

# African Economic Conference 2020

Africa beyond COVID-19: acceleration towards inclusive sustainable development

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 TO THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020

Virtual



## About the Conference

The 2020 edition of the African Economic Conference, jointly organized by African Development Bank (AfDB), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is planned to be held virtually from 8 to 10 December 2020.

Since its inception in 2006, the conference has fostered dialogue and the exchange of knowledge on a variety of issues and challenges that Africa has faced.

The theme of this year's conference is "*Africa beyond COVID-19: accelerating towards inclusive sustainable development*".

The conference will provide a platform for established academics and young researchers to present their solution-oriented research to policymakers and decision-makers.

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## Call for papers

### Submission Guidelines:

Interested authors must submit their papers both through the [submission form](#) and by email to [aec2020@un.org](mailto:aec2020@un.org). Only full papers addressing the theme of the conference will be considered for presentation. We also encourage the submission of policy- and solution-oriented papers that demonstrate strong empirical analysis. The conference shall give priority to solution-oriented papers.

Participants and experts submitting papers for the conference must adhere to the key deadline dates indicated in the table below:

#### **Annotated timeline**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Deadline date</b>
Deadline for submission of papers	11 September 2020
Notification of final acceptance	26 October 2020
Registration starts	21 October 2020
Conference dates	8 –10 December 2020

**Given that one of the objectives of the conference is to provide young African researchers with opportunities to share their work with a broader audience and expand their networks, young African female and male researchers are especially encouraged to submit papers.**

All papers will undergo a professional, blind peer review by the co-organizers. Those that are deemed to be of high quality and to make significant contributions to the aims of the conference will be accepted for presentation at the conference and publication in various associated journals.

A distinguished panel will assess the papers presented and award one prize to a young author for the best conference paper. The winner will be announced at the closing ceremony.

#### **Sponsorship**

Participation in the conference is free-no paper submission or registration fees.