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### MIASA Policy Conference

# “Accelerating Africa’s economic transformation towards shared prosperity and sustainability”

**Nov 21-22, 2023**

**Venue: ISSER Conference Centre, University of Ghana**

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<b>Day 1   Nov 21, 2023</b>		
9.00 am-11.00 pm	Welcome and keynote	
9.00-9.20	Welcome notes Susann Baller, MIASA Peter Quartey, ISSER Rainer Thiele, IfW Daniel Ofori, Provost, College of Humanities, UG	
9:20-9:30	Introduction to the conference theme and presentation of the program Jann Lay, GIGA	
9:30-10:15	Keynote by Kevin Chika Urama (virtual), African Development Bank, Moderated by Charles Ackah, ISSER	<b>Accelerating Climate Smart and Sustainable Development in Africa: Prospects for Shared Prosperity in Africa</b>
10:15-11:00	Keynote by Stefan Dercon (virtual), University of Oxford Moderated by Charles Ackah, ISSER	<b>Gambling for development</b>
11:00-11:30 pm	Cocoa/coffee break and preparation of question for panel discussion	
11:30-1:00 pm	High-level policy panel: Moderated by Jann Lay, GIGA	Stefan Dercon, University of Oxford Edward K. Brown, African Centre for Economic Transformation (ACET) Peter Quartey, ISSER
1:00-3:00 pm	Poster session with coffee/tea break	Oluwaremilekun Adebisi (Centre for Economic Policy and Development Research (CEPDeR), Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State) Does Financial Inclusion Impact Rural Economy for Sustainable Development: Evidence from Kwara State, Nigeria (Discussant: Rainer Thiele)  Joshua Adeyemi Afolabi (Innovation and Technology Policy Department, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER)) Towards Better GVC Participation in Africa: Does Infrastructural Development Matter? (Discussant: Charles Ackah)

		<p>Adesoji Farayibi (Department of Economics Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences University of Ibadan, Nigeria). Effect of Exchange Rate Volatility on Financial Sector Development: Evidence from Nigeria and South Africa. (Discussant: Sebastian Krantz)</p> <p>Adeoye Akinola (Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation) Private Investment, AfFCTA, and the Imperativeness of Economic Regionalism in Africa: By Whom and to Whom? (Discussant: Evans Osabuohien)</p> <p>Romanus Osabohien (Covenant University, Nigeria &amp; Postdoctoral Fellow, Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN), Malaysia) Global Value Chain Participation of Agri-firms, Post-harvest Losses and Welfare of Household in SSA (Discussant: Jann Lay)</p> <p>Betty Asamoah (University of Ghana) Health Insurance in times of health and economic uncertainty: empirical evidence from poor neighborhoods in urban Ghana (Discussant: Bernd Beber)</p>
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3:00-4:30 pm	Parallel Session 1: Infrastructure and SEZs	<p>Chair: Evans Osabuohien</p> <p>Sebastian Krantz (Kiel Institute) Mapping Africa's Infrastructure Potential with Geospatial Big Data and Machine Learning Methods</p> <p>Charles Ackah (ISSER, University of Ghana) Special Economic Zones and household welfare: New evidence from Ghana</p> <p>Marco Sanfilippo (virtual, University of Turino) Roads, competition and the informal sector</p>
3:00-4:30 pm	Parallel Session 2: Development assistance interventions for better jobs: The case of Germany's Special Initiative "Decent Work for a Just Transition"	<p>Chair: Tabea Lakemann</p> <p>Tabea Lakemann (GIGA) Consulting for better jobs: Short-run effects of an MSME support program in Côte d'Ivoire</p>

		<p>Peter Anti Partey (University of Cape Coast, IFEST Ghana) and Bernd Beber (RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research) Learning by doing? A multisite randomized-controlled trial of skills trainings for artisans in Ghana</p> <p>Charles A. Adongo (University of Cape Coast) and Sarah Frohnweiler (RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research), Train me, but properly: A rigorous impact evaluation of a skills training program for young women in Ghana</p> <p>With comments by Eunice Agyepong (GIZ)</p>
4:30-5:00 pm	Cocoa/coffee break	
5:00-6:00 pm	Parallel Session 3: FDI and economic integration	<p>Chair: Tobias Heidland</p> <p>Musa Abdu (Department of Economics, Gombe State University, Nigeria) and Evans Osabuohien (Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria). MNCs' Foreign Direct Investments in Developing Countries: Role of Regulatory Framework and Trade Policies</p> <p>Mosses Lufuke (virtual, Department of Economics, The University of Dodoma, Tanzania College of Economics and Management, Nanjing Agricultural University, Organization of African Academic Doctors) Consumption or promotion of manufacturing sector: Effect of imports on the East African region</p>
5:00-6:00 pm	Parallel Session 4: Value Chains 1	<p>Chair: Jann Lay</p> <p>Nwengehbe Brendaline Beloke (University of Buea, Cameroon) Participation in Global Value Chain by Firms in Africa: The Cameroonian SMEs Experience</p> <p>Abidemi C. Adegboye (University of Lagos, Nigeria) Foreign Banks and Global Value Chains Participation by Sub-Saharan African Countries</p>
6:00-8:00	Reception at MIASA building	

<b>Day 2   Nov 22, 2023</b>		
9:00-10:00	Keynote by Nkechi Owoo Moderated by Rainer Thiele	Inclusive Policies for Vulnerable Populations in the Covid-19 Recovery Period
10:00-10:30	Cocoa/coffee break	
10:30-12:00 pm	Session 5	Chair: Edward Asiedu  Edwin Atisogbui (University of Ghana) Educational Inequality, Labour Market Outcomes and Multi-dimensional Poverty in Ghana: A District Level Analysis  Tobias Heidland (Kiel Institute and University of Kiel) The African Middle Class and Trade Patterns  Fredrick Manang (University of Dodoma, Tanzania) Property Tax Compliance in Tanzania: Can Nudges Help?
12:00am-1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30-3:00 pm	Session 6: Value chains 2	Chair: Charles Ackah  Marvelous Ngundu (National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Bulawayo, Zimbabwe) South-South vs North-South value chain integration and value addition in Sub-Saharan Africa  Frauke Steglich (Kiel Institute) Impact of the French Due Diligence Law on Trade with Developing Countries  Richard Adu-Gyamfi (ESB Business School, Reutlingen) Understanding African SMEs' export in the agri-business sector: A resource-based view
3:00-3:30 pm	Coffee/cocoa break	
3:30-4:30	Keynote by Edward Asiedu Moderated by Jann Lay	Leveraging digitization for Africa's Development – perspectives, pathways, and interventions
4:30-4:45 pm	Closing remarks	