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Center for the Study of The Economies of Africa

ANNUAL REPORT

Message from our Executive Director

This year's annual report comes amidst big changes around the global development policy space. These developments have also been accompanied by rapid changes in the research funding landscape. For CSEA, it marks a significant era as the Institutional funding provided by the Think Tank Initiative (TTI) of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) ends. For the past decade, CSEA has been a beneficiary of this funding, which provided major institutional support that enabled the Centre position itself as an evidence-based and high-performing research Centre in Africa.

In order to maintain the successes and progress achieved over the years, CSEA continued to build on its consistency of providing actionable recommendations that influence policy choices. Specifically, the Centre restructured and strength-ened its research capacity, organizational structure as well as its policy linkages, communication and outreach to ensure that its research output is channeled into the policy space.

In the year under review, CSEA recorded significant policy impact using evidence from research conducted. However, the recent changes in the policy space underscored the need for the Centre to align its research to priority areas -such as climate change, gender, and social inclusion policies- with several funding opportunities. In response to these emerging opportuni-ties, CSEA began to explore other relevant areas of research. For instance, the Centre carried out a pilot study on livelihood assessment of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps to assess their existing livelihood strategies propose the most effective ways to help such individuals to rebuild and strengthen their livelihoods. This study has provided a platform for CSEA to explore more research and expand its capacity on this important development issue.

The Centre also improved its governance systems. Specifically, the Centre strengthened its resource mobilization efforts and engaged grant-making organisations and potential funders through unique strategies and approaches. CSEA leveraged on a fund-raising strategy that highlights specific gaps and opportunities to help broaden the Centre's funding base. These approaches have enhanced CSEA's visibility in the policy space and created more opportunities for engaging with donors. CSEA has in recent times received additional funded research projects as these strategies have been put to good use.

Over the past year, CSEA strengthened its policy linkages, communication and outreach efforts in order to advance evidence-based policymaking. Specifically, CSEA explored innovative strategies such as data visualization, infographics, etc to disseminate its research outputs. The Centre witnessed remarkable improvement in its policy engagement and has continued to strengthen and establish new linkages with relevant organizations and key players, particularly through collaborations and partnerships.

CSEA also organized seminars, policy dialogues and workshops which has greatly enhanced the Centre's ability to commu-nicate its research outputs more widely across various stakeholders in Africa. This has also enabled CSEA distinguish itself as a key player in the network of think tank. Overall, these strategic networking and partnerships have increased CSEA's visibili-ty in the policy space and helped created partnerships that would continue to develop evidence-based solutions to the pressing development challenges Africa faces.

As this report underscores, CSEA witnessed an improved governance system that reflects positively on the overall institu-tional development and growth. Building on this progress, CSEA would continue to provide evidence-based research in an effort to contribute to the policy process in Nigeria and Africa.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena', written over a light blue circular scribble.

Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena
Executive Director

Center for the Study of The Economies of Africa
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Our Objective

Our Objective is to enhance development outcomes in Africa through evidence based reserach



Our mission

To help improve public sector efficiency in Africa to enhance Africas's preparedness to contribute to International economic policy debates and its integration into the global economy

AREAS OF FOCUS



Public Financial Management and Governance

This research area focuses on budgeting processes and strategies, fiscal decentralisation, cost of governance, public performance measurement, cost-benefit and effectiveness analysis of government programs

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Global Economic Governance

This research area analyzes the changing institutional context for global economic governance and the implications for African countries

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Education, Health and Population Dynamics

This program is the anchor of CSEA's activities in the areas of human capital development, labor markets and urbanization.

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Program Evaluation, Poverty Measurement and Analysis

This research area evaluates the effectiveness of various programs, policies and projects aimed at addressing development challenges- such as impact evaluation of government and development programs, poverty, gender disparity, social inclusion and inequality.

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Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment

This research area examines critical issues in the areas of natural resource governance, agrarian policy, energy efficiency and geopolitics, environmental management and climate change.

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Trade Investment and Growth

This research area examines regional integration and intra-regional trade in Africa, with emphasis on their effects on inclusive growth and poverty reduction.

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Macroeconomic Management

The overall objective of this research area is to conduct technical analyses on key macroeconomic issues, with the coverage gradually expanding to include other African countries.

