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Conference Booklet

Conference on Inequalities in Southern Africa, the 2030 Agenda and the Operationalization of Inequality Reducing Policies – Fostering Regional Engagement

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Conference Aims

The conference aims to bring together a group of policy makers, scholars and representatives from civil society who share a commitment to reducing inequalities. The engagement will assess and locate Southern Africa inequality within broader, global and African contexts. It seeks to extract the lessons to be learned from a set of high inequalities contexts in the region, with examples from Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and South Africa.

Based on these interrogations, effective current policy directions and additional solutions will be tabled, discussed and honed. The conference further aims to enhance cross-sectoral and cross-country support and approaches towards reducing inequalities.

The conference is about sharing knowledge, bridging sectors, building community, and exploring possible collaboration in the future, it will be key to maximize interaction among participants, in dialogue, discussion and debate.









Speakers

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Ayodele Odusola,

UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa

Chief Economist and Lead Editor Income Inequality Trends in Sub-Saharan Africa (UNDP 2017)

Ayodele Odusola is a Nigerian national and holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He provides strategic leadership on development strategy, policy analysis and knowledge products on Africa. Further, he coordinates the preparation of regional flagship reports. Dr. Odusola also provides intellectual leadership to SDG acceleration frameworks in sub-Saharan Africa, managing the network of Senior Economists in UNDP Africa Country Offices and providing strategic advice on policy matters. He has supported many African governments on the preparation of national development plans, strategies and visions. As an economist, Dr. Odusola focuses on dynamics of macroeconomics and development economics pertaining to the African continent.

Speakers (as they appear in the conference)

Gottfried von Gemmingen

German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Head of Division

Gottfried von Gemmingen leads a team of senior policy officers and administrative staff to coordinate the BMZ's contribution to implement the 2030 Agenda by supporting international policy processes and initiatives, cooperating with developing country partners and taking global responsibility through domestic action.

Before, he represented Germany in the UNFCCC negotiations on climate change adaptation issues since 2010. As a policy advisor at BMZ, he helped to capitalize African Risk Capacity and other climate risk insurance funds, establish the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Global Network and prepare the G7 climate risk insurance initiative "InsuResilience" and the G20 "Global Partnership for Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance". He served as the Co-Chair of an OECD task team on adaptation and was a founding member of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage under UNFCCC.

Prof. Murray Leibbrandt

University of Cape Town, Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU), Director

Murray Leibbrandt is a Professor in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town and the Director of the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU). He holds the DST-NRF South African Research Chair Initiative (SARChI) Chair in Poverty and Inequality Research and is an IZA Research Fellow. His research focuses on South African poverty, inequality and labour market dynamics using survey data and in particular panel data. He is currently one of the Principal Investigators on the National Income









Dynamics Study (NIDS). He is a past president of the African Econometric Society and immediate past president of the Economic Society of South Africa.

Dr. Minu Hemmati

Commitment to Equity Institute, Director of Projects, Advisory Services and Training

Dr. Minu Hemmati is a clinical psychologist with a doctorate in Organisational and Environmental Psychology, independently consulting since 1998 with governments, international organisations, women's networks, NGOs, corporations, and research institutions, dealing with topics relating to sustainable development, climate, and gender issues. Minu also does non-for-profit work with the MSP Institute Multi-Stakeholder Processes for Sustainable Development eV, a charitable association she co-founded in 2016.

Her work includes designing and facilitating change processes that bring together diverse groups of people in dialogue and collaboration; training; research and advocacy. Minu has wide experience with multi-stakeholder processes at all levels; facilitating small and large groups; international policy making; local and national implementation; evaluation in the field

Minu is also a co-founder of Gender Women for Climate Justice; a Senior Fellow with EcoAgriculture Partners; and a member of the Jury of the International Resource Award (Swiss Re Foundation).

Panel discussion

Maxwell Mkumba

SADC, Senior Policy Advisor Poverty and Sustainable Development)

Mr Mkumba is a senior policy advisor responsible for poverty and sustainable development issues. He was former Director of International Cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Malawi. He left the Malawi Government after 24 years of progressive service.

Workshop I

Ermina Sokou

UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Social Affairs Officer

Ms. Ermina Sokou is a Social Affairs Officer in the Sustainable Socioeconomic Transformation Section at the Social Development Division in the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand. She is working on measuring and addressing inequality and poverty in Asia and the Pacific, with a focus on inequality of opportunity. She previously worked in the Environment and Development Division at ESCAP on water, sanitation and energy access and on programme management at ESCWA in Beirut. Before joining the United Nations, she worked for BP. She holds an MA in Economics from Tufts University and an MA in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School, also at Tufts University.









