



# Quarterly Newsletter

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Welcome to CSEA's October 2014 Newsletter

## CSEA PUBLICATIONS

### **Nigeria Economic Review** First Half Report 2014

The maiden edition of the Nigeria Economic Review first half report features findings and discussions on the Economic Performance, Macroeconomic Performance, Energy Sector Performance, Domestic Sectoral Performance and an outlook for the second half of 2014. The report examines the rebased Nigerian Economy and its potentials for achieving sustained inclusive growth.

### **Economic Policy Alert** 2012 Q3 to 2013 Q4

The Economic Policy Alert presents an in-depth analysis of economic policies in Nigeria. The report titled [Economic Growth and Job Creation: \(2012 Q3 to 2013 Q4\)](#) examines the pattern of economic growth and employment generation in Nigeria. It analyses the quality of job creation, dynamics of output and employment and also establishes the link or absence thereof between economic growth and labour demand.

### **CSEA Working and Discussion Papers**

**"On the Determinants of Banking Performance in the ECOWAS Sub-region: A Panel Investigation,"** by *Uzor Ezechukwu*

The paper investigates the bank-specific characteristics and macroeconomic factors that determine bank performance in ten ECOWAS countries over the period of 2000-2013. Results suggest that bank-specific variables are the main determinants of bank performance in the region, whereas the impact of macroeconomic variables are insignificant on the average. This implies that bank regulators in the sub-region should focus on policies that improve the internal management of commercial banks, which will in turn improve their performance and ensure financial system stability.

**"Regional Integration in Africa: Some Recent Developments and Challenges",** by *Idris Ademuyiwa and Eberechukwu Uneze*

[This paper](#) identifies some of the achievements that have been made in regional integration in Africa as well as areas where challenges remain. It also examines the roles that the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) can play in the integration process and suggests the need for the development of collective strategy for interaction among major trade partners.

## CSEA EVENT UPDATES

## **TTI Learning Workshop on Managing Think Tanks: Role and Importance of Administrative Management**

*July 8-10, 2014 Dakar, Senegal*

Ebere Uneze and Bamidele Ogundipe joined participants from other think tanks in West Africa at the [Think Tank Initiative \(TTI\)](#) Learning Workshop on Managing Think Tanks for Executive Directors, Administration and Finance Officers participating in the [International Development Research Centre \(IDRC\)](#) think tank initiative. The objective of the workshop was to enlighten participants on the importance of budgets, how they are developed and some of their key uses. It also provided a platform for the participants to learn how organisations are resourced, different types of costs, how they may be controlled and strategies for promoting sustainability of institutions.

## **West African Think Tanks convene for TTIPEC Peer Learning Workshop**

*July 15-16 2014 Accra, Ghana*

Drusilla David and Peace Anumudu, joined representatives from other West African think tanks for the Think Tank Initiative Policy Engagement and Communications (TTIPEC) Peer Learning Workshop organised by the [Results for Development \(R4D\)](#) in collaboration with the [Think Tank Initiative \(TTI\)](#) and [Comms Consult](#). The TTIPEC programme was launched in July 2013 and is aimed at supporting leading think tanks in Africa develop skills and strategies for effective communications to facilitate dissemination of research findings with a view to influencing policy in their respective countries. The peer learning workshop provided hands-on support on monitoring and evaluation tools, data visualization tools as well as social media platforms and tools to help Think Tanks develop key messages and generate content for their various communication activities and policy engagement. The event also provided a platform for mentorship support and peer-learning among participants.



## **CSEA joins Researchers and Policymakers to discuss Better Evidence for Effective Policies and Programs**

*September 1-5, 2014 Manila, Philippine*

Dr. Ebere Uneze joined other researchers, policymakers and development practitioners at the international conference on Impact Evaluations and Systematic Reviews organised by the [Asian Development Bank](#), the [International Initiative for Impact Evaluation \(3ie\)](#) and the [Philippine Institute for Development Studies](#). The conference tagged "Making Impact Evaluation Matter: Better Evidence for Effective Policies and Programs" provided a platform for focused discussions on impact evaluations of development programmes in sectors including: education, health, infrastructure and climate change. Dr. Uneze participated in a panel on "The Role of Think tanks in Impact Evaluation".



## **CSEA-CPED host National Workshop on Climate Change**

*September 8-9 2014 Abuja, Nigeria*

CSEA in collaboration with the [Centre for Population and Environmental Development \(CPED\)](#) organised a two-day National Workshop on "Climate Change and Environmental degradation in Nigeria". The workshop examined the concept of climate change and the fundamental challenges it poses to man and the ecosystems with focus on findings from a research on "Climate Change on Vulnerability, Impact and Adaptation in the Lowland and Wetland Areas of Delta State, Nigeria". The workshop provided a platform for the academia, civil society organisations, the media and other stakeholders to share knowledge on the effects of climate change and explore key issues relating to the increased degradation of the ecosystem and its associated risks in an effort to proffer evidence-based solutions. Participants and key speakers highlighted the need for the adaptation of a climate change policy as well as extensive awareness on adaptation strategies for risk-prone areas and the socio-economic sectors most susceptible to the effect of climate change and environmental degradation.



