

International Conference

The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Economic Reform Processes in Africa

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Thursday, January 28, 2010

09.00 – 09.30 Registration of Conference Participants

Morning Sessions, Room: Olbers Saal

09.30 **Opening of the Conference: Prof. Dr. Hans H. Bass** (Bremen University of Applied Sciences)

09.45 – 10.30 **Key Note Speech, Prof. em. Dr. Hartmut Elsenhans** (University of Leipzig, Germany): External and Internal Factors of the Crisis in Africa.

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00 – 12.30 **Panel I, Chair: Dr. Lizelle Janse van Rensburg**

Prof. em. Dr. John Weeks (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, United Kingdom): Prospects for Growth, Employment and Poverty Reduction in Africa after the GFC.

Dr. Lizzy I. Okojie / Moses I. Ailemen (University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria and Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria): Implications of the GFC for Health and Education in Nigeria.

Prof. Dr. David Sebudubudu (University of Botswana, Botswana): Effects of the GFC on Diamond Market and Government Response: The Case of Botswana.

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch Break Restaurant Alex (5 minutes walk from Conference Venue)**

Afternoon Sessions, Room: Kleiner Saal

14.00 – 15.30 **Panel II, Chair: Dr. Reuben Adeolu Alabi**

Dr. Joy Alemazung (Bremen University of Applied Sciences, Bremen, Germany): The Impact of the Crisis on the Economic Policy Reform Processes in Cameroon.

Dr. Mareike Meyn (GFA Consulting Group, Hamburg, Germany): Implications of the GFC for African-European-Trade Relations.

Dr. Sanoussi Bilal (Economic and Trade Cooperation Programme / European Centre for Development Policy Management, Brussels, Belgium): Strategies to Improve African-European-Trade Relations After the GFC.

- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break**
- 16.00 – 17.30 Panel III, Chair: Prof. em. Dr. John Weeks**
Dr. Lizelle Janse van Rensburg / (Paper with Prof. Dr. Philippe Burger) (University of the Free State, South Africa): On Bubbles and Houses: House Price Inflation.
Dr. Peter P. Njiforti / T. W. Abraham (Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria): The Impact of the Global Financial Recession on African Stock Markets.
Dr. Osmund Osinachi Uzor (Institute for World Economics and International Management, University of Bremen, Germany): The GFC and Industrialization in Nigeria: The Implications of Policy Reversal and the Prospects for Growth.
- 19.00 Dinner for Conference Participants: West African Restaurant Christy's (12 minutes walk from Conference Venue or 10 minutes by taxi from Swissotel)**

Friday, January 29, 2010

Room: Olbers Saal

- 09.00 – 10.30 Panel IV, Chair: Dr. Sanoussi Bilal**
Dr. Samuel Guobadia (Paper with Dr. Akongbowa Bramwell Amadasun) (Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Nigeria): Building Infrastructures for Macro-Economic Stability of the West African Monetary Union in the Environment of the Global Financial Crisis.
Dr. Karl Wolfgang Menck (Hamburg Institute for International Economics, Hamburg, Germany): The Cooperation of African States with the International Financial Institutions and the G 20 Mechanism to Cope With the Global Financial Crisis.
Prof. Dr. Afeikhena Jerome / Dr. Francis Chigunta/ Prof. Dr. Oluyele Akinkugbe (NEPAD, South Africa, Department of Development Studies, University of Zambia, Lusaka, Department of Economics and Economic History, Rhodes University, South Africa): The Aftermath of the Global Economic and Financial Crisis: Does Africa Need a New Economic Paradigm?
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break**
- 11.00 – 12.30 Panel V, Chair: Dr. Karl Wolfgang Menck**
Dr. Olumide Oyewole Akinrinola (Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria): Informal Economy, Economic Growth and Poverty in Nigeria: A Macro-Economic Analysis.
Dr. Arno J. van Niekerk (University of the Free State, South Africa): The Global Financial Crisis, African Reform Challenges and the Millennium Development Goals in View of African Economic Integration.
Dr. Reuben Adeolu Alabi / Oshobugie Ojor Adams (Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria): Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the Global Financial Crisis.

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break Restaurant Alex (5 minutes walk from Conference Venue)

14.00 – 15.30 Panel VI: Parallel Group Discussion on Policy Options

Room Olbers Saal

Group 1: Macroeconomic and Social Issues
Chairs: Prof. Dr. David Sebudubudu and Prof. Dr. Oluyele Akinkugbe

Room Kleiner Saal

Group 2: Trade, Investment and International Institutions
Chairs: Dr. Arno van Niekerk and Prof. Dr. Afeikhena Jerome

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

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16.00 – 17.00 Closing Debate, Chair: Prof. em. Dr. John Weeks

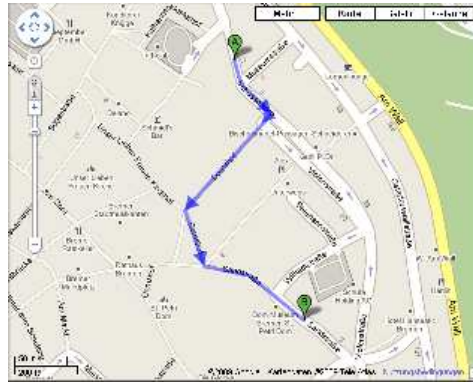
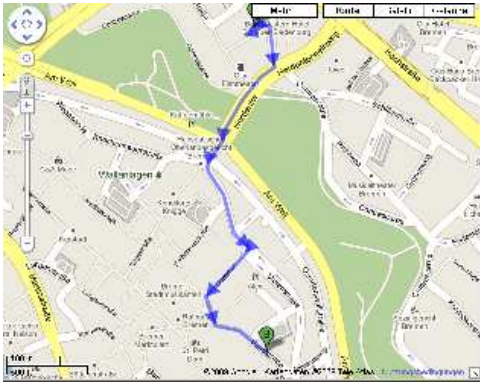
Dr. Reuben Alabi, Prof. Dr. Robert Kappel (tbc.), Prof. em. Dr. Karl Wohlmuth, and Plenary

Closing Remarks: Dr. Tobias Knedlik (Institute for Economic Research, Halle, Germany) on behalf of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook Editorial Group

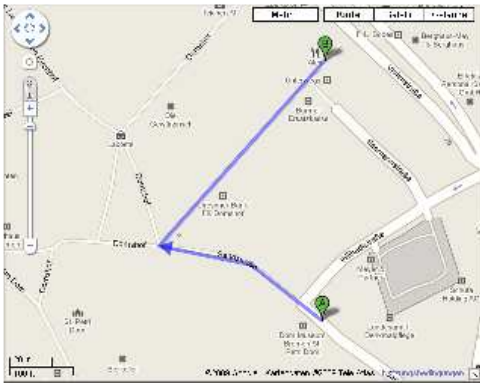
19.00 Dinner for Conference Participants: Turkish Restaurant Tendure (5 min. walk from Swissotel)

Walking Directions

1. Hotel to Conference Venue: Walk 1000m from Conference Venue (left map) OR take any tram (5, 6, 8) to the directions of Airport, Arsten, or Roland Center outside of Hotel, get off the next stop (1 minute), walk 400 meters (right map).



2. Restaurant Alex, 200m from Conference Venue



3. Restaurant Christy's, 1000m from Conference Venue



4. Restaurant Tendure, 1000m from Conference Venue (left map) OR 400 m from Swissotel (right map)

