** (UNECA), **Mr. Jamie MacLeod** (UNECA) and **Mr. Hany Besada**, Senior research/Programme Adviser, UNSSC

**Round Table Panelists.**

- **Mrs. Temilade Abimbola**, Lead Corporate Officer, Office of the President, African Development Bank.
- **Mrs. Trudi Hartzenberg**, Executive Director, TRALAC.
- **Mr. Nir Kshetri**, Professor, Bryan School of Business and Economics, University of North Carolina.
- **Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart**, Executive Director of Digital Pathways at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford.
- **Mr. Michael Sudarkasa**, CEO, Africa Business Group.

**Rapporteur:**

- **Mr. Eliam Kadewele**, ECA Digital Center of Excellence (DCE-UNECA)

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**Event C: “Documenting African women's thought leadership for Africa's COVID-19 economic recovery” (UNECA/TJNA).**

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**Moderator:**

- Ms. Crystal Simeoni, Director, Nawi – Afrifem Macroeconomics Collective

**Presentation:**

- Ms. Fatimah Kelleher, Independent Researcher

**Discussants**

- Ms. Lyn Ossome – University of Makerere / Institute of Economic Justice

**Rapporteur:**

- Mr. Bedson Nyoni, Sub-Regional Office for Southern Africa, UNECA
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<p><b>EST- 6:00am- 7:15am</b></p> <p><b>GMT-11:00 – 12:15</b></p> <p><b>EAT-14:00- 15:15</b></p>	<p><b>Plenary Session 2: Sustainable financing for an inclusive, greener and resilient COVID-19 recovery (UNDP)</b></p> <p><b>Register in advance for this webinar:</b>  <a href="https://afdb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A7ERVvuTTLaQGaPPqDCJFQ">https://afdb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A7ERVvuTTLaQGaPPqDCJFQ</a></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>Participation link at time of conference: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:</b>  <b>Please click this URL to join.</b>  <a href="https://afdb.zoom.us/j/977296116273?pwd=blh0NGZlRklnWGxESHQzY3RnVWlEdz09">https://afdb.zoom.us/j/977296116273?pwd=blh0NGZlRklnWGxESHQzY3RnVWlEdz09</a>  <b>Password: 65585323</b></p> <p>This high-level panel will discuss the policy imperatives for African countries to align COVID-19 recovery with Africa’s long-term development trajectory towards the SDGs and Agenda 2063. The panel will explore partnerships and tools to galvanize public and private investments for an inclusive, greener and resilient recovery. African countries’ experiences with innovative financing for COVID-19 recovery and attempts to manage emerging risk will be explored. It will discuss the lessons learnt from Integrated National Financing Frameworks in the context of COVID-19 and the priorities for navigating various post-pandemic scenarios. High-level panellists will also share with the audience their insights and perspectives on emerging investment opportunities in the recovery phase that align with the SDGs and Agenda 2063 and build resilience to future shocks. They will discuss the role of the green economy, digital disruption, social protection and the social contract in ensuring a robust and resilient socio-economic recovery.</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Raymond Gilpin</b>, Chief Economist and Head of the Strategy, Analysis and Research Team, UNDP Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Vera Daves</b>, Minister of Finance Angola (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Valentin Ela Maye</b>, Minister of Finance, Equatorial Guinea</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Mabouba Diagne</b>, Vice-President, Ecowas Bank for Investment and Development</li> <li>• <b>Dr Eleni Gabre-Madhin</b>, CEO Bluemoon, Ethiopia</li> <li>• <b>Prof. John Asafu-Adjei</b>, Head of Research, ACET</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteurs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precious Akanonu (UNDP)</li> <li>• Abdoulie Janneh (UNDP)</li> </ul>
<p><b>EST- 7:15am- 8:30am</b></p>	<p><b>Special Event: Post COVID-19 implications for strategic human capital development in Africa (AfDB and Africa CDC)</b></p> <p><b>Register in advance for this webinar:</b>  <a href="https://afdb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A7ERVvuTTLaQGaPPqDCJFQ">https://afdb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A7ERVvuTTLaQGaPPqDCJFQ</a></p> <p><b>OR</b></p>

