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YOUNG ECONOMISTS OUTREACH PROGRAMME

**DRAFT: 2 January 2008**

**Program for Opening Session: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

9.00: Seating of Invited Guests and Participants

9.30: Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman

**Prof. Ernest  
Aryeetey**  
Director, ISSER

Chairman's Opening Remarks

**Prof. E. Addow-  
Obeng**  
Vice Chancellor  
University of Cape  
Coast

Remarks from Co-organizers

**Prof. Ravi Kanbur**  
Cornell University

Opening Statement

**Hon. Nana Ato  
Arthur**  
Regional Minister  
Central Region

10.00: Chairman's Closing Remarks

10.20: Vote of Thanks

**Mrs Ama Pokuaa Fenny**  
(ISSER)

**10.30 – 11.00**

**Coffee Break**

**Programme for 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

<b>Session 1: 11.00 – 13.00</b> <b>Individual Meetings with Young Economists</b> <b>(Parallel Sessions)</b>	
<b>Meetings with</b>	Ernest Aryeetey--ISSER, Legon Elizabeth Asiedu--University of Kansas Christopher Barrett--Cornell University Robert Bates--Harvard University Ravi Kanbur--Cornell University Andrew McKay--University of Sussex Gobind Nankani--President, Global Development Network Yaw Nyarko--New York University Abena Oduro-Dept. of Economics, Legon Nii Kwaku Sowa--Director General, SEC, Ghana Chris Udry - Yale University

	<b>13.00 - 14.00 LUNCH</b>
	<b>Session 2: 14.00 – 16.00</b> <b>Young Economists Research Presentations I (Micro)</b> Chair: Chris Barrett
<b>Presenters</b>	William Baah-Boateng: “Gender Discrimination in the Ghanaian Labour Market”  Ebo Turkson: “Firm Growth Dynamics: Evidence from Ghana’s Manufacturing Sector”  Seidu Alhassan: “Effectiveness and Sustainability of Ghana's Capitation Grant”.
	<b>16.00-16.30 Break</b>
	<b>Session 3: 16.30 – 18.00:</b> <b>Presentations of Papers in the Literature I (Micro)</b> Chair: Chris Udry
<b>Presenters</b>	Yaw Nyarko: “Human Capital and Technology Diffusion, by Jess Benhabib and Mark Spiegel.”  Andy McKay: “Assessing the Economic Impact of HIV/AIDS on Nigerian Households: A Propensity Score Matching Approach, by David Canning, Ajay Mahal, Kunle Odumosu and Prosper Okonkwo.”
	<b>CLOSING: Dinner at 19:00</b>

**Programme for 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

<b>Session 4: 9.00 – 10.30</b> <b>The CPIA and Ghana</b>	
	Chair: Robert Bates
<b>Presenters</b>	Ernest Aryeetey Ravi Kanbur Gobind Nankani Nii Kwaku Sowa
	<b>10.30 – 11.00 Break</b>
	<b>Session 5: 11.00 – 13.00</b> <b>Young Economists Research Presentations II (Macro)</b> Chair: K.N. Afful
<b>Presenters</b>	Charles Ackah: “For Richer or Poorer: Trade Policy and Growth in Developing Countries”  Komla Dzigbede: “Interest Rate Dynamics, Inflation Expectations and Output Growth in Five Emerging Economies”  Johnson Asiamah: TBC
	<b>13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH</b>
	<b>Session 6: 14.00 – 15.30</b> <b>Presentations of Papers in the Literature II (Macro)</b> Chair: Vijay Bhasin
<b>Presenter</b>	Elizabeth Asiedu: “Aid and Growth: What Does the Cross-Country Evidence Really Show? By Raghuram Rajan and Arvind Subramanian.  Nii Kwaku Sowa: “Central Bank Independence and Macroeconomic Performance: A Survey of the Evidence”, by Friedrich Kisser and Helmut Wagner.”
	<b>Break 15.30-16.00</b>
	<b>Session 7: 16.00 – 17.30</b> <b>Concluding Panel: Topics for Interesting, Important and Doable Research</b> Chair: Ernest Aryeetey
<b>Presenters</b>	Christopher Barrett Robert Bates Abena Oduro Christopher Udry
	<b>CLOSING: Reception at 18.00</b>