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Programme

Inequalities in Southern Africa, the 2030 Agenda and the Operationalization of Inequality Reducing Policies – Fostering Regional Engagement Cape Town | 12–13 November 2018

There is a broad consensus that high inequalities are detrimental to economic growth, sustainable development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Even though strategies to reduce inequalities pose many challenges, if successful they will release binding constraints hampering inclusive, sustainable development.

This conference aims to bring together an influential group of policy makers, scholars and representatives from civil society who share a commitment to reducing inequalities. The engagement will assess and locate Southern Africa inequality within broader, global and African contexts. It seeks to extract the lessons to be learned from a set of high inequalities contexts in the region, with examples from Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and South Africa.

Based on these interrogations, effective current policy directions and additional solutions will be tabled, discussed and honed. The conference further aims to enhance cross-sectoral and cross-country support and approaches towards reducing inequalities.

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Day 1 – Monday, 12 November		Room
08:30 – 09:15	Registration + coffee	
Phase 1. Intro		
09:15 – 09:45	Welcome remarks Gottfried von Gemmingen (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Head of Division) and Prof. Murray Leibbrandt (University of Cape Town, Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU), African Centre of Excellence for Inequality Research (ACEIR), Director)	Plenary
	Introduction to the conference Dr. Minu Hemmati (Facilitator)	
Phase 2. Sharing knowledge & discussing in plenary		
09:45 – 10:30	Keynote Dr. Ayodele Odusola (UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa, Chief Economist)	Plenary
	Q&A	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:00	Panel discussion Setting the political stage for the regional conference, discussing current and new approaches to overcome inequality. Esther Lusepani (Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare, Permanent Secretary, Namibia) Busani Ngcaweni (The Presidency, Deputy Director-General, South Africa) Maxwell Mkumba (SADC, Senior Policy Advisor Poverty and Sustainable Development)	Plenary
	Synthesis & commentary Basani Baloyi (Oxfam South Africa, Inequality Lead)	
	12:30 – 13:30	
Phase 3. Focusing/deepening		
Parallel Workshops (Session A): Assessing drivers of inequalities – developing shared understanding of problems		
13:30 – 15:00	Workshop I Inequality of Opportunity: Measuring Inequality of Opportunity Ermina Sokou (UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Social Affairs Officer) Patrik Andersson (UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Officer-in-Charge, Social Development Division)	
	Workshop II Poverty, Inequality and Redistribution - How can the Redistributive Capacity of States be Increased? Jon Jellema (Commitment to Equity Institute, Director of Projects, Advisory Services and Training)	

	<p>Workshop III Economic Growth, Inequality and Poverty: Understanding Trends and Implications for Policy Ruth Hill (World Bank, Lead Economist, Poverty and Equity Global Practice)</p>	
	<p>Workshop IV What is the Role of International Cooperation in Reducing Inequalities in Partner Countries? Bruno Deprince (Agence Française de Développement (AFD), South Africa, Country Director) Martin Weiss (Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ South Africa, Country Director)</p>	
	<p>Workshop V Open slot, topic to be determined during conference</p>	
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 – 16:00	<p>World Café Dialogue Feedback from workshop sessions</p>	Plenary
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Perspective on Inequalities from outside of Southern Africa Reflection from Asia and the Pacific (UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, ESCAP)</p>	
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Opening of the Exhibition “Unequal Scenes” including dialogue with Photographer Johnny Miller (Photographer)</p>	Exhibition room
17:00 – 18:00	Exhibition + Networking break	
18:00	<p>Conference Dinner Departure from UCT to restaurant Moyo Kirstenbosch (by shuttle)</p>	

Day 2 – Tuesday, 13 November

08:30 – 09:00	Registration + coffee	
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Taking Stock: Evidence and Practice in the Light of the First Day Prof. Mike Savage (London School of Economics, International Inequalities Institute, Director)</p>	Plenary
<p>Parallel Workshops (Session B): Discussing policies and approaches to reducing inequalities - roles of actors (politics, civil society, academia)</p>		
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Workshop VI Getting the Foundation Right: The Importance of Statistics and the Role of National Statistics Offices in Reducing Inequalities Nozipho Shabalala (Statistics South Africa, Chief Director) Precious Zikhali (World Bank, Poverty Economist)</p>	

09:30 – 11:00	Workshop VII The Role of Civil Society in Reducing Inequalities: Bringing Community Voice into Policy Making / the Debate Prof. Crain Soudien (Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), CEO)		
	Workshop VIII The Role of National Governments in Reducing Inequalities: A Policy Focused Discussion Dr. Saurabh Sinha (UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Employment and Social Protection, Chief)		
	Workshop IX The Role of Researchers in Africa in Reducing Inequalities: Developing an Indigenous Research Agenda Prof. Murray Leibbrandt (University of Cape Town, Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU), African Centre of Excellence for Inequality Research (ACEIR), Director)		
	Workshop X Open slot, topic to be determined during conference		
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break		
Phase 4. Next Steps			
Open Space (Session C): Developing concrete and realistic road maps/strategies			
11:30 – 13:00	Open Space I Inequality of opportunity	Open Space II Inequality of outcome	Plenary
	Open Space III Topic to be determined during conference.	Open Space IV Topic to be determined during conference.	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break		
14:00 – 15:15	Summary of main outcomes and discussion of next steps Panel with rapporteurs from Session C / Where do we go from here?		
15:15 – 15:30	Mentimeter & Final remarks Gottfried von Gemmingen (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Head of Division) and Prof. Murray Leibbrandt (University of Cape Town, Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU), African Centre of Excellence for Inequality Research (ACEIR), Director)		Plenary
15:30	End of the conference Informal exchange and snacks		