

**Draft Programme**International Conference on  
**Ghana at the Half Century**

ISSER and Cornell University

**Programme for Opening Session: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2004**

13.30: Seating of Invited Guests and Participants

14.00: Welcome Address and Introduction  
of Chairman**Prof. Ernest Aryeetey**  
Director, ISSER

Chairman's Opening Remarks

**Prof. Alex Kwapong**  
Chairman, Council of State

Statement on Conference Theme

**Prof. Ravi Kanbur**  
Cornell University

Opening Statement

**H.E. John Agyekum Kufuor**  
President, Republic of Ghana15.00: Reminiscing: What Have We Learned From a  
Half-Century of Economic Management in Ghana?**Hon. J.H. Mensah**  
Senior Minister  
Republic of Ghana**Prof. J. Clark Leith**  
Professor Emeritus  
University of Western  
Ontario, Canada**Prof. Tony Killick**  
Senior Research Associate  
Overseas Development  
Institute, London**Dr. J.L.S. Abbey**  
Executive Director, Centre  
for Policy Analysis (CEPA),  
Accra

16.25: Open Discussion

17.15: Chairman's Closing Remarks

17.30: Cocktails

**Programme for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2004**

<b>Session 1: 9.00 – 10.30</b>			
	<b>Panel A</b>	<b>Panel B</b>	<b>Panel C</b>
	Chairman: Dr. J.L.S. Abbey (CEPA) Discussant: Prof. Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong (NSF)	Chairman: Dr. Charles Mensah (IEA) Discussant: Prof. Andy McKay (Bath)	Chairman: Dr. Machiko Nissanke (SOAS) Discussant: Dr. Ernest Addison (BoG)
<b>Paper 1</b>	“Explaining Economic Growth in Ghana” (Ernest Aryeetey and Augustine Fosu)	“Gender, Power and Agricultural Investment in Ghana” (Christopher Udry and Markus Goldstein)	“Financial Sector Liberalization and the Labour Market in Ghana” (Nora Amu and Augustine Fritz Gockel)
<b>Paper 2</b>	“Persistent Public Sector Deficits and Macroeconomic Fundamentals on Economic Growth in Ghana” (Curtis E. Youngblood and David L. Franklin)	“Production Changes in Ghana Cocoa Farming Households Under Market Reforms” (Francis Teal and Marcella Vigneri)	“Financial Development, Political Institutions and Economic Growth in the ECOWAS Sub-Region: An Empirical Analysis” (George A. Dampare)
<b>Paper 3</b>	“Modeling the Fiscal Effects of Aid: An Impulse Response Analysis for Ghana” (Robert Darko Osei Oliver Morrissey and Tim Lloyd)	“Testing Theory of Limited Insurance Among Couples in Southern Ghana” (Zaki Wahhaj)	“Banking Competition and Efficiency in Ghana” (Thierry Buchs and Johan Mathisen)
10.30-11.00 Tea / Coffee / Cocoa Break			

<b>Session 2: 11.00 – 12.30</b>			
	<b>Panel A</b>	<b>Panel B</b>	<b>Panel C</b>
	Chairman: Dr. Charles Jebuni (CEPA) Discussant: Dr. A.D.A Laryea (Legon)	Chairman: Prof. Nana Araba Apt (Legon) Discussant: Dr. Harold Coulombe (Canada)	Chairman: Prof. George Gyan-Barfuor (NDPC) Discussant: Ms Abena Oduro (CEPA)
<b>Paper 1</b>	“Real Exchange Rate Response to Capital Inflows: A Dynamic Analysis of Ghana” (Maxwell Opoku-Afari, Oliver Morrissey and Tim Lloyd)	“Efficiency in Primary and Secondary Education in Ghana” (Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong and Elizabeth N. Appiah)	“Poverty Reduction Strategy in a Budget Constrained Economy: The Case of Ghana” (Maurizio Bussolo and Jeffery I. Round)
<b>Paper 2</b>			
<b>Paper 3</b>	“Effects of Exchange Rate Volatility and Changes in Macroeconomic Fundamentals on Economic Growth in Ghana” (Kofi S. Kyeremeh)  “Does Devaluation Improve Trade Balance of Ghana?” (Frank W. Agbola)	“Maternal Literacy and Numeracy Skills and Child Health in Ghana” (Niels-Hugo Blunch)  “Skills Acquisition by the Poor” (George Botchie and William Ahadzie)	“Evolution of Poverty and Welfare in Ghana in the 1990s: Achievements and Challenges” (Sudharshan Canagarajah and Claus Chr. Pörtner)  “From Independence to Economic Reform: Rural Poverty in Ghana from 1967-1997” (Rikhil Bhavnani and Markus Goldstein)
	<b>12.30 – 14.00 Lunch</b>		

