

Outcomes on Papers submitted for 2020 African Economic Conference

On behalf of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the African Development Bank, and the United Nations Development Programme, we are delighted to inform you that following the call for papers for the 2020 edition of the African Economic Conference, 400 high quality papers were received.

The high number and quality of papers have undergone several stages of reviews distilling them from 400 to 36 papers to be presented at the Conference.

As a general feedback, many of the papers submitted which were not successful were due to a number of reasons: those which had been previously published; those which were not policy oriented; those whose writing was not clear; those which were incomplete (missing key sections such as introduction, methodology, bibliography, conclusions); those not relevant to the main theme of the conference; and those not focused on Africa.

The papers which progressed further in the review process were considered for: adequacy of research questions and literature review; methodological innovation and originality; recommendations being justified by the results; policy relevance for Africa; and clarity in language and presentation.

The final stage selected the following papers which will be presented at the Conference on 8-10 December 2020 – please check the final agenda for the exact timing of the sessions.

Papers to be presented on 8 December 2020

1. Covid-19, Tourisme et croissance économique en Afrique de l’Ouest : Évidence du Sénégal et du Togo
2. The effect of COVID-19 on macroeconomic stability in Ethiopia
3. The Impact of Coronavirus on African Firms: Evidence from COVID-19 focused Enterprise Surveys
4. Rethinking China-Africa trade relations: The impact of a Sino-Africa FTA on trade balance
5. Assessing the impact of corona virus (Covid-19) on rural household food security in South-western Nigeria: A Gender-household head Perspective
6. The Effect of Blackouts on Household Electrification Status: evidence from Kenya
7. Income-related health inequalities associated with the coronavirus epidemic in South Africa: A decomposition analysis
8. How is COVID-19 Pandemic Affecting Electricity Access in Africa? Evidence from Nigeria
9. Household food security and COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria
10. COVID-19 in Africa: The implications for macroeconomic and socioeconomic dimensions
11. Estimating the impact of COVID-19 on Small and Medium Scale Enterprise: Evidence from Nigeria
12. Household Sanitation and Waste Disposal Practices during COVID-19 Pandemic in South-West Nigeria

Papers to be presented on 9 December 2020

1. Coronavirus and Government Response Conundrum in Africa: How Effective are the Stringency Measures
2. Social capital and households’ vulnerability to health shock in Togo
3. Africa Has the Wherewithal to Fend for Herself: A Focus on Tanzania Battling of Covid-19
4. Preliminary Lessons from government responses in Côte d’Ivoire and Senegal

5. Leveraging Innovation to Increase Intra-Regional Trade: The Case of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern African Region
6. Risk perception and determinants in small and medium-sized agri-food enterprises amidst the COVID-19 pandemic: Evidence from Egypt
7. Fiscal policy and health crisis in Cameroon: Response to COVID 19
8. Cash or food transfer? Assessing the effectiveness of social safety nets for households during Covid-19 Pandemic in Nigeria
9. Tax revenue effort and aid in fragile states: The case of Comoros
10. Mobile-banking, un potentiel d'inclusion financière au Sénégal : le rôle de la proximité géographique des points de services de transfert d'argent sur l'adoption
11. Applicability of WHO COVID-19 regulations on Poverty Affected Regions: Case Study of Africa
12. Ethiopia's Urban Productive Safety Net Programme: Its Impact on Household's Food Insecurity

Papers to be presented on 10 December 2020

1. A novel approach to assess the policy contributions of growth and redistribution to poverty reduction
2. Fiscal and debt sustainability in Africa
3. Improving health outcomes towards inclusive sustainable development in Africa: do health expenditures matter?
4. The potential impact of agricultural policies on cropland allocation in the context of promoting a sustainable agriculture
5. Covid-19 and Beyond - Solar Energy in Africa
6. A Machine-Learning Approach to Nowcast the GDP in Sub-Saharan Africa
7. Effects of household uplifting programme on welfare status of beneficiaries in Nigeria
8. Beyond COVID-19: How can SSA Countries leverage on Foreign Direct Investment to improve Inclusive Human Development?
9. Dynamics of food price volatility and households' welfare in Nigeria: implications for post-COVID-19 recovery
10. Genre, capital humain et productivité des entreprises sénégalaises : une solution pour une relance économique post-covid-19 efficace.
11. Acceleration towards inclusive and sustainable development: The new structural economics approach
12. Budgetary Policy and Health Crisis in Cameroon: Response to COVID 19

If a paper submitted to the conference is not among the above listed papers, then it was not selected for presentation. This does not necessarily mean it is not good, but that it was considered alongside many high quality papers for the fixed number of slots for presentation. You may wish to use the feedback above as you consider how to improve and submit to other opportunities.

Nevertheless, you are all invited to attend the conference.