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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 |
| 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 |
| **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 Index  Rwanda: Impacts of the Ukraine and Global Crises on Poverty and Food Security  EPRN/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 Kigali  Moderator: Immaculee Mukampabuka (Oxfam) | **Discussants:**   * James Warner, IFPRI * Christine Mukantwari, FAO * Kizito Nishimwe, UR * Octave NSHIMIYIMANA, MINAGRI (TBC) |
| **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) |
| 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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