PROGRAMME

October 12th, 2006

08.00 - 09.30  Registration

9.30 - 11.00  OPENING SESSION

Chair: Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, United Nations Under Secretary General and Executive Secretary of ECA

Opening Remarks: Chairperson

Welcome Remarks: William Lyakurwa, Executive Director, AERC

Statement: Representative of African Development Bank

Overview of AERC: Erik Thorbecke, Cornell University, USA

Poverty Research Project: Germano Mwabu, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Poverty Research Activities of UNECA: Kasirim Nwuke, UNECA, Ethiopia

Vote of Thanks: Olu Ajakaiye, Director of Research, AERC

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 – 12.30  SESSION 1: Determinants of Poverty

Chair: Ali A. Ali, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait

1.1 Paper Title: Comprendre les Facteurs Déterminants de la Pauvreté : Le cas de L’éducation et de la Santé en Guinée
Presenter: Sekou Falil Doumbouya, GRAPPE, Guinea

1.2 Paper Title: Child Welfare and Poverty in Nigeria: Schooling and Health Status of Child Labourers and Street Children
Presenter: Benjamin C. Okpukpara, University of Nigeria

Discussant: Justine Adekounle Odjoube, Observation du Changement Social, Benin

12.30 - 14.00  Lunch Break
14.00 - 15.00  SESSION 2: Poverty, Income Distribution and Labour Market Issues I

Chair: John C. Anyanwu, African Development Bank, Tunisia

2.1 Paper Title: Poverty Transitions and Persistence in Ethiopia
Presenter: Abebe Shimeles, Gothenburg University, Sweden

2.2 Paper Title: Labour Market, Earnings and Inequality in Nigeria
Presenter: Fidelis O. Ogwumike, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
Discussant: Servacious B. Likwelile, Tanzania Social Action Fund, Tanzania

15.00 - 16.00  SESSION 3: Poverty, Income Distribution and Labour Market Issues II

Chair: Salif Sada Sall, African Union, Ethiopia

3.1 Paper Title: La Pauvreté au Benin: Analyse Dynamique, Role de la Croissance et de L’inégalite et Ciblage des Populations Vulnerables
Presenter: Cosme Vodounou, INSAE, Benin

3.2 Paper Title: La Nature Des Liens Entre L’agriculture Et L’éducation A Madagascar
Presenter: Jean Razafindravonona, INSTAT, Madagascar
Discussant: Samuel Ambapour, Ministry of Planning, Congo

16.00 - 16.15 Coffee/Tea Break

16.15 - 17.15  SESSION 4: Regional and Institutional Analysis

Chair: Kasirim Nwuke, UNECA, Ethiopia

4.1 Paper Title: Institutional Determinants of Poverty: The Case of Kenya
Presenter: Jane Kabubo-Mariara, University of Nairobi, Kenya

4.2 Paper Title: Human Capital, Institutions and Poverty in Rural Nigeria
Presenter: Olanrewaju Olaniyan, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
Discussant: Leonard Obidha, Poverty Eradication Commission, Kenya

18.30  Cocktail Party
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09.00 – 10.00  SESSION 5: Labour Markets, Poverty and Inequality Under Economic Reforms I

Chair: David Sahn, Cornell University, USA

5.1 Paper Title: Determinants of Grade 12 Pass Rates in the Post-Apartheid South African Schooling System  
Presenter: Morne Oosthuizen, University of Cape Town, South Africa

5.2 Paper Title: Poverty Profiles for Cameroon  
Presenter: Samuel Fambon, University of Yaounde II, Nigeria

Discussant: Tebogo Keseabetswe, Ministry of Finance and Development, Botswana

10.00 – 10.30  Coffee/Tea Break

10.30 – 11.30  SESSION 6: Labour Market, Poverty and Inequality Under Economic Reforms II

Chair: Erik Thorbecke, Cornell University, USA

6.1 Paper Title: Poverty and Labour Market Response in the Context of Economic Reforms in Uganda  
Presenter: Francis N. Okurut, University of Botswana

6.2 Paper Title: La Pauvrete en Republique du Congo et L’impact des Politiques Publiques  
Presenter: Jean-Christophe Boungou Bazika, CERAPE, Congo

Discussant: Hippolyte Nsimunde, Ministry of Finance, Democratic Republic of Congo

11.30 - 12.30  SESSION 7: Alternative Approaches for Poverty Measurement

Chair: Germano Mwabu, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Paper Title: Multi-dimensional Poverty in Burkina Faso  
Presenter: Jean Bosko Ki, IRDES, Senegal

Discussant: Ibrahima S. Sangare, Ministry of Finance, Guinea

12.30 - 14.00  Lunch Break
14.00 – 16.30  
**SESSION 8: ROUNDTABLE ON AREAS OF FURTHER RESEARCH AND CLOSING**

Chair: Olu Ajakaiye, Director of Research, AERC  
Panelists:  
Kasirim Nwuke, UNECA, Ethiopia  
John C. Anyanwu, African Development Bank, Tunisia  
Salif Sada Sall, African Union, Ethiopia  
Erik Thorbecke, Cornell University, USA  
Germano Mwabu, University of Nairobi, Kenya  
Ali A. Ali, Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait  
David Sahn, Cornell University, USA

16.30 – 17.00  
**Coffee/Tea**