Patrik Andersson

UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Officer-in-Charge, Social Development Division

Mr. Andersson is Officer in Charge, Social Development Division, at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). He has worked with ESCAP in Bangkok since early 2011 and is responsible for inequality and social protection issues.

During the past 20 years, Mr. Andersson has worked extensively on a wide range of social development areas, including disability, social protection and labour market issues. Some of his prior assignments include different positions with the Swedish Government and six years as an Economist at the OECD in Paris.

Mr. Andersson has written several books on the social and economic challenges of population ageing as well as on sickness and disability policies in relation to the labour market.

Workshop II

Jon Jellema

Commitment to Equity Institute, Director of Projects, Advisory Services and Training

Jon Jellema the Commitment to Equity Institute Deputy Director at GDN. He is leading CEQ assessments in Africa, Asia, and Europe and is responsible for CEQ Institute partnerships with the World Bank, the IMF, the OECD, the AFD, the GIZ, and others. He previously worked as a poverty economist and social development specialist in the World Bank Jakarta, Indonesia, office. He received his doctorate in economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

Workshop III

Victor Sulla

World Bank, Senior Economist

Mr Victor Sulla is a Senior Economist at the World Bank. He currently oversees poverty World Bank's poverty work in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Swaziland. Victor led poverty and equity analytical work in many low and middle-income countries. He supervised large scale statistics harmonization projects. He published extensively and contributed to World Development Report and Global Economic Prospects reports. Victor focuses on poverty and inequality analyses, labour markets, and social protection reforms. He recently co-authored the Poverty and Inequality Assessment report in South Africa.

Precious Zikhali

World Bank, Poverty Economist

Precious Zikhali is an Economist at the World Bank. She currently supports the Southern Africa Poverty and Inequality work program of the World Bank covering Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Prior to joining the World Bank, she was a Director of Environmental Economics at the National Treasury of South Africa where she









was involved in inter-departmental efforts to incorporate green growth policies into the countries broader sustainable development agenda. She has worked as a researcher at the Centre for World Food Studies in Amsterdam, Netherlands, as well as the International Water Management Institute in Pretoria. She has also worked as a lecturer and researcher in the Department of Economics, University of Zimbabwe. Precious Zikhali holds a PhD in Economics from Gothenburg University, Sweden.

Workshop IV

Bruno Deprince

Agence Française de Développement (AFD), AFD South Africa, Country Director

Mr. DEPRINCE was born in November 1963 in France (Roubaix). He holds a Master's degree in Economics, Management sector from Lille Catholic School, a Specialized Graduate Degree in Development Economics from CERDI - with honours, a Degree in Accounting and Financial Studies-value unit management control and a Certificate in Advanced English from Cambridge.

After joining AFD as a voluntary national service in 1987 in Central African Republic, he has been, during 29 years of his career, a Program Officer in Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad and Gabon, a Financial Analyst in Paris, EAC PROPARCO Regional Representative in Nairobi, PROPARCO Regional Representative in Central Africa, Deputy Director French Central Bank in Martinique, Deputy Director of AFD in Ghana, French Central Bank Inspector in Paris and Director of Mali since 2013.

From 1st August 2016, he has been appointed as the Regional Director of the Regional Agency in East Africa, covering Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Somalia.

Martin Weiss

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ South Africa, Country Director

Martin Weiss was previously head of department for GIZ's cross-regional Africa portfolio and, as head of department at GIZ International Service, responsible for the operative business.

Taking Stock

Prof. Mike Savage

School of Economics, International Inequalities Institute, Director

Mike Savage is Professor of Sociology and Director of the International Inequalities Institute at the London School of Economics. He is interested in the social aspects of inequality, including class, gender, race and ethnicity, and their intersections. His books include the bestselling 'Social Class in the 21st Century' and he is currently completing a book on 'Icons of inequality'









Workshop VII

Masana Ndinga

Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) Fellow (LSE), Civicus

Mastoera Sadan is the Convenor of the Enhancing the Quality of Life Work Stream in the National Planning Commission Secretariat. She is also the Programme Manager of the PSPPD II, Department Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME), a role she held in the first phase of the Programme as well, from 2007-2012.

She managed the National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS), South Africa's national household panel study from 2006 until April 2018. Ms Sadan was a Senior Policy Analyst in the Policy Coordination and Advisory Services (PCAS) department in the Presidency. She holds an MSc from the London School of Economics (LSE) and is currently a doctoral candidate at Rhodes University. She was a visiting scholar at the University of Oxford from 2002-2003. She has a particular interest in state forms and social policy and poverty and inequality. Her thesis examines the trajectory of poverty policies and programmes in South Africa in the post-apartheid period.

