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STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN POST-COVID-19 AFRICA A BRAINSTORMING E-POLICY SEMINAR

15 March 2021, Time 14:00 - 17:00 hours
(Abidjan time) Western Hemisphere

16 March 2021, Time 08:30 - 11:30 hours
(Abidjan time) Eastern Hemisphere

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(Seminar adopts Board style format for time management)

PLENARY SESSION 1 (Moderator: Prof. Vincent Nmehielle, Secretary General, African Development Bank Group)

Time	Theme	Responsibility / Presenters
13:45 – 14:00	Speakers to connect on the G-CoP Platform – Preparatory session	Mrs. Dorsaf Dhouibia (CHIS) and Mr. Adewale Shoboyejo, (ECAD) African Development Bank Group to connect Speakers and provide pre-seminar protocols
14:00 – 14:05	Opening and Welcome Remarks	Dr. Rabah Arezki Chief Economist and Vice President, ECVP, African Development Bank Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
14:05 -14:10	Opening remarks	Prof. Vincent Nmehielle, Secretary General, African Development Bank
14:10 -14:15	Opening Remarks	Prof. Oyebanji Oyelaran-Oyeyinka , Senior Special Adviser to the President African Development Bank, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
14:15 –14:25	Setting the Scene: Institutional Capacity for Inclusive Development in Africa: Opportunities and Policy Options for Building Back Bolder and Better in post COVID-19 Africa	Prof. Kevin Chika Urama, FAAS Senior Director, African Development Institute, African Development Bank, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
14:25- 14:35	Strengthening Capacity for Research and Innovation in post-COVID-19 Africa: Challenges and Opportunities	Prof. Alex Ezech, PhD Dornsife Professor of Global Health, Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA
		Dr. Aloysius Uche Ordu Director - Africa Growth Initiative Senior Fellow - Global Economy and Development program Brookings Institute. USA, Former Vice President, African Development Bank
14:35 – 14:40	Discussion: On Strengthening Capacity for Research and Innovation in African Universities: Challenges and Opportunities in post-COVID-19 Africa	Prof. Etienne Ehouan Ehile, Secretary-General, Association of African Universities (AAU) Accra, Ghana
14:40 – 14:45	Discussion: On Strengthening Capacity for Research & Innovation in African Think Tanks: Challenges and Opportunities in post-COVID-19 Africa	Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, Executive Director African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Nairobi, Kenya

14:45 – 14:50	Discussion: On Strengthening Capacity for Inclusive Development in Governmental Institutions and Agencies: Challenges and Opportunities in post-COVID-19 Africa	Prof. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) Harare, Zimbabwe
14:50 – 14:55	Discussion: On Strengthening Capacity for Science and innovation: Challenges and Opportunities in post-COVID-19 Africa	Prof. Zeblon Vilakazi Vice Chancellor, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)
14:55 – 15:00	Discussion: The role of African Governments in Strengthening Capacity for Inclusive Development in Post COVID-19 Africa	Mr. Seth Terper, Former Finance Minister, Ghana
Panel Discussion 15:00 – 15:55	Experiences of Donor Partners in strengthening institutional capacity in Africa: What has worked, what has not worked and how can it be improved? (Panelists: 3-5 minutes each)	Ms. Valerie Dabady Manager, Resource Mobilization and External Finance. African Development Bank. Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire
		Ms. Stefanie Springorum, Senior Program Manager, Climate Resilient Economic Development, German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) Germany
		Dr. Arjan de Haan, Senior Program Specialist, Sustainable Inclusive Economies, International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Greater Ottawa Metropolitan Area, Canada
		Ms. Margaret Mliwa, Acting Regional Director, Office of Eastern Africa Ford Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya.
		Mr. Dana Hovig, Program Director of Global Development and Population, Hewlett Foundation. Menlo Park, CA
		Mr. Robert Eiss, Senior Advisor on Policy NIH, Forgy International Center, USA
		Dr. Tade Aina, Director of Research. Mastercard Foundation. USA
		Dr. Aldo Stroebe, Executive Director: Strategic Partnerships Strategy, Planning and Partnerships, National Research Foundation' Pretoria, South Africa
		Dr Paulin Basinga, Director for Health, Africa Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Washington, States , USA
15:55- 16:10	Keynote: Towards a Continental Strategy for Mobilizing Resources for Africa's Knowledge Capacity and Institutional development in post COVID-19 Africa	Prof. Osagie Imasogie Esq. co-founder and Senior Managing Partner Private Equity Firm, PIPV Capital Chair, Board of Advisors Penn Law USA
16:10– 16:15	Discussant: Towards a Continental Strategy for Mobilizing Resources for Africa's Knowledge Capacity and Institutional development in post COVID-19 Africa	Prof. Soji Adelaja. Michigan State University, USA
16:15 – 16:25	Discussants: (3 minutes each)	Delegates to be identified by Moderator
16:25– 16:30	Health Break – Interlude for Transition to Parallel Sessions	

