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**Conference Schedule**  
(Note: hours are in Eastern Time)

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

7:45-8:00 AM	Welcome by <b>Leonard Wantchekon</b> , Princeton University and African School of Economics
8:00-8:50 AM	Keynote address by <b>Rabah Arezki</b> , Chief Economist, African Development Bank “ <i>Africa's Way forward from COVID</i> ” Chair: <b>Raouf Boucekine</b> , Aix-Marseille School of Economics
8:50-9:00 AM	Break
9:00-10:30 AM	Parallel Sessions A
10:30-10:40 AM	Break
10:40-12:10 PM	Parallel Sessions B
12:10-12:20 PM	Break
12:20-1:50 PM	Parallel Sessions C
1:50-2:00 PM	Break

2:00-3:00 PM      **Policy Panel:** *“Social and Political Disruption in Times of Covid-19: Lessons from South Africa and Tunisia”*  
**Hugo van der Merwe**, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation in South Africa  
**Ian Heffernan**, African School of Economics  
**Sharan Grewal**, College of William & Mary  
**Mohamed-Dhia Hammami**, Syracuse University  
**Chair: Ken Opalo**, Georgetown University

Thursday, August 19, 2021

8:00-8:50 AM      Keynote presentation by **Jason McLellan**, Associate Professor, The University of Texas at Austin, *“Structure-Function Studies of the SARS-CoV-2 Spike and Development of COVID-19 Interventions”*  
**Chair: Hugues Fausther Bovendo**, Laval University.

8:50-9:00 AM      Break

9:00-10:00 AM      **Policy Panel:** *“Global Initiatives on Covid-19 and Their Impact in Africa”*  
**Erik Berglof**, Chief Economist, Asian Infrastructure Development Bank  
**Mireille Dosso**, Director, Institut Pasteur de Cote d’Ivoire  
**Chair: John Ataguba**, University of Cape Town

10:00-10:10 AM      Break

10:10-11:40 AM      Parallel Sessions D

11:40-11:50 AM      Break

11:50-1:20 PM      Parallel Sessions E

Friday, August 20, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM      General Assembly Agenda to Be Announced

Parallel sessions A

Wednesday 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Session 1: **Health Policy**

Session 2: **Dealing with Covid-19: Macro-policies**

Parallel sessions B

Wednesday 10:40 AM to 12:10 PM

Session 3: **Covid-19 Molecular Diagnostics**

Session 4: **NPI (Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions) Policies in Africa: Design and Impact I**

Parallel sessions C

Wednesday 12:20 PM to 1:50 PM

Session 5: **Health Impact of Covid-19 in Africa**

Session 6: **NPI Policies in Africa: Design and Impact II**

Parallel sessions D

Thursday

10:10 AM-11:40 AM

Session 7: **Sectoral Impacts of Covid-19 in Africa**

Session 8: **Modeling and Tracking Covid-19 Dynamics**

Parallel sessions E

Thursday

11:50 AM-1:20 PM

Session 9: **Migration**

Session 10: **Impact of the Covid-19 Epidemic on Poverty and Inequality**

**Wednesday, August 18, 2021**

Session 1:  
Health Policy  
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

**Chair: Muhammed Afolabi** (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine)

**Julio Solis** (WZB Berlin Social Science Center): *“Acceptance of COVID-19 vaccines in Africa: Evidence from survey research”*

**Danielle Odegue** (Institut Pasteur Côte d'Ivoire): *“Nasopharyngeal Samples Management Strategy During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Experience of the Institut Pasteur of Cote D'Ivoire (2020)”*

**Solange Kakou Ngazo** (Pasteur Institute Cote d'Ivoire): *“Rapid test for SARSCOV-2 detection in salivary samples in West Africa : news tools for surveillance in Cote d'Ivoire”*

Session 2:  
Dealing with Covid-19: Macro-Policies  
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

**Chair: Sophie Osoimehin** (Universite du Quebec a Montreal)

**Abraham Asfaw** (Bates College): *“The effect of social insurances on social distancing and COVID-19 in Africa: Evidence from contract relief”*

**Abayomi Onanuga** (Olabisi Onabanjo University): *“Covid-19 Pandemic: Trade Effects of Policy Responses in Nigeria”*

**Promise Ikpuri** (Delta State University, Nigeria): *“Assessing Africa’s trade and macro policy response for development: A Post-Covid analysis”*

Session 3:  
Covid-19 Molecular Diagnostics  
10:40 AM-12:10 PM

**Chair: Jules Clement Nguedia Assob** (University of Douala, Cameroon)

**Kouamé Kouadio** (Institut Pasteur of Côte d'Ivoire): *“Biosecurity measures taken the Diagnosis of COVID-19 at the Pasteur Institute from the Perspective of Hazardous Hospital Waste Management”*

**Bertin Guede** (Institut Pasteur Cote d'Ivoire): *“Team Experience During the Covid-19 Pandemic at Institut Pasteur Côte d’Ivoire”*