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2018 -19 HIGHLIGHTS

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

ONGOING:

RISE NIGERIA:

Community Engagement, Local Politics, and Education Outcomes

The Research on Improving Systems of Education in Nigeria (RISE) project was commissioned by the Department for International Development-Research on Improving Systems of Education (DFID-RISE). The RISE project is a 3-year multi-country project that seeks to understand how school systems in developing countries can overcome the learning crisis and achieve quality education. The project is being implemented by researchers at Princeton University in partnership with the African School of Economics (ASE), and CSEA. The RISE Nigeria project will address key components, which include-Mission and Colonial Schools; Free Primary Education; National Youth Service Corps (NYSC); School Based Management Committees (SBMCs) and Political Economy. As part of the ongoing research, CSEA conducted an Education awareness workshop across five states (Oyo, Kano, Enugu, Rivers and Yobe). The workshop form part of the component of the research investigating the potential to delivery system change in education systems through developing a social contract between politician and education stakeholders. Similarly, an inception workshop was conducted in Princeton University to investigate aspirations and clusters of educational excellence, with an interest in the behavioral and social mechanisms for mobility.

Budget - £ 3,000,000.00

Fostering Effective Tobacco Control Policy Implementation in Nigeria

CSEA has received funding for a two-year project, commissioned by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, to provide research and advocacy towards the design and implementation of an effective tobacco control policy in Nigeria. The proposed project will focus on: estimating the pro-health tobacco tax rates and structure; assessing the economic costs and impact of tobacco use across different groups as well as cost-effectiveness of tobacco control interventions; identifying the impact of tax changes on illicit trade as well as cost-effective measures for curbing illicit trade on tobacco products. To highlight these issues, CSEA organized a round-table workshop to discuss an ongoing research project on Fostering Effective Tobacco Control Policy Implementation in Nigeria. The workshop provided a platform for participants and experts to discuss data, methods and expected outcomes for each component of the research project

Budget - CAD\$ 311,000.00

“Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death worldwide, responsible for 100 million deaths—more than deaths from AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined”,



Stakeholders at the Education Awareness Workshop for the RISE Project. The event held in Oyo, Kano, Yobe, Enugu and Rivers States

Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena and the RISE Team at the Inception workshop which was held in Princeton University, New Jersey on May 20-21, 2019



CSEA hosts policy dialogue on Nigeria's Tobacco Market and Policy Space CSEA organized a policy dialogue on "A Scoping Study of Nigeria's Tobacco Market and Policy Space". The event was held on 13th December, 2018 at the NAF Conference Centre, Abuja.



Dr. Chinny Ogunro at the Regional Workshop on Health-related SDGs, on April 15-16, 2019 in Dakar



Payment Patterns in Nigeria's Public Facilities: Unexpected costs and implications for maternal care health-seeking behaviour in Nigeria.

In this project commissioned by the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), CSEA would explore Nigeria's national patterns in user fees at public and private hospitals. It will also examine its potential relationship to utilization, investigate the phenomena of unexpected antenatal and delivery costs and payment patterns specific to Lagos' public hospitals, and examine the relationship between unexpected costs and patients' attendance of public versus private facilities in three local government areas within Lagos state. CSEA has recently completed a data collection from ten hospitals across selected rural and semi-urban areas of Lagos to investigate these phenomena.

Budget - \$15,000.00

Study on Effects of Increased Tobacco Tax on Tobacco Consumption and Affordability in Nigeria

CSEA is conducting a study on the effects of increased tobacco tax on tobacco consumption and affordability in Nigeria, commissioned by Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC). The overall objective of the study is to review selected relevant existing documents on tobacco taxation and consumption in Nigeria with a comparative regional and global perspective. The study will also provide recommendation for tobacco consumption control within the context of the existing taxation regime as well as propose possible measure for taxation advocacy. CSEA is undertaking primary data to generate further and new supporting information on the area of the study. This process also includes the views of relevant stakeholders working in the area of tobacco production and/or control.