<b>Session 3: 14.00 – 15.30</b>			
	<b>Panel A</b>	<b>Panel B</b>	<b>Panel C</b>
	Chairman: Prof. Kofi Awusabo-Asare (Cape Coast) Discussant: Dr. D. K. Twerefou (Legon)	Chairman: Prof. A. Baah-Nuakoh (Legon) Discussant: Dr. Augustine F. Gockel (Legon)	Chairman: Prof. Jeffery Round (Warwick) Discussant: Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia (BoG)
<b>Paper 1</b>	“Education for HIV/AIDS” (John Anarfi and Ernest Appiah)	“Terms and Access to Credit: Perceptions of SME Entrepreneurs in Ghana” (Kwadwo Ansah Ofei)	“The Significance of Remittances to Poor Households” (Andrew McKay)
<b>Paper 2</b>	“Health Insurance” (Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere and Isaac Osei-Akoto)	“Rural Micro Finance Regulation in Ghana: Implications for Development and Performance of the Industry” (William F. Steel and David O. Andah)	“The Impact of International Remittances on Local Living Standards: Evidence for Households and Rural Communities in Ghana” (Valentina Mazzucato, Bart Van den Boom, N.N.N. Nsowah-Nuamah)
<b>Paper 3</b>	“Adult Literacy Programmes in Ghana” (Niels-Hugo Blunch and Claus C. Pörtner)	“Low Savings in Ghana: Does Policy Matter?” (Peter Quartey and Theresa Blankson)	“Rural Household Asset Choice” (Ernest Aryeetey, Chris Udry and Christian Ahorator)
<b>15.30-16.00</b>	Tea/Coffee/Cocoa Break		

<b>16.00 POLICY PLENARY</b> <b>Theme: Towards Appropriate Macroeconomic and Structural Policies for Rapid Socio-Economic Development in the Second Half-Century</b>  Chairman: Mr. Kwame Pianim	
	<p>Hon. Yaw Osafo-Mafo Finance Minister, Republic of Ghana</p> <p>Dr. Paul Acquah Governor, Bank of Ghana</p> <p>Dr. Kwesi Botchwey Former Finance Minister Republic of Ghana</p> <p>Dr. Charles Jebuni Core Fellow, CEPA</p>
<b>18.00</b>	Light Refreshment

**Programme for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2004**

<b>Session 4: 9.00 – 10.30</b>			
	<b>Panel A</b>	<b>Panel B</b>	<b>Panel C</b>
	Chairman: Dr. Ellen Bortei-Doku Aryeetey (ISSER) Discussant: Dr. Peter Quartey (ISSER)	Chairman: Dr. Samuel N. Ashong (Minister of State) Discussant: Dr. Robert Osei (IEA)	Chairman: Prof. Ravi Kanbur (Cornell) Discussant: Prof. Oliver Morrissey (Nottingham)
<b>Paper 1</b>	“The Evolution of Welfare in Ghana: A Rural- Urban Perspective” (Louis Boakye-Yiadom)	“HIPC Initiative - Debt Sustainability and Growth Beyond Completion Point” (Daniel Boakye)	“Inflation and Poverty in Ghana” (Andy McKay and Nii Kwaku Sowa)
<b>Paper 2</b>	“Decentralization and Poverty Reduction” (Joseph Ayee and Felix Asante)	“General Equilibrium Analysis of the Impact of Inward FDI on Ghana: The Role of Complementary Policies” (Lawrence Arbenser)	“Public Expenditure Monitoring” (Charles Jebuni and Anthony Tsekpo)
<b>Paper 3</b>	“The North-South Divide and the Disappearing Middle Class: An Analysis of Spatial Inequality and Polarization in Ghana” (Jacqueline Vanderpuye Orgle)	“The Impact of Financial Liberalization on Private Investment in Ghana”. (Eric Asare)	“Rural Poverty and Institutions in a Globalizing Economy-A Ghanaian Case Study” (Machiko Nissanke and Abena Oduro)
	<b>10.30-11.00 Tea/ Coffee / Cocoa Break</b>		