16:30 -17:05	PARALLEL SESSIONS ON THEMATIC AREAS		
Policy Themes	THEME 1-SESSION	THEME 2-SESSION	THEME 3-SESSION
	Strategic Options for Strengthening Africa's Knowledge Institutions: what needs to be done differently?	Strategic Options for Mobilizing Resources for Strengthening Institutional Capacity for inclusive development in post-COVID-19 Africa.	Organizational and Operational Arrangements for a Continental Knowledge and Capacity Development Fund (KCDF) for Africa.
16:30-16:35	Chair / Conversation Starter: <i>To define key policy questions for discussion</i> Dr. Max Price, MD Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Town/ co-founder the African Research Universities Alliance, South Africa	Chair / Conversation Starter: <i>To define key policy questions for discussion</i> Ms. Valerie Dabady Manager, Resource Mobilization and External Finance. African Development Bank. Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire	Chair / Conversation Starter: <i>To define key policy questions for discussion</i> Prof. Ashiwel Undieh Professor, City University of New York School of Medicine, USA
Rapporteurs	Dr. Joseph Gichuru Wang'ombe, DBA Deputy Executive Director African Population and Health Research Center Kenya	Prof. Sharon Fonn, PhD, Full Professor, School of Public Health University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa Former Head of the School of Public Health and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, South Africa	Dr. Swithin J. Munyantwali, Esq International Development Lawyer Vice Chairman and co-founder of the International Law Institute African Centre for Legal Excellence (ILI-ACLE). USA
	Dr. Eric Ogunleye, Adviser to the Chief Economist and Vice President, ECVP & OIC Manager, African Development Institute – Policy Management Division, AfDB, Abidjan Cote D'Ivoire	Mr. Nkoanyane Sebutsoe, Senior Capacity Development Officer, African Development Institute, Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire	
16:35-16:40	Mr Jonathan Said Head of Economic Transformation, Africa Tony Blair Institute USA.	Dr. L Muthoni Wanyeki, Regional Director. Open Society Foundation, London. United Kingdom	Prof. Daya Reddy, President. International Science Council. Paris, France
16:40-16:45	Prof. Peter Okebukola Chancellor/Chairman Governing Council, Crawford University / Former Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) of Nigeria, Nigeria	Dr Uzma Alm Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA) African Academy of Sciences Kenya	Prof. Pascale Allotey, Director, United Nations University International Institute for Global Health, Malaysia
16:45-16:50	Ms. Susan Steffen, Executive Director Pan-Africa and Regional Development Division, Global Affairs. Canada	Dr. Flaubert Mbiekop, Senior Program Officer, International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Senegal	Prof. Jonathan Mba Director of Research & Academic Planning, Accra, Ghana
16:50-16:55	Prof. Amany El-Sharif Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, AlAzhar University, Cairo, Egypt / Coordinator, AAU North Africa Regional Office (NARO), Egypt	Dr. Ash Shah Global Development Senior Program Officer at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation USA	Dr. Baldeh, Yero Director, Transition States Coordination Office African Development Bank Group, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

