

## Programme Day 1 | Monday 29 June

1730–1900 **PUBLIC LECTURE** Lalibela Ballroom 3, Sheraton Addis

**Chair:** H.E. Ato Newai Gebreab (Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister & Executive Director, EDRI)

**Presenter:** Professor John Sutton (Professor of Economics, LSE)

**Discussant:** Mr Fitsum Arega (Director General, Ethiopian Investment Commission)

1900–2100 **WELCOME RECEPTION** Lalibela Ballroom 2, Sheraton Addis

## Programme Day 2 | Tuesday 30 June

0800–0900 **REGISTRATION** (UNECA Gate No. 2)

0900–1000 **OPENING SESSION**

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

**Speakers:**

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

1000–1115 **FRAMEWORK SESSION: FIRMS**

**Framework Presenter:** Professor Rocco Macchiavello (Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Warwick)

**Policymaker Discussants:**

- Mr Mukukla Mukasa (Director of Enterprise Development, Zambia Development Agency, Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry of the Republic of Zambia)
- TBC

**Key Questions:**

1. What are the major constraints and drivers of productivity growth in farms and firms?
2. How can governments help increase firm productivity through policy action?

1115–1145 **TEA & COFFEE**

1145–1300 **FRAMEWORK SESSION: INCREASING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY IN AFRICA**

**Presenter:** Professor Jakob Svensson (Professor of Economics, Stockholm University)

**Policymaker Discussants:**

- Ato Khalid Bomba (CEO, Agricultural Transformation Agency, Ethiopia)
- TBC

1300–1400 **LUNCH**

1400–1530 **SESSION 1: MOBILE MONEY**

**Presenters:**

- Professor Pedro Vicente (Lead Academic, IGC Mozambique & Universidade Nova de Lisboa)
- Professor William Jack (Professor of Economics, Georgetown University)

**Policymaker Discussants:**

- Mr Tomás Mabulambi (Head of the Operations Division, Department of Payments System, Mozambique)
- Dr Adam Mugume (Executive Director Research, Bank of Uganda)

**Key Questions:**

1. What has been the impact of the introduction of mobile money in Mozambique, namely on households' patterns of savings and remittances? How can mobile money be used for increasing savings by farmers?
2. How can innovations improve both access to financial services and their sustainability, in terms of credit repayment rates and utilisation of savings products?
3. What have been the main challenges of regulation of mobile money?

1530–1600 **TEA & COFFEE**

1600–1730 **PANEL DISCUSSION: THE GLOBAL ENERGY AND GROWTH CHALLENGE**

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

**Policymaker Panellists:**

- Anjani Kumar Singh (Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, India)
- Dr Robert Sogbadji (Deputy Director, Nuclear and Alternative Energy; Renewable and Alternative Energy Directorate, Ministry of Power, Ghana)

**Key Questions:**

1. In what ways can demand-side policies complement supply-side investments in power?
2. How can access to reliable electric power be increased?
3. What role can renewables play in energy access?
4. How can external costs from increased energy use be minimised?

1900– **CONFERENCE DINNER**

**Keynote Speech:** Professor Tony Venables (Steering Group Member, IGC & Professor of Economics, University of Oxford)

0900–1100

## FRAMEWORK SESSION: IMPROVING THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES

**Chair:** Dr Richard Newfarmer (Country Director, IGC Uganda, Rwanda and South Sudan)

**Framework Presenter:** Professor Oriana Bandiera (Research Programme Director, State & Professor of Economics, LSE) - *via video*

**Presenters:**

- Professor Andrew Zeitlin (Lead Academic, IGC Rwanda & Assistant Professor, Georgetown University)
- Dr Rachel Glennerster (Lead Academic, IGC Sierra Leone & Executive Director, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL))

**Policymaker Panellists:**

- Chanchal Kumar (Secretary to the Chief Minister, Government of Bihar, India)
- Mr Serge Kamuhinda (Deputy Head of the Unit, Strategy and Policy Unit, Office of the President, Rwanda) *TBC*
- Dr Joseph Kandeh (Director of Primary Health Care, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone)

**Key Questions:**

1. How can governments improve the systematic recruitment of public servants?
2. How can governments improve and incentivise the performance of public servants?
3. Are there ways to harness private monitoring efforts to improve public services?
4. How can governments use private firms to spur service delivery?

1100–1130

## TEA & COFFEE

1130–1300

## SESSION 2: TAXATION

**Presenters:**

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

**Policymaker Discussants:**

- Agnes Kanyangeyo (Deputy Commissioner for Research and Planning, Rwanda Revenue Authority)
- Ezekiel Phiri (Director, Zambia Revenue Authority Research and Planning Department)
- Ms Mary Maganga (Director of Planning and Modernisation, Tanzania Revenue Authority)

**Key Questions:**

1. What are the key deficiencies to tax policies limiting buoyancy, equity, and the tax base?
2. How can tax administration improve revenues both by improving collections and widening the tax net?

1300–1400

## LUNCH

1400–1530

## SESSION 3: BUILDING RESILIENT ECONOMIES - LESSONS FROM EBOLA

### Presenters:

- Dr Rachel Glennerster (Lead Academic, IGC Sierra Leone & Executive Director, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL))
- Herbert McLeod (Country Director, IGC Sierra Leone)

### Policymaker Discussants:

- Abou Bakarr Kamara (Country Economist, IGC Sierra Leone & former Director of Policy, Planning, and Information, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone) - *presenting the work of Dr Sheka Bangura (Director of Planning, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Sierra Leone)*

### Key Questions:

1. How can research help shape policy in a crisis?
2. Drawing from the research lessons, what are the feasible options for economic response, strategic planning, and building back better?

1530–1600

## TEA & COFFEE

1600–1730

## PANEL DISCUSSION: CITIES AND URBANISATION IN AFRICA

**Chair:** TBC

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

### Policymaker Panellists:

- Mr Zefania Chitsungo (National Director, Department of Housing, Ministry of Public Works, Housing And Hydric Resources, Mozambique)
- Mr Patrick Musoke (Deputy Director Strategy Management, Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda)

### Key Questions:

1. How do we generate credible evidence on how to build better cities?
2. Do experiments have a role in informing policy in developing country cities?
3. Should cities be working to evaluate the programmes they implement?

1730–1830

## PANEL DISCUSSION: KEY TRANSFORMATIONAL CHALLENGES IN AFRICA

**Chair:** Professor Tony Venables (Steering Group Member, IGC & University of Oxford)

### Policymaker Panellists:

- Dr Luka Biong Deng (Executive Director, Kush Inc) *TBC*
- Dr Adam Mugume (Director of Research, Bank of Uganda)
- H.E. Ato Newai Gebreab (Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister & Executive Director, EDRI)

1830–1845

## CLOSING SESSION/THANKS

**Chair:** Professor Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, IGC)

1845–

## CONFERENCE DINNER