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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

Link for Plenary Session: Please click this URL to join.

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(Seminar will adopt Board style format for time management)

Programme: Tuesday 16 March 2021, Time 08:30 – 11:30 hours (Abidjan time) Western Hemisphere

PLENARY SESSION 1 (Moderator: SG Vincent)

Time	Theme	Responsibility / Presenters
08:15 – 08:30	Speakers to connect on the G-CoP Platform – Preparatory session	Ms. Dorsaf DHOUBIA (CHIS) and Mr. Adewale SHOBOYEJO (ECAD), African Development Bank Group to connect Speakers and provide pre-seminar protocols
08:30– 08:35	Opening and Welcome Remarks	Dr. Rabah Arezki , Chief Economist and Vice President, ECVP, African Development Bank
08:35– 08:40	Opening remarks	Prof. Vincent Nmehielle , Secretary General, African Development Bank
08:40– 08:50	Setting the Scene: The State of 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
08:50– 09:00	Strengthening Capacity for Research and Innovation in post-COVID-19 Africa: Challenges and Opportunities	Prof Sharon Fonn, PhD , Full professor, School of Public Health University of the Witwatersrand Former Head of the School of Public Health and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, South Africa
09:00– 09:05	Discussion: On Strengthening Capacity for Research and Innovation in African Universities: Challenges and Opportunities in post-COVID-19 Africa	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
09:05-09:10	Discussion: On Strengthening Capacity for Research & Innovation in African Think Tanks: Challenges and Opportunities in post-COVID-19 Africa	Prof. Ernest Aryeetey Secretary General The African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) South Africa
09:10– 09:15	Discussion: On Strengthening Capacity for Inclusive Development in Governmental Institutions and Agencies: Challenges and Opportunities in post-COVID-19 Africa	Mr. Abdoulaye Coulibaly Governance and Public Financial Management (ECGF), African Development Bank. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

09:15- 09:20	Discussant: On Strengthening Capacity for Science and innovation: Challenges and Opportunities in post-COVID-19 Africa	Dr. Isayvani Naicker Director of Strategy and Partnerships African Academy of Sciences, Kenya
09:20- 09:25	Discussion: The role of African Governments in Strengthening Capacity for Inclusive Development in Post COVID-19 Africa	Dr Ibrahim L. Stevens Deputy Governor, Bank of Sierra Leone The Republic of Sierra Leone Sierra Leone
09:25– 10:05	Discussion: Experiences of Donor Partners in strengthening institutional capacity in Africa: What has worked, what has not worked and how can it be improved? (5 minutes each)	Prof. Desire Vencatachellum Director, Resource Mobilization and External Finance. African Development Bank, Cote D'Ivoire
		Prof. Charlotte Watts Chief Scientific Adviser and Director of the Research and Evidence Division. UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).
		Dr. Martin Ledolter. The Managing Director Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Austria.
		Dr. L Muthoni Wanyeki, Regional Director. Open Society Foundation, London. United Kingdom
		Mohammed ALSHAMMARI, Senior Specialist Operations Department, Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) Saudi Arabia
		Dr. Simon Kay, Head of International Operations Wellcome Trust, United Kingdom
		Prof. Daya Reddy, President. International Science Council. Paris, France
		Dr Ato Onoma, Senior Program Officer CODESRIA. Dakar, Senegal
10:10-10:25	Keynote: Towards a Continental Strategy for Mobilizing Resources for Africa's Knowledge Capacity and Institutional development in post COVID-19 Africa	Prof. Oyebanji Oyelaran-Oyeyinka Senior Special Adviser to the President African Development Bank, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
10:25-10:30	Discussant: Towards a Continental Strategy for Mobilizing Resources for Africa's Knowledge Capacity and Institutional development in post COVID-19 Africa	Dr. Ibrahim Elbadawi Managing Director, Economic Research Forum Egypt.
10:30-10:35	Experiences of Donor Partners in strengthening institutional capacity in Africa: What has worked what has not worked and how can it be improved?	Mr. Ryuichi KATO, Vice-President for African Development and TICAD process. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Japan
10:35- 10:45	Discussants: (3 minutes each)	Delegates to be identified by Moderator
10:45 – 10:50	Health Break – Interlude for Transition to Parallel Sessions	