Budget: N 2,000,000.00

Research on Trans Fatty Acids (TFA) in Nigeria

This project is aimed at identifying and collecting samples of oils and foods potentially containing transfatty acids in Nigeria for testing in the US to ascertain the level of TFA in Nigerians foods. Commissioned by Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHA), CSEA will carry out research and data collection for advocacy evidence generation for TFA reduction in Nigeria. Specifically, the study will seek to- Identify TFA/PHO packaged products produced, imported, and sold in Nigeria; Identify a sampling study design for TFA/PHO packaged products data collection and Collect TFA/PHO packaged food samples for TFA analysis in Abuja and Lagos, Nigeria. CSEA is currently conducting a desk research and market analysis on vendor outlets from high, middle, and low-income areas/neighbourhoods in the FCT to identify unbranded goods with likelihood of containing the TFA/PHOs and their geographical spread.

Budget: \$44,783.00

Digital Technology and Fertilizer Reforms in Nigeria

The study seeks to assess the impact of the recent fertilizer reforms in Nigeria as experienced by the beneficiaries. It would also assess the effectiveness of the fertilizer reform using digital vouchers for payment to dealers and SIMs as unique identifiers. Furthermore, the political economy of the reforms and the prospects for sustaining the new approach would be analysed. The project was commissioned by the Center for Global Development (CGD)

Budget - \$7,000.00

2019 Nigeria Benchmarking Exercise

CSEA is conducting a study commissioned by FOSTER-DFID to examine the Natural Resource Charter (NRC). The Nigeria Natural Resource Charter (NNRC) implements the NRC, which is a global initiative comprised of 12 proven best practice principles used to maximize the benefits of resource extraction. It is intended for governments, societies and the international community on how best to manage natural resource wealth so that it benefits current and future generations of citizens.

Budget: N 6,157,200.00

Educational Performance in Nigeria: The Dimensions, Drivers and Implications for SDGs

The project commissioned by the Southern Voice Network Voice "State of the SDGs" initiative provides evidence-based analysis and recommendations to improve the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The research study seeks to explore the underlying causes of the marginalized people being excluded from access to education in order to understand what needs to be changed to reduce the problems of exclusion and secure that no one is left behind.

Budget - \$48,000.00



CSEA team represented by Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena, Dr. Adedeji Adeniran and Drusilla David at the Southern Voice Network's first General Assembly which held, November 15 and 16, 2018 in Bangkok.

Energy for Growth Hub (Phase 2)

The project commissioned by Center for Global Development (CGD) will promote ambitious energy goals and support Investments in large -scale modern energy systems in low -income countries by Leveraging high - quality research to influence policymakers in key capitals.

Budget : \$10,000.00



Participants at the 2019 Energy Policy workshop hosted by NextierPower, Energy For Growth Hub in conjunction with CSEA. The workshop held on the 21st of May 2019 in Abuja Nigeria

Recently Completed Projects

- The Economics of Tobacco Control in Nigeria: Modelling the Fiscal and Health Effects of a Tobacco Excise Tax Change in Nigeria - commissioned by African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)
Budget - \$10,000.00
- A Scoping Study of Nigeria's Tobacco Market - commissioned by Campaign For Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK)
Budget - \$58,200.00
- Energy for Growth Hub (Phase one) - commissioned by Centre for Global Development(CGD)
Budget - \$10,000.00
- Debt Sustainability in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) - commissioned by South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)
Budget - R100,000.00
- Linking Chinese Oil for Infrastructure Deals with Developmental Outcomes: Nigeria case study- commissioned by DFID/ERSC
Budget - £10,000.00
- South-South Cooperation coherence in a Complex Assistance Framework for Development: The Case of Nigeria- commissioned by South South Global Thinkers-
Budget - \$20,000.00
- Strengthening the Capacity of Country and Regional Policy Support Organizations (PSOs) in Africa and Asia
Budget - \$ 10,000.00

CORE-FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

A market assessment of livelihood opportunities for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).



In an effort to align its research areas with the changing development policy space and also provide evidence-based research for key stakeholders, CSEA is conducting a project on the livelihood opportunities for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). This project seeks to document strategies and criteria for targeting beneficiaries and optimal ways in which they can exploit outlined opportunities. Subsequently, the research findings will; 1) provide specific, relevant, and reliable advice to humanitarian organizations as to which areas of enterprise they can select, strengthen or diversify for the sustainable livelihood benefit of IDPs; 2) Gather information on market demand and IDPs' livelihood assets, and translate it into programming of capacity building interventions that respond to the unique business environment and IDP needs and 3) Gauge the aspirations of IDPs.