Fumani Thembe

Knowledge Pele, Director

Fumani Mthembi is a co-founder of the Pele Energy Group and the managing director of its subsidiary, Knowledge Pele. Pele is the largest, 100% Black-owned independent energy and development company in South Africa. Fumani holds an MA Science, Society and Development degree from Sussex University. Knowledge Pele has expertise in research, advisory, development, ESG and community industrialisation. Knowledge Pele executes on the Group's structural transformation agenda through applying a social impact investment model to transform rural, township and peri-urban communities into thriving economies. "We believe that we have a responsibility to continue the struggle by solving grand social challenges through the process of creating new economic value."

Gabriella Razzano

Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) Fellow (LSE)

Gabriella Razzano is the Executive Director of the Open Democracy Advice Centre (a law centre focusing on the advancement of access to information, whistleblowing and transparency in Africa), and a founding Director of OpenUp (an open data civic tech lab based in Cape Town). She is currently an Atlantic Fellow for Social and Economic Equity with the London School of Economics and an Alumni of the Global Digital Leaders Exchange of the US State Department IVLP Program. She was the Chairperson of the Regional African Platform on Access to Information from 2015-2017 and one of Mail & Digital Leaders Exchange Young South Africans of 2013. She has a BA LLB with a distinction in Sociology from the University of Cape Town, and was the class medallist for her graduating Sociology year.

Discussant: Prof Crain Soudien

Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), CEO

Crain Soudien is the Chief Executive Officer of the Human Sciences Research Council and









formerly a Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Cape Town where he remains an emeritus professor in Education and African Studies. His publications in the areas of social difference, culture, education policy, comparative education, educational change, public history and popular culture include three books, three edited collections and over 190 articles, reviews, reports, and book chapters. He is currently the chair of the Ministerial Committee to evaluate textbooks for discrimination and a fellow of a number of local and international academies and serves on the boards of a number of cultural, heritage, education and civil society structures.

Workshop VIII

Dr. Saurabh Sinha

UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Employment and Social Protection, Chief

Saurabh Sinha is the Chief, Employment and Social Protection at UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He has a PhD from IDS Sussex and specialised knowledge and more than 25 years of extensive policy, research and advisory experience within social policy covering key areas such as poverty and inequality, education and health, population mobility, youth, social protection, employment, and MDGs/SDGs. Prior to joining ECA, Saurabh was Senior Economist with UNDP in Mongolia and has worked with the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, UNDP Viet Nam, and as a consultant to various UNDP Country Offices, the World Bank and bilateral donors. He has published extensively in international journals and at various times has taught development economics at Sussex University; National Economics University, Hanoi; and IIT, Delhi.

Tshediso Matona

The Presidency, Director-General, South Africa

Tshediso Matona is currently the Secretary of Planning in the National Planning Commission in the Presidency, South African Government, since September 2015. He was the Chief Executive of power utility Eskom from October 2014 to May 2015. Previously, he was the Director-General (DG) of Public Enterprises (DPE) and prior to that, he was DG of Trade and Industry from 2005 to 2010. An economist by training and an experienced executive in the public sector, he held several senior positions in government throughout his career, and served as a trade diplomat at the SA Embassy to United Nations (UN) and World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland from 1996 to 1998.

He has over 23 years of senior management experience and skills in the fields of international trade and diplomacy, export promotion, investment promotion, industrial development, enterprise development, economic/business regulation, and corporate governance, among others. He holds a Bachelor and Honours Degrees in Economics and Politics from the University of Cape Town (UCT), a Masters in Development Economics from the University of East Anglia (UK) and various certificates including a certificate in Infrastructure Development from Harvard University's J F Kennedy School of Government.









Workshop IX

Prof. Robert Osei

Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), Associate Professor

Robert Darko Osei is an Associate Professor in the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Legon, and also the Vice Dean for the School of Graduate Studies at the same University. Robert is an economist by training and has lectured in a number of Universities in Ghana and internationally.

In 2015 spent his sabbatical at Yale University and UNU-WIDER in USA and Finland respectively. At Yale he was the Coca-Cola World Fund Visiting Professor of African Studies at the MacMillan Centre for International and Area Studies whilst at UNU-WIDER he was a Visiting Scholar. Robert has published widely in edited volumes and top international journals. His main areas of research include evaluative poverty and rural research, macro and micro implications of fiscal policies, aid effectiveness and other economic development policy concerns. His current research activities involve a number of impact evaluation projects in Ghana, Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali.