10:50 -11:25	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.
10:50-10:55	Chair/ Conversation Starter: <i>to set the scene-define key policy questions for discussion</i> Prof. David Morrison Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Murdoch Western Australia	Chair/ Conversation Starter: <i>set the scene-define key policy questions for discussion</i> Prof. Desire Vencatachellum Director, Resource Mobilization and External Finance. African Development Bank Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	Chair/ Conversation Starter: <i>to set the scene-define key policy questions for discussion</i> 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
Rapporteurs	Dr. Eric K. Ogunleye , Advisor to the Chief Economist and Vice President, ECVP & OIC Manager, Policy Management Division, African Development Institute Côte d'Ivoire	Dr Njeri Wabiri Consultant, African Development Institute, African Development Bank. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	Ms. Annie O'Brien Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University USA
		Ms. Dabady, Valerie Manager, Resource Mobilization and External Finance. African Development Bank. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. Sebutsoe, Nkoanyane , Senior Capacity Development Officer, African Development Institute. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
10:55-11:00	Prof. Kelly Chibale Professor University of Cape Town South Africa	Dr. Joseph Gichuru Wang'ombe, DBA Deputy Executive Director African Population and Health Research Center. Nairobi, Kenya	Mr. David Doepel Former Deputy Vice Chancellor-Research and Innovation, Murdoch University / Chair Africa-Australia Research Forum, Perth, Western Australia
11:00-11:05	Dr. Hanan Morsy , Director , Macro-economics Policy, Forecasting and Research, African Development Bank. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. Abdoulaye Coulibaly Governance and Public Financial Management (ECGF), African Development Bank. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	Prof Gunnar Köhlin Director Environment for Development Initiative Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg Sweden
11:05-11:10	Prof. Christian Happi Professor of Molecular Biology and Genomics. Director African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACEGID) Nigeria	Prof Moses Kiggundu Distinguished Research Professor Sprott School of Business, Carleton University, Canada	Ms Eden Getachew , Head of Centre of Government and Delivery Tony Blair Institute Kenya
11:10-11:15	Dr. Catherine Kyobutungi Executive Director African Population & Health Research Centre Nairobi, Kenya	Mr. Bakary Kone Director, Resource Mobilization, Strategic Planning and Partnerships, The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF). Harare, Zimbabwe	Prof. John Ele-Ojo Ataguba Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) University of Cape Town Cape Town, South Africa

11:15-11:20	Prof. Amany El-Sharif Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, AlAzhar University, Cairo, Egypt / Coordinator, AAU North Africa Regional Office (NARO). Egypt	Dr Nkem Khumbah Senior Fellow, Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils USA	Prof. Alex Ezeh, PhD Dornsife Professor of Global Health, Drexel University USA
11:20-11:25	Ms. Elodie Rusera Chief Skills Officer, Rwanda Development Board. Rwanda	Prof Justice Bawole Dean, University of Ghana Business School Ghana	
11:25-11:30	Wrap up Sessions for Breakout Sessions – identifying the five key policy options		
11:30-11:35	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
11:35-11:40	Key Policies: Strategic Options for Strengthening Africa's Knowledge Institutions: what needs to be done differently?	Prof. David Morrison Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) Murdoch Western Australia
11:40-11:45	Key Policies: Strategic Options for Mobilizing Resources for Strengthening Institutional Capacity for inclusive development in post-COVID-19 Africa	Prof. Desire Vencatachellum Director, Resource Mobilization and External Finance. African Development Bank Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
11:45-11:50	Key policies: Organizational and Operational Arrangements for a Continental Knowledge and Capacity Development Fund (KCDF) for 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
11:50-11:55	Facilitated Open Discussion Delegates to be identified by raising hands to intervene focusing on actionable policies and policy prioritization only	
11:55-12:00	Closing Remarks	Prof. Kevin Chika URAMA, FAAS Senior Director, African Development Institute, African Development Bank Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

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 finding the vaccine and 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.

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.