The pilot exercise mapped out how economic activities are organized in selected locations, drawing insights into supply-side and demand-side opportunities for IDPs. Particularly, the project seeks to assess income generating activities conducted by IDPs and their vocational skills training needs. This entailed mapping out the market systems in project areas to; identify the current opportunities for skills and products; identify barriers to exploiting current opportunities and suggest ways in which IDPs can navigate them.

Effect of African Continental Free Trade Agreement on Manufacturing and Agricultural Sectors in Nigeria

In line with the contents of the Agenda 2063, the main objective of the African Continental Free Trade (ACFTA) is to progressively eliminate tariffs on 90 percent of goods in intra-regional trade, creating a single continental market of 1.2 billion people for goods and services, with the free movement of goods, investments and people. The research will identify the effect of ACFTA on wages (non-skilled and skilled workers) and invariable jobs in the two sectors, the effect on productivity and growth (gain or loss) within the sectors and the overall welfare effect on population. Specifically, the study will focus on- wages and jobs in the manufacturing and agricultural sectors; productivity and sectoral output growth in the manufacturing and agricultural sectors; prices of major manufacturing and agricultural products in Nigeria; welfare gain to Nigeria from implementing the trade liberalization agreement and other effects on allocative efficiency, capital accumulation, trade balance and tariff revenue

Internally displaced persons (IDP) at an IDP settlement in Waru-Apo district and Kuchingoro camp in Kaura district of Abuja



African leaders at the AFCTA meeting held at Kigali, Rwanda in 2018





CSEA was represented by Executive Director, Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena; Dr. Adedeji Adeniran, Precious Chukwuemelie Akanonu, Joseph Ishaku and Drusilla David at TTI Bangkok, Thailand November 2018

CSEA receives SDG Recognition

CSEA was awarded the 'RECOGNITION AS SDG CHAMPION' honor on April 1, 2019, by the International Network for Corporate Social Responsibility (In-CSR). The award is in acknowledgement and commendation of the Centre's success in advancing Sustainable Development Goals. 'CSEA has continued to make significant advances over the years in its research and policy intervention efforts in areas such as health, education and migration, that align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UNDP's Agenda for 2030.

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Think Tank Initiative Funding (TTI) ends

For a decade, the Think Tank Initiative (TTI) of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has provided organizational and capacity support for 43 policy research institutions in 20 developing countries. CSEA has been one of the think tanks in Africa to benefit from this support since 2009. The TTI support provided the Centre with adequate resources and technical support to restructure and strengthen its activities, specifically in the areas of organizational performance, research quality and Policy engagement. The TTI Final Exchange 2018 (TTIX), which held in Pullman Bangkok King Power Hotel, on 12 – 14 November 2018 marked the end of the programme. The meeting focused on the theme 'Sustainable Organisations for Sustainable Development: Into the Future – How Can Think Tanks Continue to Contribute to Building More Equitable and Prosperous Societies?'. It provided an opportunity for Think Tanks to develop relationships, share knowledge and discuss sustainability strategies as the core-funding ends.

Subsequently, CSEA has continued to utilize, through an action plan, the Business Model, which was developed in the course of the TTI program. The business model is a document developed to provide guidelines on strategic actions to be implemented by the Centre in an effort to diversify its fund raising strategies.



CSEA recognised as a five star transparent institution in 2019 by Transparify initiative

Resource Mobilization

As the TTI Institutional Grant has ended, it is imperative that alternative sources of funding are developed to ensure the financial sustainability of the Centre beyond 2019. CSEA places emphasis on the production of high-quality and evidence-based research relevant to policy formulation, and on building sustainable relationship with other policy stakeholders. It is also imperative that strategies to access and attract more funds be reviewed and improved frequently as available funding are keenly contested by research organizations around the world.