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<p><b>EAT-15:15- 16:30</b></p>	<p>Health is a key component of the population’s quality of life, ability to accumulate human capital and achieve economic potentials. Good health is necessary to achieve Sustainable Development Goals and SDG 3 “Ensuring Good Health and Well-Being for All” is the health target of SDGs. No African country is on track to achieve the SDGs for health and the continent’s burden of communicable diseases and emerging trend of non-communicable diseases is putting pressure on health sector and pushing households deeper into poverty. Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has disrupted the health sector and economic activities globally. However, the African countries have done better than expected in controlling the spread and COVID-19 related deaths, but the indirect health costs may be much higher. The pandemic has disrupted access to emergency health services, long-term medical conditions (HIV, Tuberculosis and diabetes) and is claiming the lives of the few health workers. To achieve universal health coverage (UHC) and SGD3, the continent needs a functional health sector yet it faces severe shortage of poorly remunerated human resources for health. The continent must re-think its strategy for investment in human capital for health service delivery.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mrs. Wambui Gichuri</b>, Acting Vice President Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote Address:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Matshidiso Moeti</b>, World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for Africa.</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Osagie Ehanire</b>, Honourable Minister of Health, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. John Nkengasong, Director</b>, Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Feng Zhao</b>, Practice Manager, Strategy, Operations and Global Engagement, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Clare Omatseye, President</b>, West African Health Federation</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Isayvani Naicker</b>, Director, Strategy and Partnerships, African Academy of Sciences</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteurs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Elizabeth Owiti</b>, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> </ul>
<p><b>EST- 8:30am- 9:00am</b></p>	<p><b>Health Break</b></p>

<p><b>GMT-13:30 – 14:00</b></p> <p><b>EAT- 16:30- 17:00</b></p>	
<p><b>EST- 9:00am- 10:15am</b></p> <p><b>GMT-14:00 – 15:15</b></p> <p><b>EAT-17:00- 18:15</b></p>	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions 2: Response to, recovery from, and building back better after COVID-19 (UNDP)</b></p> <p><b>2.1. Effectiveness of Africa’s responses to the COVID-19</b></p> <p><b>Register in advance for this webinar:</b>  <a href="https://afdb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nh7kL1n2Tu-HORnRasesNg">https://afdb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nh7kL1n2Tu-HORnRasesNg</a>  <b>OR</b>  <b>Participation link at time of conference: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:</b>  <b>Please click this URL to join.</b>  <a href="https://afdb.zoom.us/j/96753015183?pwd=YTUUNnNwKlJWcGQ0SWd3TjYVRO2FhQT09">https://afdb.zoom.us/j/96753015183?pwd=YTUUNnNwKlJWcGQ0SWd3TjYVRO2FhQT09</a>  <b>Password: 31976484</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Amarakoon Bandara, Senior Economist (UNDP Nigeria)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coronavirus and Government Response Conundrum in Africa: How Effective are the Stringency Measures, <i>Muazu Ibrahim</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Fatmata Sesay, Senior Economist (UNDP South Sudan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leveraging Innovation to Increase Intra-Regional Trade: The Case of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern African Region, <i>Isaac M.B. Shinyekwa</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Rogers Dhiwayo, Senior Economist (UNDP Kenya)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiscal policy and health crisis in Cameroon: Response to COVID 19, <i>Ronnel Arnaud Ngambo Nzemo</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Ojijo Odhiambo, Senior Economist (UNDP Zimbabwe)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax revenue effort and aid in fragile states: The case of Comoros, <i>Abrams Mbu Enow Tagem</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Lorenzo Mancini, Senior Economist (UNDP Angola)</p> <p><b>2.2. Successful strategies for COVID-19 recovery</b></p> <p><b>Register in advance for this webinar:</b>  <a href="https://afdb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OBtmtnV2RwSafeqVaGgf8Q">https://afdb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OBtmtnV2RwSafeqVaGgf8Q</a>  <b>OR</b>  <b>Participation link at time of conference: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:</b>  <b>Please click this URL to join.</b>  <a href="https://afdb.zoom.us/j/92073313617?pwd=d1gzN3V4S1p1TDZWRXNHVlZU1V2kZk09">https://afdb.zoom.us/j/92073313617?pwd=d1gzN3V4S1p1TDZWRXNHVlZU1V2kZk09</a>  <b>Password: 53593902</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Domingos Mazivila, Senior Economist (UNDP Zambia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk perception and determinants in small &amp; medium-sized agri-food enterprises amidst the COVID-19 pandemic: Evidence from Egypt, <i>Assem Abu Hatab</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Thangavel Palanivel, Senior Economist (UNDP Uganda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicability of WHO COVID-19 regulations on Poverty Affected Regions: Case Study of Africa, <i>Tariro Madzimure</i></li> </ul>

