

Nigeria Country Workshop: "New Researches on Development in Nigeria"

Date: July 29, 2009, 10.30 am to 18.15 pm

Venue: Faculty of Economics and Business Studies, University of Bremen, WHS 5, Room 1.14

Purpose: It is the purpose of the workshop to present new research results on development in Nigeria for three core issues (education and poverty; small industries and industrialisation; globalisation and development). Additionally, some research reports with relevance to African development will be presented and discussed.

New major researches at IWIM on development in Nigeria will be presented by three speakers on the following themes:

1. **"Income Distribution, Education and Poverty in Nigeria"**
Speaker: Dr. Reuben A. Alabi
2. **"Networks, Clusters and Innovation in Nigerian Small and Medium Scale Industries"**
Speaker: Dr. O. O. Uzor
3. **"Applying a New Globalisation Index to Development Problems of Nigeria"**
Speaker: Dr. S. Ebenthal

The speakers will present full papers of their researches. Related research papers by the speakers can be downloaded at the IWIM homepage (see Blue Series Discussion Papers of IWIM).

Participation of guests is welcomed upon application and invitation. Related researches can be presented by the guests in short statements. Guests can also become second discussants of the presented papers.

Programme of the Workshop on Wednesday, July 29, 2009

10.30 am -11 am: **Reception and Coffee**

11 am – 11.15 am: **Opening of the Workshop** by Professor Karl Wohlmuth, University of Bremen

11.15 am -13.15 pm: **First Session on "Income Distribution, Education and Poverty in Nigeria"**

Lectures/Presentations/Comments/Discussion:

Progressivity of Education Spending in Nigeria, by Dr. Reuben A. Alabi, Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow at IWIM

Redistribution and Redistributive Effects of Public Spending on Basic Education in Nigeria, by Dr. Reuben A. Alabi

Comments by Dr. S. Ebenthal and Dr. O. O. Uzor

Discussion by all Participants

13.15 pm -14.00 pm: **Lunch**

1400 pm -1500 pm: **Second Session on "Networks, Clusters and Innovation in Nigerian Small and Medium Scale Industries"**

Lecture/Presentation/Comments/Discussion

The ISMED Model and Policy Strategies for Clusters, Networks and Innovation in Nigerian Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs), by Dr. Osmund O. Uzor

Comments by Dr. R. A. Alabi and Dr. S. Ebenthal

Discussion by all Participants

15 pm -16 pm: **Third Session on "Applying a New Globalisation Index to Development Problems of Nigeria"**

Lectures/Presentations/Comments/Discussion:

Globalization in Nigeria: A Development Perspective?, by Dr. S. Ebenthal

Comments: Dr. R. A. Alabi and Dr. O. O. Uzor

Discussion

16 pm - 16.30 pm: **Coffee Break**

17.00 pm -18.00 pm: **Fourth Session on Specific Studies on African Development**

Short Presentations/Discussion:

The SANE (South Africa, Algeria, Nigeria, Egypt) Countries and International Industrial Competitiveness: The Role of the NIS (National Innovation System) for Value Addition in Industry and Trade, by Professor Karl Wohlmuth

The Motivation of Remittance Senders: Evidence from Eritrean Immigrants in Germany, by Dr. T. Kifle, Australia

Presentation and Comment by: Professor Karl Wohlmuth

India's Overseas Investment in Africa: A Strategy for South-South Cooperation, by Anil Kumar Kanungo, New Delhi

Presentation and Comment by: Professor Karl Wohlmuth

18.00 pm - 18.15 pm: **Final Remarks on the Workshop and on future Research Work** by Professor Karl Wohlmuth

18.15 pm: **End of the Workshop**

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