	Sciences		
16:55–17:00	Prof IL Rensburg, Administrator: Vaal University of Technology Chairperson: UNESCO South Africa National Commission Chairperson: Ministerial Committee on the Review of the Higher Education, Science and Technology Institutional and Information Landscape, SouthAfricaaminata	Prof. Thomas Jayne Michigan University USA	Prof. Goolam Mohamedbhai International Higher Education Consultant / Honorary president of International Association of Universities (IAU) / Former AAU Secretary General / Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mauritius. Mauritius
17:00-17:05	Dr. Njeri Wabiri Consultant- PSDI, African Development institute African Development Bank Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire	Dr. Stephen N. Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division UNECA (Central Africa Office) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Prof. Peter Quartey, Director ISSER/University of Ghana Accra, Ghana
17:05-17:10	Rapporteur provides summary/feedback on points raised by speakers to the Breakout Group – Group to agree on 5 key consensus points for the Plenary		
17:10 – 17:15	Health Break – Interlude for Transition to Plenary Session		

PLENARY SESSION 2: Moderator: KEVIN URAMA Identification of Key Policies and Strategic Actions for each of the themes in the Short, medium & long term – Each thematic group to recommend 5 key policies only		
Time	Theme	Speakers
17:15-17:20	Key Policies: Strategic Options for Strengthening Africa's Knowledge Institutions: what needs to be done differently?	Dr. Max Price former Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Town co-founded the African Research Universities Alliance
17:20-17:25	Key Policies: Strategic Options for Mobilizing Resources for Strengthening Institutional Capacity for inclusive development in post-COVID-19 Africa	Ms. Valerie Dabady Manager, Resource Mobilization and External Finance. African Development Bank. Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire
17:25-17:30	Key policies: Organizational and Operational Arrangements for a Continental Knowledge and Capacity Development Fund (KCDF) for Africa	Prof. Ashiwel Undieh City University of New York School of Medicine
17:30-17:35	Facilitated Open Discussion Delegates to be identified by raising hands to intervene focusing on actionable policies and policy prioritization only	
17:40	Closing Remarks	Prof. Kevin Chika URAMA, FAAS Senior Director, African Development Institute, African Development Bank

Notes to Speakers:

The World is going through epoch-making times. The COVID-19 pandemic has re-ignited debates regarding adequacy of, as well as asymmetries and contradictions in, the contemporary global order. Many draw parallels with what happened during the post-World War II which gave birth to the Bretton Woods Institutions. Everything is up for debate: the relative virtues of centralized or regionalized health systems; the trade-offs between the economy and public health, the adequacy of globalization, glocalization, or nationalism; the pros and cons of Authoritarianism, Confucianism, Democracy, and Populism; the value of a globalized, regionalized, or nationalized value chains, etc.

As countries continue to rightly focus on flattening the disease curve and accelerating the vaccine distribution and administration, and finding therapeutic cure, African countries also need support with regard to knowledge products and technical assistance in making prompt decisions to address the rapidly evolving pandemic, and at the same time keep in view what the COVID-19 responses may bequeath to economies after the pandemic, in the short, medium and long term. e

This is a brainstorming technical session. All individual contributions will be treated under the **Chatham House Rule**. Please feel free to think freely and innovate. Experts in each thematic area of **Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Inclusive Development in Post-COVID-19 Africa** are purposively invited to allow us to think outside our core disciplines, institutional positions, and comfort zones. **Africa needs practical and feasible policies to build a more inclusive and resilient economy now more than ever.** Recent challenges facing our common humanity are increasingly supra-national: climate change, disease pandemics, poverty, inequality, social exclusion, ..., and more, ..., and so are the policy tools for addressing them. **African needs strengthened Institutions to be able to build back bolder and better post COVID-19. We count on your contributions to support efforts in this direction.**