While the Centre benefits from research grants/project funding from other institutions such as the, Facility for Oil Sector Transparency(FOSTER), African Economic Research Consortium(AERC), Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids(CTFK), Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP) and the Centre for Global Development (CGD), CSEA continues to explore additional funding opportunities to diversify its funding base.

Specifically, the Centre maximizes its fundraising document which highlights strategies and provides strategic guidelines to identify emerging opportunities, target potential donors and engage them.

To ensure that it diversifies its funding base the list is constantly updated to include national and international grant-making organizations, as well as resource persons and individuals that the Centre can leverage and partner with, to attract more project-based funding.

Other strategies include: Stimulating the demand for evidence-based research. Here, CSEA has enhanced its visibility by providing research on topical issues and disseminating them in accessible formats to policymakers.

The Centre has also implemented a unique method of approaching potential funders. This is based on an understanding of the needs of potential funders, which maximize CSEA's chances of attracting more funds. Also, CSEA's mode of monitoring and responding to call for proposals is now evident in the Centre's continued increase in project-based funding from grantmaking organisations.

CSEA has also continued to improve its credibility and visibility through an enhanced image building. This has improved the Centre's competitiveness and increased confidence in the efficient delivery of contracted research services.

CSEA rated Five-Star by Transparify

CSEA was certified as a five star transparent institution again in 2019 by Transparify initiative, which provides an annual global rating of the financial transparency of major think tanks. Think tanks play an increasingly important role in public debates and the formulation of public policy worldwide. However, there are concerns that some policy advice provided by some think tanks may be driven more by the vested interests of their funders than by truly independent research and analysis. The Transparify project assesses how transparent think tanks currently are about their sources of

CAPACITY BUILDING

CSEA Research Associate, Joseph Ishaku and Drusilla David, Communications and Institutional Advancement Officer were among 24 Young Leaders who were selected for the first stage of the 2018 OTT-TTI Fellowship Programme. They joined other young leaders at the TTI 2018 in Bangkok, to participate in the various sessions, which also provided opportunities for them to attend specific workshops and have mentorship opportunities. The OTT-TTI Fellowship is a partnership between TTI and On Think Tanks (OTT) to support the leadership capabilities among the new generation of think tankers, and to help them in becoming real agents of change.

Joseph Ishaku also participated at the 2019 Winterschool for Thinktankers (WISCH), an initiative aimed at inspiring the next generation of think tank leaders, organized by On Think Tanks in partnership with Foraus and the Think Tank Hub. The programme was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 27 January to February 2, 2019.



Group picture of OTT-TTI fellows in Bangkok Thailand

Regional capacity building training on the use of statistics and the Productive Capacities Index to inform evidence-based policy-making

CSEA Executive Director, Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena participated at a regional capacity building training organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in collaboration with the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA). The training was organized to provide participants with knowledge and skills on “the use of statistics and the Productive Capacities Index to inform evidence-based policymaking in landlocked developing countries and other structurally weak and vulnerable economies”. The training was conducted from April 8 to 10, 2019 in Windhoek, Namibia



CSEA's Research Associate ,Joseph Ishaku with other participants at the 2019 Winterschool for Thinktankers (WISCH)



CSEA communications staff participated in a capacity-building workshop on “Effectively Promoting Key Research Findings in the Mainstream Media Space”



CSEA staff at an in-house capacity-building workshop on “Interpersonal Skills Development”

OUR TEAM



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Executive Director



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Director of Health Research



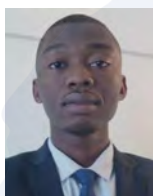
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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

