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Ad-hoc Expert Group Meeting

Macroeconomic Policy, Productive Capacity and Growth in Africa

**24-25 November 2008
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Provisional Programme

Monday, 24 November 2008

- 09:00 – 9:30 Registration
- 9:30 – 9:45 **Welcome address**
Mahamat Abdoulaye, OIC TFED, ECA
- 9:45 – 10:15 **Keynote address**
Ludovico Alcorta, UNIDO
- 10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30 – 12:30 Macroeconomic Policies for Promoting Growth in Africa, Angelica E. Njuguna
Productive Capacity and Growth in Africa: assessment of the current situation and options for improvement, Lahoul
Discussant: Nissanke
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 – 16:00 **Drivers of growth – macro perspective**
Do Resource-rich and Resource-poor Sub-Saharan Africa Countries Grow Differently, Njikam Ousmanou
Fiscal Policy and economic Growth: Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia Compared, Brahim MANSOURI
For Richer or Poorer: Trade Policy and Growth in Developing Countries, CHARLES GODFRED ACKAH
Discussion
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 18:00 **The role of FDI for growth and productivity**
International capital flows, productive capacity and economic growth in Africa, Hilary Nwokeabia
Investing the Effects of Foreign Direct Investment on Export Growth in Cameroon: A Sectoral Analysis, ALOYSIUS MOM NJONG
Discussion

Tuesday, 25 November 2008

- 09:00 – 11:00 **Drivers of productivity – firm level analysis**
The labor market policy and Performance of Cameroonian firms, FOMBA
KAMGA Benjamin
Robust Estimation of ICT Effects on Cameroonian Firm’s Productivity,
CHOUB FAHA Christophe Peguy
Firm Level Productivity and Exporting in Uganda’s Manufacturing sector,
Edward Bbaale
Discussion
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 – 13:00 **International Issues related to growth**
Aid Effectiveness in Africa Requires Good Policies: But What is Good?, Dirk J
Bezemer
The Impact of Exchange rate Policy in the Sudanese Agriculture, ELGALI,
Mohamed Babekir
Discussion
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Panel Discussion: Policy Framework for structural transformation in
Africa**
Mahamat Abdoulahi, ECA
Augustin Fosu, UNU-WIDER
Ludovico Alcorta, UNIDO
AUC representative
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 17:00 Closing