



International
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** DRAFT ** PROGRAMME

Africa Growth Forum 2015

United Nations Conference Center (UNCC)
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Programme Day 1 | Monday 29 June

1730–1900 PUBLIC LECTURE

Chair: H.E. Ato Newai Gebreab (Executive Director, Ethiopian Development Research Institute)

Presenter: Professor John Sutton (LSE)

Discussants:

- Mr Fitsum Arega (Director General, Ethiopian Investment Commission)
- Mrs Juliet Kairuki (Director, Tanzania Investment Centre) *TBC*

1900–2100 WELCOME RECEPTION

Programme Day 2 | Tuesday 30 June

0800–0900 REGISTRATION

0900–1000 OPENING SESSION

Keynote speech: H.E. Dr Arkebe Equbay (Special Advisor to the Prime Minister, Ethiopia)

Speakers:

- Dr Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse (Country Director, IGC Ethiopia)
- Professor Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, IGC)

1000–1045 FRAMEWORK SESSION: FIRMS

Chair: *TBC*

Framework Presenter: Professor Rocco Macchiavello (University of Warwick)

Policymaker Discussants: *TBC*

1045–1115 TEA & COFFEE

1155–1300 SESSION 1: VALUE CHAINS IN AGRICULTURE AND FIRMS

Chair: *TBC*

Presenters:

- Professor Jakob Svensson (Lead Academic, IGC Uganda & Stockholm University)
- Dr Rachel Glennerster (Lead Academic, IGC Sierra Leone & MIT)
- Dr Bart Minten (IFPRI)

Policymaker Discussants: *TBC*

Programme Day 2 | Tuesday 30 June

1300–1400 **LUNCH**

1400–1530 **SESSION 2: MOBILE MONEY**

Chair: *TBC*

Presenters:

- Professor Pedro Vicente (Lead Academic, IGC Mozambique & Universidade Nova de Lisboa)
- Professor John Muellbauer (University of Oxford) *TBC*
- Dr Janine Aron (University of Oxford) *TBC*

Policymaker Discussants: *TBC*

1530–1600 **TEA & COFFEE**

1600–1730 **PANEL DISCUSSION: ENERGY ISSUES IN AFRICA**

Presenter and Moderator: Professor Robin Burgess (Director, IGC & LSE)

Policymaker Panellists: *TBC*

1900– **CONFERENCE DINNER**

Programme Day 3 | Wednesday 1 July

0900–1100 **FRAMEWORK SESSION: STATE**

Chair: *TBC*

Framework Presenter: Professor Oriana Bandiera (Research Programme Director, State & LSE) *TBC*

Presenters:

- Professor Andrew Zeitlin (Lead Academic, IGC Rwanda & Georgetown University)
- Professor Tessa Bold (Lead Academic, IGC Uganda & Goethe University Frankfurt) *TBC*

Senior Policymaker Panellists: *TBC*

1100–1130 **TEA & COFFEE**

1130–1300 **SESSION 3: TAXATION**

Chair: *TBC*

Presenters:

- Professor Nada Eissa (Lead Academic, IGC South Sudan & Georgetown University)
- Dr Adnan Khan (Research and Policy Director, IGC)

Policymaker Discussants: *TBC*

1300–1400 **LUNCH**

1400–1530

SESSION 4: CONTAINING CONTAGION - LESSONS FROM EBOLA FOR AFRICA

Chair: *TBC*

Presenters:

- Dr Rachel Glennerster (Lead Academic, IGC Sierra Leone & MIT)
- Herbert McLeod (Country Director, IGC Sierra Leone)

Policymaker Discussants: *TBC*

1530–1600

TEA & COFFEE

1600–1730

PANEL DISCUSSION: CITIES AND URBANISATION IN AFRICA

Chair: Representative from (Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Construction) *TBC*

Framework Presenter: Professor Gharad Bryan (Research Programme Director, Cities & LSE) *TBC*

Policymaker Panellists: *TBC*

1730–1830

PANEL DISCUSSION: KEY TRANSFORMATIONAL CHALLENGES IN AFRICA

Chair: Professor Tony Venables (Director, IGC & University of Oxford)

Policymaker Panellists: *TBC*

1830–1845

CLOSING SESSION/THANKS

Chair: Professor Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, IGC)