BLOG/WORKING PAPER

PROJECT REPORT

JOURNALS

POLICY BRIEF

RESEARCH PAPER

Title	Type
Natural Resources Energy and the Environment	
Efficiency of Food Reserves in Enhancing Food Security in Developing Countries: The Nigerian Experience	Working Paper
Managing Natural Resources for Sustainable Development	Policy Brief
State-owned enterprises	Policy Brief
Managing Local Impacts	Policy Brief
How To Resolve The Tariff Disputes Blocking Nigeria's Solar Project Pipeline?	Blog
Achieving Abundant and Affordable Energy in Africa: Is there a place for nuclear power in Nigeria?	Blog
Challenges and Interventions Needs in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI)	Blog
Education, Health and Population Dynamics	
A Scoping Study of Nigeria's Tobacco Market and Policy Space	Project Report
An Appraisal of Nigeria's Implementation of the Quality Education Goal	Journal of Implementation
Developing a Human Development Index (HDI) for the Nigerian States: Conceptual Approach and Preliminary Evidence	Research Paper
Prospects for Earmarking Revenue from Tobacco Taxes	Policy Brief
Simulation of the Effect of Tax Increase	Policy Brief
Understanding Political Will for Tobacco Control in the Nigerian Context	Policy Brief
Snapshot of Taxes & Prices of Tobacco Products	Policy Brief
Nigeria Education In Focus (Issue 1)	Policy Brief
Nigeria Education In Focus (Issue 2)	Policy Brief
How to implement quality education in Nigeria	Blog
Unbundling the 13 million out-of-school children in Nigeria	Blog
The need to boost political will for tobacco control policies in Nigeria	Blog
Tobacco Tax Revenue in Nigeria: To Earmark or Not to Earmark?	Blog
Why Nigeria needs higher taxes on tobacco products	Blog
Migration and Demography: Shaping Migration Policies for Demographic Dividend in Africa	Blog
The Socioeconomic Implications of Exclusion of the Girl child in Education	Blog
Public Financial Management and Governance	
Nigeria's New National Minimum Wage: Responses and Implications for the Economy	Blog
CBN Cash-less Policy; A more impactful approach	
Global Economic Governance	
South-South Ideas: South-South Cooperation Coherence in a Complex Assistance Framework for Development – The Case of Nigeria (2019)	Project Report
COOPERATION WITH AFRICA T20 Africa, G20 and Africa: Assessing Our Impact and Influence	Policy Brief
Development Cooperation Review (DCR)	Research Paper
Building political will for policy change: the role of CSOs in Nigeria	Blog
Macroeconomic Management	
Is a debt crisis looming in Africa?	Blog
Effects of 2019 Elections: Predicting the Economy's Response in Nigeria	Blog
Managing Africa's Rising Debt: Time for a Multi-Pronged Approach	Blog
Trade Investment and Growth	
Finance and Firm Productivity in Africa: Background Study from World Bank Enterprise Survey Data	Working Paper

Communications, Networking & Outreach

CSEA continued to be an important convening space for top thinkers and stakeholders. We hosted policymakers, researchers, members of the academia, civil society organizations at events that help define the conversation around today's most pressing development challenges. CSEA staff also participated in high-level conferences, strategic workshops and policy dialogues across the globe.

CSEA EVENTS

Energy Policy Workshop

May 21, 2019 📍 Abuja

The Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA), in partnership with the Energy for Growth Hub and Nextier Power convened experts and stakeholders in the Nigeria power sector to discuss some of the sectors needs and provide policies that would be essential in resolving the sector's challenges and restoring financial viability in the value chain. Under the theme, "the Electricity Landscape in Nigeria: Challenges and Policy Bottlenecks", the discussions focused on three priorities: solving barriers in the gas-to-power value chain, an active plan for renewable energy integration, and energy theft.



Policy dialogue: Nigeria's Tobacco Market and Policy Space

December 13, 2019 📍 Abuja

The Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA), organized a policy dialogue on "A Scoping Study of Nigeria's Tobacco Market and Policy Space". Participants were invited to discuss and contribute to four main areas of the study: i) Snapshot of Prices and Taxes on Tobacco Products; ii) Simulation of the Effect of Tax Increase on Public Health and Government Revenue; iii) Prospects for Earmarking Revenue from Taxes on Tobacco Products; and iv) Understanding Political Will for Tobacco Control in the Nigerian Context.



Modelling tax structure changes in Nigeria

December 12, 2018 📍 Abuja

The Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA), hosted Dr. Nonso Obikili, from the Economic Research Southern Africa to present a paper on his work titled “Modelling tax structure changes in Nigeria”. The paper models tax distribution in Nigeria focusing on how changes in the tax structure influence changes in the revenue accruing to different levels of governments. The paper also argues that changes in the tax structure are determined by the potential revenue gains and losses by all participants and politically feasible changes will require more winners than losers. Participants included researchers and experts on Tax as well as representatives from reputable CSO’s and the Academia.