Prof. Germano Mwabu

University of Nairobi

Germano Mwabu is professor of economics at the University of Nairobi. His areas of expertise include poverty analysis, health economics and development economics.

Prof. Vimal Ranchhod

University of Cape Town, Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU), Deputy Director

Vimal Ranchhod is an economists who works on labour markets, education and inequality in South Africa. He is a professor at the University of Cape Town and the Acting Director of SALDRU.









Workshops

Day 1 - 13:30 - 15:00

Workshop I

Inequality of Opportunity: Measuring Inequality of Opportunity

Ermina Sokou, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Social Affairs Officer Patrik Andersson, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Officer-in-Charge, Social Development Division

Brief description and objective

Why and how can we measure inequality of opportunity?

This session will engage participants to think about the importance of understanding and measuring inequality of opportunity, an important process for any society that values cohesion and aims to address injustice. During the session, participants will consider key opportunities that would need to be measured in the context of their region/ subregion/ countries. They will also learn about how inequality of opportunity is shaping in Asia-Pacific countries. Participants will also engage in debate on how Southern African countries could better monitor inequality of opportunity.

The objective is to increase capacity of participants to define and measure inequality of opportunity in their own country's context.

Workshop II

Poverty, Inequality and Redistribution - How can the redistributive capacity of states be increased?

Jon Jellema, Commitment to Equity Institute, Director of Projects, Advisory Services and Training

Brief description and objective

We will discuss the toolkits, methods, and indicators that are available to researchers interested in measuring and improving the public sphere's capacity for inequality and poverty reduction.

Participants should understand the breadth and depth of analytical output available from, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of, comprehensive fiscal incidence analysis using micro datasets and budgetary/administrative data.

Workshop III

Economic growth, inequality and poverty: understanding trends and implications for policy

Victor Sulla, World Bank Julian May, University of Cape Town Mthokozisi Tshuma, National Planning Commission Secretariat









Brief description and objective

Why has growth in the region not led to declines in poverty or inequality? And what can be done to reduce inequality and ensure faster progress in poverty reduction going forward? This session will examine these two questions through a mix of presentations of recent analysis and discussion led by policy practitioners.

The session will explore recent trends in the relationship between growth, poverty and inequality at the regional level and will focus on the drivers of persistent inequality in South Africa. Lessons from recent policy approaches and policy simulations to address inequality will also be presented followed by a discussion on what this means for policy going forward in South Africa.

The objective is to identify drivers of the persistent inequality in Southern Africa, particularly South Africa, and discuss policy options to address them.

Workshop IV

What is the role of International Cooperation in reducing inequalities in partner countries?

Bruno Deprince, Agence Française de Développement, AFD South Africa, Country Director Martin Weiss, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ South Africa, Country Director

Brief description and objective

By presenting two points of view, the workshop focusses on the subject of how donors have mainstreamed inequality in their strategies and how this is implemented in their operations.

In this regard, a bilateral development bank (AFD) and a bilateral cooperation agency (GIZ) have different and complementary stories to tell about how they came to work on inequalities and how this translates into practices.

Based on the background and the work of donors, their future role and strategies shall be analysed and discussed.









Day 2 - 09:30 - 11:00

Workshop VI

Getting the foundation right: the importance of statistics and the role of National Statistical Offices in Reducing Inequalities

Werner Ruch, Statistics South Africa

Fransina Amutenya, Namibia Statistics Agency

Precious Zikhali, World Bank

Patrick Kelly, Statistics South Africa

Brief description and objective

What role does data play in fighting poverty and inequality in Africa? What challenges and opportunities do National Statistical Offices (NSOs) face in leading and facilitating data collection, data availability, and analysis to support evidenced-based policies for inequality reduction? What innovations have helped NSOs support the poverty and inequality agenda more effectively in Southern Africa?

This session will answer these questions through a mix of presentations led by NSOs. The session will highlight various data sources and demonstrates how data can and have been used in measuring and monitoring different forms of inequality. Further, the session will showcase the importance of evidence in informing decisions about programmes and policies towards reducing inequalities.

The objective is to highlight the important role of statistics and National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in reducing inequalities.

Workshop VII

The role of civil society in reducing inequalities: bringing community voice into policy making/the debate

Masana Ndinga, Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) Fellow (LSE), Civicus

Fumani Thembe, Knowledge Pele, Director

Angela Malama, Oxfam

Gabriella Razzano, Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity (AFSEE) Fellow (LSE)

Discussant: Prof Crain Soudien, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), CEO

Brief description and objective

This session will explore the role of civil society in addressing inequality, and the startegies employed to overcome inequality. Specifically, it will look at the contributions that have been made by civil society to address inequalities; and what the gaps are, both in terms of policy and strategies.