**Hugues Fausther Bovendo** (Université Laval): *“Pre-existing immunity against SARS-CoV2 was present in individual from Gabon (Central Africa) prior to the COVID-19 pandemic”*

Session 4:  
NPI (Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions) Policies in Africa: Design and Impact I  
10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

**Chair: Pierre Nguimkeu** (Georgia State University)

**Timothy Kohler** (Development Policy Research Unit, School of Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa): *“COVID-19 in the context of extreme unemployment and inequality: Estimating the effects of South Africa’s national lockdown”*

**Lucienne Talba** (African School of Economics): *“The Impact of COVID-19 on Economies, Social Cohesion, and Governance in Africa: Evidence from Benin, Burkina Faso and South Africa”*

**N’Dri Assie-Lumumba** (Cornell University): *“Social Challenges and Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic amid Political Crisis: A Preliminary Assessment of Patterns in Côte d’Ivoire”*

Session 5:

Health Impact of Covid-19 in Africa

12:20 PM – 1:50 PM

**Chair: Celso Khosa** (Instituto Nacional de Saude, Mozambique)

**Myrna van Pinxteren** (University of Cape Town): *“It’s not like HIV, we don’t know how you get it’ – Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on burden of treatment among people with multimorbidity in low-income settings in South Africa”*

**Sarah Day** (The Centre for HIV-AIDS Prevention Studies, South Africa): *“The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on People Accessing Health Services”*

**Belinda Archibong** (Barnard College, Columbia University): *“The value of communication during a pandemic”*

Session 6:

NPI Policies in Africa: Design and Impact

12:20 PM – 1:50 PM

**Chair: Ronelle Burger** (Stellenbosch University)

**Peter Kisaakye** (Makerere University): *“What determines face mask wearing against COVID-19 in humanitarian settings: Findings from Bidibidi refugee settlement in Yumbe district, Uganda”*

**Prerna Bholah and Sameeha Monaff** (Middlesex University Mauritius): *“Influence of social media and socio-demographic factors on stress and anxiety during COVID-19 in Mauritius”*

**Shirley Anaduaka** (University of Nigeria, Nsukka): *“Locked down or Locked out? An Empirical Analysis of Access to Learning in Nigeria during the COVID-19 Pandemic”*



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Session 7:

Sectoral Impacts of Covid-19 in Africa

10:10 AM – 11:40 AM

**Chair: Kacana Sipangule Khadjavi** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

**Shane Hardwar** (University of Mauritius): *“The relationship between Covid-19 impacts on the tourism sector and agribusiness: A case study of Mauritius as an island destination”*

**Blessing Arop** (Independent Researcher // University of Lagos): *“Technology Disruption in Nigeria During Covid-19 Lockdown”*

**Roula Inglesi-Lotz** (Department of Economics, University of Pretoria): *“Exploring the impact of the Covid19 pandemic and lockdowns on the energy demand in South Africa”*

**Shana Warren** (Innovations for Poverty Action): *“Falling living standards during the COVID-19 crisis: Quantitative evidence from nine developing countries”*

Session 8:

Modeling and Tracking Covid-19 Dynamics

10:10 AM – 11:40 AM

**Chair: Mahlet Tadesse** (Georgetown University)

**Jonas Doumate** (University of Abomey-Calavi, and African School of Economics): *“A Hybrid Modeling Technique of Epidemic Outbreaks with Application to COVID-19 Dynamics in West Africa”*

**Dhafer Malouche** (University of Carthage): *“Real time covid19 tracker”*

**Joseph Isabona** (Federal University Lokoja, Kogi State, Nigeria): *“A Novel Joint Adaptive Polynomial Regression and Wavelet Transform Method for Coronavirus Epidemic Trend Rate Estimation”*

**Patrick Pintus** (CNRS and Aix-Marseille University): *“Tracking the Dynamics and Allocating Tests for COVID-19 in Real-Time”*

Session 9:

Migration

11:50 AM – 1:20 PM

**Chair: Ameet Morjaria** (Northwestern University)

**Tijan Bah** (Navarra Center for International Development, Spain): *“How has COVID-19 affected the intention to migrate via the backway to Europe and to a neighboring African country? Survey evidence and a salience experiment in The Gambia”*

**Jean-Baptiste Tondji** (The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley): *“Optimally Targeting Interventions in Networks during a Pandemic”*

**Firmin Ayivdoji** (Université de Montréal – CIREQ): *“Do Remittances Mitigate COVID-19 Employment Shock on Food Insecurity? Evidence from Nigeria”*

Session 10:

Impact of the Covid-19 Epidemic on Poverty and Inequality

11:50 AM – 1:20 PM

**Chair: Moussa Blimpo (World Bank)**

**Joanna Upton** (Cornell University): *“Separating the signal from the seasons: COVID-19 and food security in rural low-income economies”*

**John Ilukor** (World Bank): *“Economic impact of covid-19 on cattle traders and their response in agro-pastoral and pastoral regions in Uganda”*

**Ifeanyi Onwuka** (University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria): *“COVID-19 and Microcredit Delivery to the Poor in Nigeria”*