### **Emerging Markets Foreign Direct Investment Strategies: New Pathways and Policies to Green Growth.**

*September 15-16 Berlin Germany*

Dr. Ebere Uneze joined representatives of other think tanks, policymakers and experts for the [Economic Policy Forum and Emerging Markets Multinationals Network Summit](#) tagged "Emerging Markets Foreign Direct Investment Strategies: New Pathways and Policies to Green Growth." The workshop aimed to identify new potential research focus and demand for evidence-based policy-making. The summit also provided a platform to interlink the network with relevant business representatives and establish a new policy initiative around Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and green growth issues. The plenary and thematic break-out sessions enabled participants to engage in in-depth discussions to help develop best practices and also discuss action plans and suggest policy recommendations on joint approaches to green policy and business solutions.



## **CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS**

### **PEP: Call for Proposals**

The Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) is currently accepting submissions for the 3rd and final "Policy Analysis on Growth and Employment" (PAGE) call for proposals. This initiative includes an important capacity building component and targets teams of researchers based in developing countries. Selected teams will benefit from the unique and manifold PEP support program in the conduct of high-quality research projects. The deadline for submission is **October 30, 2014**. [Read More](#)

### **3ie: Call for Proposals**

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) invites proposals for systematic reviews of

development interventions in the areas of women's empowerment, humanitarian interventions and rural employment programmes in developing countries. Deadline for applications is **November 12, 2014**. [Read More](#)

#### **DIE/IZNE: Call for Papers**

The German Development Institute (DIE), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the International Center for Sustainable Development (IZNE) are calling for papers for the workshop on "Assessing the social, economic and political effects of social protection: ways to overcome the challenges" scheduled for April 2015 in Bonn, Germany. The deadline for submission is **December 20, 2014**. [Read More](#)

## RECOMMENDED READING

### [Ethiopia and BRICS: A Bilateral Trade Analysis](#)

*By Idris Ademuyiwa, Chukwuka Onyekwena, Olumide Taiwo and Eberechukwu Uneze*  
SAIIA Occasional Paper No 180, April 2014

### [South Africa in BRICS: A Bilateral Trade Analysis](#)

*By Chukwuka Onyekwena, Olumide Taiwo and Eberechukwu Uneze*  
SAIIA Occasional Paper No 181, April 2014

### [Nigeria and the BRICS: Current and Potential Trade Relations and their Implications for the Nigerian Economy](#)

*By Idris Ademuyiwa, Chukwuka Onyekwena, Olumide Taiwo and Eberechukwu Uneze*  
SAIIA Occasional Paper No 184, May 2014

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### [AERC 2014 Biannual Research Workshop](#)

*November 30- December 4, 2014, Lusaka, Zambia*

The African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) will host its [2014 biannual research workshop](#) tagged "Youth Employment in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges". The workshop will examine various issues including: Poverty, income distribution and food security; Macroeconomic policies, investment and growth; Finance and resource mobilization; Trade and regional integration as well as Political economy, natural resource management and agricultural policy issues.

### [Africa in Global Economic Governance through Nigeria and South African Lenses](#)

*December 2014, London, United Kingdom*

The Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA) in collaboration with the [South African Institute of International Affairs \(SAIIA\)](#) and the [Overseas Development Institute \(ODI\)](#) will host an event on Africa's involvement in global economic governance. The event will focus on Nigeria and South Africa's engagement with global economic governance institutions, such as the G20, World Trade Organisation and BRICS as well as Nigeria-South Africa relations in these contexts.

### [16th Annual Global Development Conference](#)

*June 11-13, 2015, Morocco*

The Global Development Network (GDN) is organising its [16th Annual Global Development Conference](#) tagged "Agriculture for Sustainable Growth: Challenges and Opportunities for a new 'Green Revolution'". The objective of the conference is to facilitate a better understanding on the nature and prospects of 'green revolution' globally, drawing on the insights from experiences around

the world, to foster dialogue among researchers , experts, practitioners and various government organisations who are working towards making their respective region more sustainable in agriculture and food security.

## ABOUT CSEA

The Centre for the study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA) is a non-profit think tank Research Centre that conducts high quality applied research on economic policy issues in Nigeria and the rest of Africa. The Centre conducts research on issues around Public Financial Management and Governance; Macroeconomic Management; Trade Investment and Growth; Programme Evaluation, Poverty Measurement and Analysis; Natural Resources, Energy and Environment; Education, Health and Population Dynamics; Global Economic Governance.

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