

KIEL-CEPR African Economic Development Conference

Preliminary program

Day 1 - Thursday, September 12

10:00-10:40

Conference Opening

Tobias Heidland & Rainer Thiele (Kiel Institute)
Heiko Thoms (State Secretary, Ministry of Finance)
Dominik Schnichels (Director General 'External Economic Affairs', Federal
Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action)

10:40-11:40

Academic Keynote

Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton, African School of Economics)
Moderator: Rainer Thiele (Kiel Institute)

11:45-13:15

Parallel Session I

Session A1: Promoting Peace

Can International Initiatives Promote Peace? Diamond Certification and Armed Conflicts in Africa

Christine Binzel (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, CEPR)

Building States through Restorative Justice: The Case of South Africa

Thomas Gautier (Kiel Institute)

Insuring Peace: Index-based Livestock Insurance, Droughts, and Conflict

Paul Schaudt (University of St. Gallen)

Session B1: Tax Compliance

Property Tax Compliance in Tanzania: Can Nudges Help

Fredrick Manang (University of Dodoma)

Mobile technologies and firm formalization: Evidence from Uganda

Krisztina Kis-Katos (University of Göttingen)

Fiscal Exchange and Tax Compliance: Strengthening the Social Contract Under Low State Capacity

Laura Montenbruck (Mannheim University)

Lunch break

14:15-15:45

Parallel Session II

Session A2: Access to Finance

Mobile Internet, Collateral, and Banking

Nicola Limodio (Bocconi University, CEPR)

Gendered Access to Finance: The Roles of Team Formation, Idea Quality, and Implementation Constraints in Business Evaluations

Silvia Castro (LMU Munich)

Short-term Finance, Long-term Effects

Kenza Benhima (University of Lausanne, CEPR)

Session B2: Conflict, Trade, and FDI

Roads to Peace or Discord: How does Infrastructure Shape Conflict Dynamics in Africa?

Mingjie Xu (University of Mannheim)

Double-Edged Sword: The Hidden Civilian Toll of FDI in Conflict Settings

Laura Saavedra-Lux (UNU WIDER)

Ethnic Remoteness Reduces the Peace Dividend from Trade Access

Diego Malo Rico (UC Louvain)

Coffee break

16:15-17:45

Parallel Session III

Session A3: Aspirations, Information, and Development

TBA

Stefan Dercon (Oxford University, CEPR)

Political Candidacy Matters: How Women's Presence on the Ballot Affects Females' Education

Sossou Simplice Adjisse (UW-Madison)

Heterogeneous Firm, Information Friction and Workers' Dynamics: Evidence from the Labor Market in Benin

Selidji Tossou (UW-Madison)

Session B2: Herders and Conflict (hybrid session)

Land Ownership, Ethnic Characteristics, and Herder-Farmer Conflicts in Africa

Jotham Talemwa (African School of Economics)

TBA

Oeindrila Dube (University of Chicago, CEPR) - online

Development Mismatch? Evidence from Agricultural Projects in Pastoral Africa

Eoin McGuirk (Tufts University) - online

17:45-19:15

Policy Panel “Development Finance”

Daouda Sembene (AfriCatalyst), Stefan Dercon (Oxford University, CEPR), Kalpana Kochhar (Gates Foundation), Anna Sophie Herken (GIZ)

Moderator: Christine Mhundwa (tbc)

19:30

Dinner in the Ministry of Finance

Day 2 - Friday, September 13

9:00-10:00

Academic Keynote

Oyebola Okunogbe (World Bank, CEPR)

Moderator: Tobias Heidland (Kiel Institute)

Coffee break

10:30-12:00

Parallel Session IV

Session A4: Small and Medium Enterprises

Government Demand and Firm Growth

Marco Sanfilippo (University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto)

Light Touch, Lean Tally: Impacts of an MSME Programme in Cote d'Ivoire

Tabea Lakemann (GIGA Hamburg)

Customer Knowledge and the Price-Quality Gradient

Christopher Woodruff (Oxford University, CEPR)

Session B4: Natural Resources and Political Economy

Mining for Peace

Roland Hodler (University of St. Gallen, CEPR)

Interest-based Negotiation over Natural Resources: Experimental Evidence from Liberia

Alessandro Toppeta (Stockholm University)

Public-Sector Wages and Corruption: The Role of Public Service Motivation

Francis William Touola (New York University)

Lunch break

13:00-14:30

Parallel Session V

Session A5: Global Influences

Private Colonialism in Africa

Elias Papaioannou (London Business School, CEPR)

The Effect of Foreign Aid on Migration Global Evidence from World Bank Projects

Lukas Wellner (Monash University)

Trade and Infrastructure Integration in Africa

Gianluca Santoni (CEPII)

Session B5: Human Capital

The Role of Gender, Birth Order, and Ability in Intra-household Educational Inequality: Evidence from Benin

Christelle Zozoungbo (Penn State)

Exposure to Extreme Heat and Children's Cognitive Functioning

Yabo Gwladys Vidogbena (University of Houston)

Female Wage Labor and Fertility: Evidence from the Cut-Flower Industry in Kenya

Celine Zipfel (Stockholm School of Economics)

14:30-16:00

Policy Panel "Entrepreneurship and Finance"

Frannie Leautier (SouthBridge Investment), Aoife Hanley (Kiel Institute), Fatou Haidara (UNIDO), Birgit Pickel (Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development)

Moderator: David Renke (Africa Table)