The objective is to discuss and understand the role of civil society (based on the experience of the speakers) in addressing inequality. This within the context of existing policy









Workshop VIII

The role of national governments in reducing inequalities: A Policy focused discussion

Habtamu Getachew, Director, Macro Plan Preparation and Consolidation Directorate National Planning Commission, Ethiopia

Lusepani Esther Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare (Namibia)

Kaoma Prudence Assistant Director Evaluation and Research, Zambia

Mthokozisi Tshuma, Senior Sector Expert: Economy, National Planning Commission Secretariat, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

Brief description and objective

Addressing inequalities requires coordination between different actors and an integrated approach, however the bigger responsibility falls on governments as they are at the center of policy making. Governments have significant roles in designing policies, strategies and plans for development.

Recognizing that governments have a bigger role to play, the objective of this particular session is to have an in-depth discussion on the role of national governments in reducing inequalities, both income and non-income dimensions, by building on country specific experiences.

The session is expected to discuss on choices of policies and tools governments can utilize in their goal of reducing inequalities. It is also expected to cover the challenges and constraints based on country experiences and shade light on what kind of policies are preferred in certain situations so as to have cross learning from each other.

Workshop IX

The role of researchers in Africa in Reducing Inequalities: Developing an indigenous research agenda

Prof. Robert Osei (Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), Associate Professor)

Prof. Germano Mwabu (University of Nairobi)

Brief description and objective

Particularly in the SDG era, it is essential that there be national ownership and engagement over measurement and assessment processes and that this research is embedded in local research-policy pipelines with strong participation from the indigenous research community. It is also essential that there is strong participation from the African researcher community in the very active discussions of African inequality.

This session will explore the goals and workplan of ACEIR as a case study to discuss and hone the role of African researchers and research institutions within broader strategies to overcome inequality in Africa.

The objective is to discuss and sharpen the role of academic researchers and research institutions within the evidence to policy change pipeline of strategies to overcome inequality, and to introduce ARUA's African Centre for Inequality Analysis (ACEIR) within this context.









General Information

Conference Venue

The conference will be hosted by UCT, School of Economics, Stanley Road, Middle Campus, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch: Lecture Theatre 1, and classrooms 1A, 1B, and 1C on Level 1 in the Economics Building.

Internet Access

WIFI access is available for all conference participants.

Please connect to "UCT Guest" and use the login information provided.

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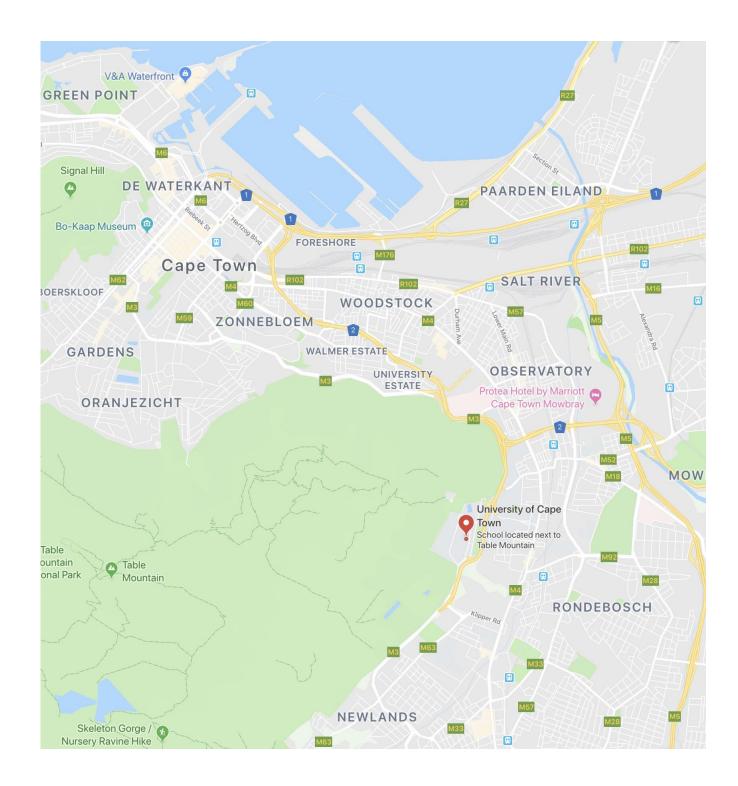








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