

## **Volume 13 of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook:**

### **“New Growth And Poverty Alleviation Strategies for Africa”**

#### **OVERVIEW**

##### **I. Objectives and Content**

Volume 13 continues the discussion that took place in recent volumes of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook on ways to revitalise African economies. This is done by focussing on new growth and poverty alleviation strategies for sustainable African economic development in the era of globalisation. The dependence of the vast majority of African countries on raw materials exports, the natural resource curse, the difficulties to diversify production and exports towards manufactured goods and services, and the prospects for escaping the primary commodities dilemma in Africa were the issues that were dealt with in the volumes 11 and 12 of the Yearbook. In this volume 13 the focus is on new growth and poverty alleviation strategies that will be highlighted in various units.

We will discuss in volume 13 the issues of growth and poverty alleviation as two sides of the development process in Africa. Africa has - after decades of stagnation - experienced in recent years some acceleration of growth, but the regional effects and the local outcomes in Africa were quite different as were the benefits to the population in terms of income distribution, human development and poverty alleviation. The growth process in Africa was not stable and was not sustainable. It has to be analysed in detail, as growth still is the most powerful mechanism to alleviate poverty. However, we know that generalisations do not make sense, and therefore we will review cases from various regions of Africa.

The discussion will also centre on actions to be taken at local, national, regional and international levels to move to a more sustainable path of growth and development. Public and private sector strategies will be discussed, as well as the factors that impede internally and externally sustainable growth. National, regional and international policies that affect poverty, income distribution and human development will be analysed. Main orientation for all the contributions is the policy and institutional change needed in African countries in the coming years so as to reach sustainable growth and effective poverty alleviation.

The contributions will highlight cases of new growth and poverty alleviation strategies for African countries that lead to lessons to be learned by other countries. Most important is it to analyse how growth processes can be shaped so as to reach poor producers and households at the local and regional levels. Local growth, employment and poverty alleviation strategies will be emphasised. Growth and poverty alleviation policies will be studied by functions, institutions and strategies, and with regard to all relevant levels and dimensions of action.

To study all the relevant aspects in detail, the Research Group on African Development Perspectives in Bremen has invited by the way of an International Call for Papers leading African and international researchers, development practitioners, experts from international research centres and international organisations, and also representatives from nongovernmental organisations and from the donor community to contribute to this volume of the Yearbook. The response to this Call for Papers was great, and the invited contributors are now drafting their papers.

## **II. Units and Procedures**

We have invited contributions for the following Units:

Unit 1: New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies for Africa – How to reach the Millennium Development Goals? (Editors: K. Wohlmuth/A. Jerome)

Unit 2: Growth, Employment, Poverty Alleviation and Institutional Development in Selected African Countries – Lessons from Country Cases (Editors: K. Wohlmuth/T. Knedlik)

Unit 3: New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies – The Case of South Africa (Editors: P. Burger/M. Meyn)

Unit 4: Local Growth, Employment and Poverty Alleviation Strategies in Selected African countries – Learning from Successful Initiatives (Editors: K. Wohlmuth/NN)

Unit 5: Book Reviews and Book Notes: Books, research papers and documents that are relevant to the theme will be reviewed and can still be sent to the Research Group. Editors: A. Gutowski/T. Urban

Unit 6: Profiles, News and Information: Profiles, News and Information that are relevant to the theme will be covered, and reports of this type can still be sent to the Research Group. Editors: Invited T. Urban/A. Gutowski

## **III. Abstracts, Manuscripts, and Inquiries**

Books for Review and Contributions for Profiles, News and information can still be sent to the Co-ordinating Editor of the African Development Perspectives Yearbook:

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