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Research Group on African Development Perspectives Bremen,
University of Bremen

International Research Workshop:

**"New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies for Africa: Issues,
Concepts, Policies and Comparative Analyses"**

8 - 10 November 2007

**Conference Venue:
University of Bremen, VWG
(Verwaltungsgebäude/Administration Building),
Room: 2060, "Kapelle"/"Chapel"**

Objectives of the Workshop:

1. Analysing new growth and poverty alleviation strategies for Africa (concepts of pro-poor growth; restructuring African economies towards realising the Millennium Development Goals; institutions, new growth strategies and pro-poor growth; achievements and constraints - pro-poor growth in South Africa?; pro-poor growth in countries after conflict; pro-poor growth at regional and local levels in African countries).
2. Presentation of Accepted Papers for further review (papers that were principally accepted for re-submission in a revised form for volume 13 of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook; these papers will be presented and commented so that final drafts can be worked out after the workshop)
3. Presentation of Invited Papers (further contributions upon application of interested researchers to participate at the workshop; such papers are welcomed if these are original and relevant to the main theme of the Workshop; revised versions of these papers may be published after further review in journals and institute's series)
4. Presentation of country cases (the accepted papers for volume 13 of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook cover many African countries (such as Sudan, Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Niger, South Africa, Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Eritrea)
5. Deriving lessons and guidelines on new growth and poverty alleviation strategies for Africa from analyses and case studies (for the benefit of policymakers, development aid and international organisations).

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The Programme:

Thursday, 8 November 2007

9:00 Registration

10:00 Session 1: Introduction and Issues

Karl Wohlmuth, University of Bremen, IWIM, Bremen, Germany:
Welcome by IWIM/Structure and Organisation of the Workshop

Karl Wohlmuth, University of Bremen, IWIM, Bremen, Germany:
New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies – Issues

Afeikhena Jerome, NEPAD Secretariat, Midrand, South Africa , Tobias Knedlik, IWH, Halle a. d. Saale, Germany, Mareike Meyn ODI, London, UK, Philippe Burger, University of the Free State, Free State, South Africa, R. Adeolu Alabi, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State, Nigeria, Achim Gutowski, IWIM, Bremen, Tino Urban, IWIM, Bremen:
Statements on the Theme by the Editors of Volume 13 of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Keynote Lecture:

Hans-H. Bass, University of Applied Sciences, Bremen, Germany:
Development Policy, Politics of Development Cooperation and Pro-Poor Growth

Discussion

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 Session 2: New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies: International Policies, the Millennium Development Goals and African Cooperation

Chair: *Oluyele Akinkugbe, Department of Economics, University of Botswana*

Karl Wohlmuth, University of Bremen, IWIM:
Introduction

Francis Menjo Baye / Sunday A. Khan, Department of Economics and Management, University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon, Yaoundé, Cameroon:
The HIPC Process, Realisation of the MDGs and Welfare Outcomes in Rural Cameroon
Comment by *Berhanu Denu, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia*

Arno J. van Niekerk, Department of Economics, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa:

Reform in Africa and the MDGs: Lessons from the Mozambican Case

Emmanuel Nnadozie / Siham Abdulmelik, UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:

NEPAD, MDGs and Poverty Reduction in Africa

Afeikhena Jerome, NEPAD Secretariat, Midrand, South Africa/Oluyele Akinkugbe, Department of Economics, University of Botswana:

Are Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers making any Headway in Pro-Poor Growth and Poverty Alleviation necessary for the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa?

Oludele A. Akinboade, Department of Economics, University of South Africa, Pretoria, RSA:

Some Aspects of the Political Economy of the New Partnership for Africa's Development: An Explanation

Tobias Knedlik / Eva Reinowski, IWH, Halle an der Saale:

Africa Dummy Revisited - The African Growth Gap, Development Policy and the Realization of the MDGs

Mareike Meyn, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK:

Is the EU policy on Africa promoting Growth and Development?

Comments by the Unit Editor *Karl Wohlmuth*, and by *Oluyele Akinkugbe*, Department of Economics, University of Botswana, and by other Workshop Participants

Invited Contributions:

Anil K. Kanungo, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi, India:

Comparing Asian and African Least Developed Countries – New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies

Marcelo Soto, Institute for Economic Analysis, Campus UAB, Barcelona, Spain:

What can Africa learn from Latin America in Growth and Poverty Alleviation – Especially from the Example of Chile

Luca Marchiori, IRES, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium:

What is the Growth Potential for Africa of its Economic Relations with China
Comment: K. Wohlmuth

General Discussion

16:00

Coffee Break

16:30

Session 3: New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies: Institutions, Policies and Enterprises

Chair: Tobias Knedlik, IWH, Halle an der Saale

Karl Wohlmuth, University of Bremen, IWIM:

Introduction

Bédia F. Aka, Department of Economics, University of Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire & CREA, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg / Souleymane S. Diallo, Centre Ivoirien de Recherches Economiques et Sociales (CIRES), Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire :
Public Investment, Growth and Poverty Reduction in Côte d'Ivoire

Ben E. Aigbokhan, Department of Economics, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria:

Growth, Employment, Institutional Development and Poverty Alleviation in Nigeria

Stephen M. Kapunda, Department of Economics, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana:

Growth, Employment and Poverty Alleviation Strategies: The Case of Tanzania
Comment by Oluyele Akinkugbe, Department of Economics, University of Botswana

Stephen M. Kapunda / T. D. Botlhole, Department of Economics, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana:

Growth, Employment and Poverty Alleviation Strategies: The Case of Botswana
Comment by Oluyele Akinkugbe, Department of Economics, University of Botswana

Nancy Dubosse, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development, Harare, Zimbabwe:

Privatization of Environmental Goods to Improve the Quality of Economic Growth:
The Case of Niger
Comment by Osmund Uzor, IWIM, University of Bremen

Dirk Hansohm, UNDP Khartoum, Sudan:

Oil and Foreign Aid: Chances for Pro-Poor Development in Sudan?
Comment by Karl Wohlmuth, University of Bremen, IWIM

Rosemary Atieno, Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya:
Institutional Arrangements and the Performance of Small-scale Clothing Enterprises in Kenya: Enhancing their Role in Growth, Employment Generation and Poverty Alleviation

Comment by Tobias Knedlik, IWH, Halle an der Saale

Robert Kappel / Esther Ishengoma, German Institute for Global and Area Studies/GIGA, Hamburg / University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania:

Economic Growth and Poverty in Africa: Will Formalizing Informal Firms Help?

Comments by the Unit Editors *Tobias Knedlik and Karl Wohlmuth*, and by other Workshop Participants

Invited Contributions:

Youssouf Kone, Faculty of Economics and Development, University of Bouake, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire:

Trade Liberalization and the Dynamics of Poverty in Cote d'Ivoire

Eric Kehinde Ogunleye, World Trade Organization, Geneva, Switzerland:

Employment Policies and Outcomes in Nigeria

Comment: K. Wohlmuth

General Discussion

19:00 **Closing for the Day**

Friday, 9 November 2007

9.00 **Session 4: New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies: The Future of Reform Policies in South Africa**

Chair: Mareike Meyn, ODI, London

Philippe Burger, University of the Free State, Free State, South Africa:

Introduction

Marais Lochner / Lucius Botes, Centre for Development Support, University of the Free State, South Africa:

Growth and Development Strategies in South Africa: Towards inCENTives for sub-regional economic growth

Doreen Atkinson, Heartland and Karoo Institute, Centre for Development Support (CDS), University of the Free State, Free State, South Africa:

Towards Soft Boundaries: The Prospects of Economic Development in the "Greater Karoo", South Africa

Comment by *Lucius Botes*

J. Theo Potgieter, Centre for Business Dynamics, School of Management, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa:

Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment and Sharing in the Benefits of Growth in South Africa

Frikkie Booysen / Nerina Haasbroek, University of the Free State, Free State, South Africa:

The HIV/AIDS Epidemic and the Quest for Economic Growth and Poverty Alleviation

Comments by the Unit Editors *Philippe Burger* and *Mareike Meyn*, and by other Workshop Participants

General Discussion

10.30 Coffee Break

11:00 Continuation Session 4:

Philippe Burger, University of the Free State, Free State, South Africa:
South African Economic Policy: Are we Moving Towards a Welfare State?

Marina Marinkov / J. P. Geldenhuys, University of the Free State, South Africa:
Economic Growth, Employment and Unemployment in South Africa

Anthony Pool, University of the Free State, Free State, South Africa:
Migration, Remittances and Poverty in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Comments by the Unit Editor *Mareike Meyn*, by *Tobias Knedlik* and *Lucius Botes*, and by other Workshop Participants

Invited Contributions:

Helene Maisonnave / Bernard Decaluwe, University of Rouen, France / Laval University, Quebec, Canada:
Educational Policy, Growth and Labour Market in South Africa: A Dynamic CGE Analysis”

General Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14:00 Session 5: New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies: Local and Regional Conditions, Problems and Policies

Chair: *Karl Wohlmuth*, University of Bremen, IWIM, Bremen

R. Adeolu Alabi, Department of Agricultural Economics, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State, Nigeria:
Introduction

Ailemen Moses. I. / R. Adeolu Alabi / L. A. Okosodo, Department of Economics/Department of Agricultural Economics, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State, Nigeria:
Health Sector Development, Growth and Alleviation of Poverty in Nigeria: Policy Options

Meine Pieter van Dijk, UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Delft, The Netherlands:

Uneven Growth, Policy Reforms and Poverty Alleviation in Tanzania: An African Success Story?