9th African Policy Circle (APC) Meeting

November 29 - 30, 2018 📍 Dakar

The 9th APC meeting was co-hosted by the Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA) and the Institute Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR). The meeting provided a platform for African CSOs and think tanks to share knowledge and discuss strategies for policymakers to meaningfully harness the benefits and counter the challenges of economic migration amid demographic transition in Africa under the theme: “Migration and Demography: Shaping Migration Policies for Demographic Dividend in Africa”.



Nigeria Fiscal Review

October 3, 2018 📍 Abuja

The Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA) hosted the World Bank Team (Nigeria Country Office), to disseminate a report on “Nigeria Fiscal Review”. The review consists of a consolidation and analysis of publicly available fiscal data of the three tiers of the Nigerian government. Following this, a number of analytical products (databases, fiscal forecasting tools, and analytical presentations) with the intention to benefit a broad audience working on Nigeria’s macroeconomic and fiscal issues have been prepared. Participants were drawn from Nigeria’s Debt Management Office, the Central Bank, the Nigeria’s Governors Forum, research organizations, CSO’s and the Academia.



HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCES/DIALOGUES

T20 Summit- SDG Progress-Perspectives from around the Globe

May 26 - 29, 2019 📍 Japan

As a side event of the T20 Summit in Tokyo, Japan, the Southern Voice Network in collaboration with the JICA Research Institute organized a panel discussion to review progress of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the regions and draw implications for its accelerated implementation. CSEA senior research fellow, Dr. Adedeji Adeniran, participated in the panel discussion which featured panelists from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe to discuss the challenges regions face towards the implementation of the SDGs and propose possible solutions to them. reputable CSO's and the Academia.



Africa- China Think Tank Forum

May 23 - 24, 2019 📍 Zambia

The forum organized by the Policy Monitoring and Research Centre (PMRC) under the theme “Rebranding Africa as Premiere Destination”. The aim is to promote Africa’s Global Economic Cooperation through sharing knowledge and research objectives on infrastructure, economic development and trade facilitation and initiating the process to establish global think tanks network committed to building great cooperation with China and the rest of the World. CSEA Research Associate, Joseph Ishaku participated in a Panel discussion titled “Rebranding Africa in the New World Order.



6th Africa Think Tank Summit

April 24 - 26, 2019 📍 Tanzania

The 6th edition of the Africa Think Tank Summit was convened by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) under the theme “Tackling Implementation Challenges for Africa’s Sustainable Development”. The summit provided a platform for participants to propose strategies and actionable recommendations that would enable think tanks contribute to tackling policy implementation challenges within the context of Africa’s vision. CSEA’s Senior research fellow, Dr. Adedeji Adeniran, was a discussant in the session that discussed tackling implementation challenges at the national level; while CSEA’s Research Associate Joseph Ishaku joined other OTT-TTI fellows at a side event to discuss and propose actionable recommendations on how think tanks in Africa can help bridge the policy design and implementation gap.



Advancing Frontier Research on South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

March 20 - 22, 2019 📍 Buenos Aires

CSEA participated at a side-event hosted by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) on Advancing Frontier Research on South-South and Triangular Cooperation. The event was held along the side-lines of the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40). The objective of the side-event was to share evidence-based research on South-South and triangular cooperation that has been commissioned by the South-South Global Thinkers initiatives. CSEA, represented by Dr. Adedeji Adeniran, Senior research fellow, launched its research paper titled “South-South Ideas: South-South Cooperation Coherence in a Complex Assistance Framework for Development – The Case of Nigeria (2019)” at the event.



