ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NORTHERN GHANA

DATE: 11-14 September 2006       TIME: 09.00 am each day      VENUE: Bolgatanga and Tamale


08.30 Arrival and Registration of Participants

09.00 Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman
   Saa Dittoh

09.15 Chairman’s opening remarks
   John K. Kaburise, V.C. UDS
   Remarks from Northern Regional Minister
   Hon. Alhaji Mustapha Idrisu

09.30 Presentation SGER 2005
   Ernest Aryeetey
   Discussant Comments
   Charles Jebuni
   General Discussion

13.00 Lunch and departure

Day 2: Tuesday 12th September 2006 – Radach Mem. Centre, Tamale
Seminar on Economic Development and Northern Ghana

08.30 Arrival and Registration of Participants

09.00 Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman
   Saa Dittoh

09.15 Chairman’s opening remarks
   Ravi Kanbur
   Economic Data on Northern Ghana
   Ernest Aryeetey
   Pro-Poor Growth for Ghana and the Situation in Northern Ghana
   Andy McKay
   Asset-Switching to Escape Poverty Traps in Northern Ghana
   Nii Kwaku Sowa
   Open Discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.30 The Political Economy of Northern Ghanaian Development
   a) Saa Dittoh
   b) Charles Jebuni
   Open Discussion

Chairman’s closing remarks
**Day 3: Wednesday 13th September 2006 – SSNIT House, Bolgatanga**  
**Mid-Year Assessment of Economic Performance**

08.30 Arrival and Registration of Participants  
09.00 Welcome Address  
   Hon. Boniface Agambila, Upper East Regional Minister  
09.15 Chairman’s opening remarks  
   Nii Kwaki Sowa  
   Remarks from Upper East Regional Minister  
   Hon. Boniface Agambila  
   An Overview of Economic Performance in the First Half of 2006  
   Robert Osei  
10.45 Break  
11.15 Discussant Comments  
   Seidu Alhassan  
11.30 Open Discussion  
13.00 Lunch and departure

**Day 4: Thursday 14th September 2006 – Radach Mem. Centre, Tamale**  
**Seminar on Contemporary Development Issues**

08.30 Arrival and Registration of Participants  
09.00 Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman  
   Gilbert Iddi, Head, Dept of Agric. Econs. And Extension, UDS  
09.15 Chairman’s opening remarks  
   Sulley Gariba  
   Spatial Inequality and Development  
   Ravi Kanbur  
   Growth Institutions and Inequalities  
   Andy McKay  
   Open Discussion  
11.00 Break  
11.30 Globalisation, Employment and Poverty in Ghana  
   Ernest Aryeetey  
   Technical Efficiency in Ghanaian Secondary Education  
   K. Gyimah Brempong  
   Open Discussion  
13.15 Lunch  
14.30 Can the Financial System Serve the Northern Poor?  
   Microfinance and Grants for Community Development  
   William F. Steel  
   Can the Multi-Donor Budgetary Support System (MDBS) Improve Aid Effectiveness in Ghana?  
   Peter Quartey  
   Open Discussion  
16.00 Chairman’s Closing Remarks  
   Reception and Close of Programme