Comment by Ben E. Aigbokhan, Department of Economics, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria

Alexander Hobinka, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany /Siddharth Prakash, Institute of Silviculture, University of Freiburg, Germany:

Importance of value chain promotion in achieving pro-poor growth – a case study of agribusiness promotion in Ghana

15:30 **Coffee Break**

16:00 **Continuation Session 5:**

R. Adeolu Alabi / Moses Ailemen / D.I. Osasogie, Department of Agricultural Economics/Department of Economics, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State, Nigeria:

Perception and Causes of Poverty: Poverty Alleviation Programmes and Sustainable Growth in Niger-Delta, Nigeria

Temesgen Kifle, School of Economics, University of Queensland, Australia:

Challenges Facing Eritrea in Growth and Poverty Reduction Policies: Does Microfinance Help?

Comment by Oluyele Akinkugbe

Yunus Adeleke Dauda, Department of Industrial Relations and Public Administration, Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria:

Economic Reforms, Growth and Poverty Alleviation in Nigeria: Assessing the Urban Formal Sector Workers' Well-Being

Comments by the Unit Editors *R. Adeolu Alabi and Karl Wohlmuth*, and by other Workshop Participants

Invited Contributions:

Mark Ingle, Centre for Development Support, University of the Free State, South Africa:

The dynamics of the urban informal sector in South Africa, Implications for growth and poverty alleviation policies in Sub Saharan Africa

Comment by *R. Adeolu Alabi*

Ignatius Adeh, Research Institute of European Environmental Law, University of Bremen, Bremen, Germany:

The Nigerian Diaspora as a Poverty Alleviation Strategy

General Discussion

18:30 **Closing for the Day**

19:00 Dinner Reception by IWIM

Saturday, 10 November 2007

9:00 **Session 6: New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies: An important Area of Research and Publication Activity**

Chair: Maren Wiegand-Kottisch, IWIM, University of Bremen

Tino Urban, IWIM, University of Bremen:

International Research Programmes on the Theme of Volume 13

Achim Gutowski, IWIM, University of Bremen:

Important New Publications on the Theme of Volume 13

Discussion

10.30 **Coffee Break**

11:00 **Session 7: New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies: Research in Progress**

Chair: Ben E. Aigbokhan, Department of Economics, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria

Berhanu Denu, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia/IWIM Scholar in the Cooperative Research Project "Governance and Social Action in Sudan after the January 9, 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement", sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation:

Reconstruction of Institutions and Private Investments in South Sudan: Interpreting Field Research Data on the Basis of Institutional Economics Hypotheses

Elke Grawert, Project Coordinator Governance Sudan Project, IWIM, University of Bremen:

South Sudan: Towards Growth and Poverty Alleviation?

R. Adeolu Alabi, Department of Agricultural Economics, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State, Nigeria/Humboldt Research Fellow, IWIM, Bremen:

Income Distribution Effects of Education in Nigeria

Osmund Uzor, IWIM, PhD Researcher, University of Bremen:

Innovative Activity in Small Enterprises Clusters in Nigeria

Robert Blatter/Oliver Schmidt, International Economics Study Programme at the Bremen University of Applied Sciences in Bremen/ Technical Advisor at AMFIU: Do associations impact on growth? – The case of the Association of Microfinance Institutions of Uganda (AMFIU)
Comment by *Tino Urban*

Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14.00 Session 8: From the African Development Perspectives Yearbook to the Journal of African Development Perspectives

Chair: Oluyele Akinkugbe, Department of Economics, University of Botswana

Tobias Knedlik, IWH Halle an der Saale, Proposed Managing Editor of the newly launched Journal:

Editorial Policy and Future Tasks

Mareike Meyn, Philippe Burger, Oluyele Akinkugbe, Lucius Botes:

Statements by Members of the International Editorial Board: Why Africa needs such a Journal

Discussion

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30 Session 9: Concluding Session

Chair: K. Wohlmuth, IWIM, University of Bremen

Closure of the Workshop by *Karl Wohlmuth*

16:00 Departure

Organisational Issues:

Registration for the Workshop is free of charge. However, IWIM will not cover any transport, accommodation, visa and insurance cost, but will be helpful in making reservations at moderate price hotels, and will also support visa applications to German Embassies.

Contributors to Volume 13 of the Yearbook who cannot attend the Workshop should send in time some few Power Point slides and a two page summary of the paper to IWIM and to the respective Unit Editors, focussing on the research objectives, research methods and research results.

Interested Other Contributors and Observers can apply for participation latest by October 15, 2007.