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- **Dr Raymond Gilpin**, Chief Economist and Head of the Strategy, Analysis and Research Team, UNDP Africa

**Discussants:**

- **Maximilian Jarrett**, Africa Programme Manager, Division for Europe, Middle East, Africa and Latin America, International Energy Agency
- **Amb Liberata Mulamula**, Deputy Director, Africa Institute, George Washington University
- **Iyabo Masha**, Economic Adviser and Member, Presidential Economic Advisory Council, Nigeria
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- **H.E. Ms. Edite do Ramos da Costa Ten-Jua**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities, Sao Tome and Principe.
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- **Mr. Antonio Pombal**, National Director for Integration, Cooperation and International Business. Angola Ministry of Economy and Planning.
- **Dr. Kelesego Mmolainyane**, Research fellow at Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA).
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**Discussant: Dr. Amadou Boly**, AfDB

- Fiscal and debt sustainability in Africa, *Edward Sennoga*

**Discussant: Dr. Fadel Jaoui**, AfDB

- Acceleration towards inclusive and sustainable development: The new structural economics approach, *Leseko Makhetha*

**Discussant: Dr. Eugene Bempong Nyantakyi**, AfDB.,

- A Machine-Learning Approach to Nowcast the GDP in Sub-Saharan Africa, *Tara Iyer*

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- Covid-19 and Beyond - Solar Energy in Africa, *Susan Pendame*

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- The potential impact of agricultural policies on cropland allocation in the context of promoting a sustainable agriculture, *Koffi Massèso Adji*

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- Genre, capital humain et productivité des entreprises sénégalaises : une solution pour une relance économique post-covid-19 efficace, *Abdou Khadre Dieng*

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- Improving health outcomes towards inclusive sustainable development in Africa: do health expenditures matter? *Martins Iyoboyi*

**Discussant:** Mr. Peter Ogwal Ogwang, AfDB

- Effects of household uplifting programme on welfare status of beneficiaries in Nigeria, *Iyanuoluwa Adeaga*

**Discussant:** Andinet Woldemicheal, AfDB

- Beyond COVID-19: How can SSA Countries leverage on Foreign Direct Investment to improve Inclusive Human Development? *Sodiq Arogundade*

**Discussant:** Dr. Lacina Balma, AfDB

- Dynamics of food price volatility and households’ welfare in Nigeria: implications for post-COVID-19 recovery, *Chigozirim Onwusiribe*

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	<p>thoughts on the necessary structural reforms (and the challenges thereof) to achieve this objective.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Rabah Arezki</b>, Chief Economist and Vice-President, Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Amadou Hott</b>, Minister of Economy, Planning, and cooperation, Senegal (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Amit Thakker</b>, Chairman, African Health Business Federation</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Emmanuel Nnadozie</b>, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Abdu Mukhtar</b>, Director, Industrial and Trade Development, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Zouera Youssoufou</b>, Managing Director/CEO of the Aliko Dangote Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Lemma W. Senbet</b>, the William E. Mayer Chair Professor of Finance at the University of Maryland, College Park, and a former Executive Director/CEO of African Economic Research Consortium</li> </ul> <p><b>Rapporteurs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Racheal Mubeezi</b>, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> </ul>
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