<b>11.00 – 12.30 Session 5</b>			
<b>11.00-12.30</b>	<b>Panel A</b> Chairman: Dr. Nii Kwaku Sowa (CEPA) Discussant:	<b>Panel B</b> Chairman: Prof. Chris Udry (Yale) Discussant: Prof. Andy McKay (Bath)	<b>Panel C</b> Chairman: Prof. Tony Killick Discussant:
<b>Paper 1</b>	“A Small Macroeconometric Model of Trade and Inflation in Ghana” (Samuel Donyina-Ameyaw)	“Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches to Poverty Analysis” (Ellen Bortei-Doku Aryeetey and Ravi Kanbur)	“Export Performance and Investment Behaviour of Ghanaian Firms” (Daniel Bruce Sarpong and Susanna Wolf)
<b>Paper 2</b>	<hr/>	“Poverty Dynamics, Risk and Vulnerability” (Abena oduro and Kojo Appiah-Kubi)	“Survival and Success among African Manufacturing Firms” (Alan Harding, Mans Söderbom, Francis Teal)
<b>Paper 3</b>	<hr/> <b>13.00-14.00</b>	“Construction of the Census-Based Ghana Poverty Map” (Harold Coulombe)	“Non-Traditional Exports and Poverty Reduction” (Victor Nyanteng and A. Wayo Seini)
<b>12.30 -14.00 Lunch</b>			

<b>14.00 – 15.30</b> <b>Session 6</b>			
	<b>Panel 1</b> Chairman: Prof. Kwasi Adarkwa (Kumasi) Discussant: Dr. Raymond Atuguba (Legon)	<b>Panel 2</b> Chairman: Dr. Anthony Akoto Osei (Deputy Minister) Discussant:	<b>Panel 3</b> Chairman: Prof. A. Wayo Seini (ISSER) Discussant:
<b>Paper 1</b>	“Organizational Culture and Performance of Public Organizations in Ghana: Learning from the Good Performers” (Francis Owusu)	“Does Privatization Deliver? An Anatomy of Selected Cases in the Ghanaian Privatisation Programme” (Nana Yaw Boachie-Danquah)	“The Economic Impact of Transnational Networks of Migrants on Ghanaian Funerals” (Lothar Smith and Mirjan Kabki)
<b>Paper 2</b>		<hr/>	“Changes in Poverty and Inequality in a Slow Growth Environment: Ghana over the 1990s” (Harold Coulombe and Andy McKay)
<b>Paper 3</b>	“Engendering a Human Rights-Based Approach to Development in Ghana” (Ellen Bortei-Doku Aryeetey)	<hr/>	<hr/>
	“Coping with Excess Optimism” (Blair Rourke)		
<b>15.30-16.00 Tea/Coffee/Cocoa Break</b>			



**PROGRAMME FOR LAUNCHING OF THE  
ECONOMY OF GHANA NETWORK (EGN)**

**Chairman: Dr. G.K. Agama, Former Governor of Bank of Ghana**

16.00 – 18.00

Opening Remarks by Chairman	Dr. G.K. Agama
Statement of the Purpose of Network	Prof. Ernest Aryeetey
Comments by ACBF Representative	Ms Sally Mulalu
Open Discussion of Statement and Purpose of Network	
Consensus on Interim Administrative Arrangements	
Closing Remarks by Chairman	
Vote of Thanks	
Closing Reception	