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|  **9th EPRN Annual Economic Research Conference****08th to 09th June 2023** **LEMIGO HOTEL, KIGALI- RWANDA** **Theme: Boosting Economic resilience to economic shocks** |

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

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|  |  **DAY 1: 08TH JUNE 2023** |
|  **Time**  | **Session**  | **Facilitators / Presenters**  |
| 08:30 – 09:00 | Arrival and registration  | EPRN/Lemigo |
| 09:00 – 09:05  | Introduction of the conference  | Seth Kwizera, EPRN  |
| 09:05 – 09:20 | Welcome Remarks  | * Charles Ruranga, EPRN
* James Warner, IFPRI
* Mama Keita, UNECA
* Osten Chulu, UNDP
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| 09:20 – 09:30 | Remarks by the Guest of Honour | Hon Claudine Uwera, Minister of State in charge of Economic Planning, MINECOFIN (TBC) |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | **1st Presentation**Policies to boost economic recovery through regional integration and partnerships | Andrew Mold, UNECA and EPRN Board Member |
| 10:00-10:15 | Comments, Questions and Answers | All |
| 10:15 - 10:40  | Group Photo and Health Break | All  |
| 10:40 - 11:10 | **2nd Presentation**Efficient management of natural resources and promoting green economy for sustainable development and resilience | Osten Chulu, UNDP |
| 11:10-11:25 | Comments, Questions and Answers | All |
| 11:25-11:55 | **3rd presentation**Climate Resiline | Aloysius Uche Ordu, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution |
| 11:55-12:10 | Comments, Questions and Answers | All |
| 12:10-13:00 | **1st Panel Discussion**Climate change mitigation measures to enhance trade and development through the AfCFTA Moderator: Callixte Kamanzi (BNR) | **Discussants:*** Andrew Mol, UNECA
* Osten Chulum, UNDP
* Aloysius Uche Ordu, AGI
* Antoine Kajangwe, MINICOM (TBC)
* Jean Claude Ngendandumwe, CCOAIB
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| **LUNCH BREAK** |
| 14:00-15:30 | **3rd, 4th and 5th presentations**Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture in Rwanda—A baseline assessment of the Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture IndexRwanda: Impacts of the Ukraine and Global Crises on Poverty and Food SecurityEPRN/FAO study on Kigali Region Food Systems Resilience in Kigali | • Gilberte Benimana, IFPRI• Serge Mugabo, IFPRI• Christine Mukantwari, FAO |
| 15:30-15:50 | Health Break |  |
| 15:50-16:30 | **2nd Panel Discussion**Improving our understanding of pathways that affect resilience in Rwanda: gender, global price shocks and food systems in KigaliModerator: Immaculee Mukampabuka (Oxfam) | **Discussants:*** James Warner, IFPRI
* Christine Mukantwari, FAO
* Kizito Nishimwe, UR
* Octave NSHIMIYIMANA, MINAGRI (TBC)
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| **DAY 2: 09TH JUNE 2022** |
|  **Time**  | **Session**  | **Facilitators / Presenters**  |
| 09:00-09:05 | Wrap-up of the first day sessions  | Seth Kwizera, EPRN |
| 09:05-09:25 | **Presentation 6:**The best approach in the excise tax regime considering different circumstances in market price variation as well as revenue and health goals". Reference study Rwanda | Israel Bikorimana, MINECOFIN |
| 09:25-09:35 | Comments, Questions and Answers |  |
| 09:35-10:00 | **Presentation 7:**Effect of increased risk of tax audit on the tax compliance in low income countries: A case of Rwanda | Daniel Twesige, EPRN |
| 10:00-10:10 | Comments, Questions and Answers |  |
| 10:10-10:40 | Health Break  | All |
| 10:40-11:00 | **Presentation 8:**Human capital building for sustainable development in Rwanda. 10 challenges to overcome | Herman Musahara, EPRN |
|  | **3rd Panel Discussion**Enhancing human capital development and setting up a conducive minimum wage as key stimuluses of the economic growth: What is the situation in Rwanda and the way forward? Moderator: Joseph Nkurunziza (UR) | **Discussants:*** Herman Musahara, EPRN
* Joseph Mwumvaneza, COTRAF Trade Union
* Anne Felmet, FES
* Mwambali Faustin, MIFOTA (TBC)
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| 12:20-12:30 | Comments, Questions and Answers |  |
| 12:30-12:40 | Key Recommendations (Take-home Messages) and Way Forward  | EPRN  |
| 12:40-12:50 | Closing Remarks by the Guest of Honour  | Hon Claudine Uwera, Minister of State in charge of Economic Planning, MINECOFIN  |
|  13:00 Lunch |  |

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