2019 On Think Tanks Conference

February 4 -7, 2019 📍 Geneva

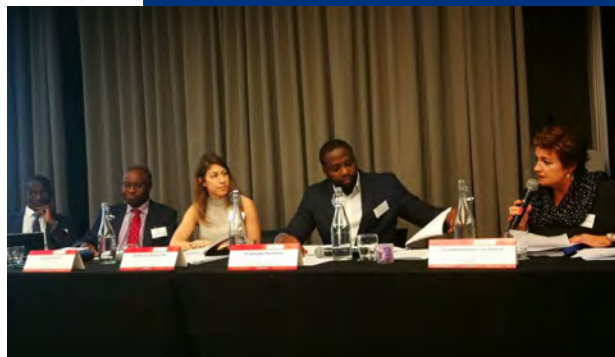
On Think Tanks (OTT) in collaboration with Foraus and the Think Tank Hub convened thinktankers, think tank scholars, policy entrepreneurs and think tanks funders from around the world at the 2019 On Think Tanks Conference to share experiences, present their research, and establish new or strengthen old partnerships. The conference also provided an opportunity for participants to explore new collaboration and launch new partnerships. Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena participated in a parallel session on “Unrestricted core funding is over: how to move on?” The discussion focused on how think tanks can reform their organizational structure to adapt to new funding systems as unrestricted core funding becomes a thing of the past.



G20 and Africa: Navigating African Priorities for the G20

January 29, 2019 📍 Pretoria

The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) and the Global Economic Governance (GEG) Africa project organized a conference on Africa's priorities at the G20 tagged “G20 and Africa: Navigating African Priorities for the G20”. Participants discussed how Africa can contribute to key G20 priorities in a challenging global environment. Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena participated in a high-level panel discussion on “mobilising resources for infrastructure development in Africa”. The discussions included: What African countries can do to promote economic diversification and expand revenue generation; how to reduce the effect of commodity price shocks on fiscal stability.



International Conference on the Emergence of Africa

January 17- 19 2019 📍 Dakar

The third edition of the International Conference on the Emergence of Africa (ICEA III) convened decision-makers and experts from around the world under the theme “Emergence, the Private Sector and Inclusiveness”. Issues discussed among others- how to mobilize internal resources and encourage foreign direct investment (FDI) in strategic sectors with technology transfer as well as the need to initiate a sustainable industrialization dynamic for a better valuation of raw materials. CSEA senior research fellow, Dr. Grace Onubedo participated in this high-level meeting which also featured a market session/exhibition session for organisations.



African Economic Conference 2018

December 3-5, 2018 📍 Kigali

On the occasion of the 13th African Economic Conference (AEC), African think-tanks, researchers, policy makers, public and private sector leaders as well as representatives of Regional Economic Organizations, convened to discuss “Regional and Continental Integration for Africa’s Development”. The Conference provided a platform for discussions to help ensure that the African Continental Free Trade Area becomes an instrument for promoting Africa’s inclusive development by supporting institutions and partnerships that pursue activities for African integration in all its aspects – economic social, cultural, environmental and political. CSEA’s Executive Director, Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena participated in this meeting.



Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Conference 2018

October 11-12, 2018 📍 Cotonou

CSEA’s Senior Research Fellow, Dr. Adedeji Adeniran, participated in the Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Conference 2018 on “Improving the quality of education and learning outcomes in developing countries” organized in cooperation with the African School of Economics.



STRATEGIC WORKSHOPS

Tobacco Tax Reforms to Promote Economic Development in West Africa

May 2, 2019 📍 Brussels

Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena participated at the launch of the new project on “Tobacco Tax Reforms to Promote Economic Development in West Africa”. The project will be led by the Economics of Tobacco Control Project at the University of Cape Town in collaboration with the Consortium pour la recherche économique et sociale (CRES) Senegal. The goal of the research project is to assist member states in implementing the directive, by providing both regional analysis and in-depth diagnostic and economic modelling studies in three key countries: Nigeria, Senegal, and Ghana.

CSEA participates in the regional workshop on health-related SDGs

April 15 - 16, 2019 📍 Dakar

The Senegalese Agricultural and Rural Foresight Initiative (IPAR) convened participants under the leadership of West African Health Organisation (WAHO) to explore ways to contribute to monitoring progress in implementing health-related SDGs at national and regional levels. The workshop provided a platform to share the results of the regional synthesis, discuss proposed indicators, analyze in depth the availability of data for the selected indicators, specify the nature of the data and establish the baseline. CSEA's Research Director on health, Dr. Chinyi Ogunro contributed to in-depth discussions on the results of the case studies.

CSEA participates in the Economics of Tobacco Control learning workshop

February 19 - 21, 2019 📍 London

CSEA senior research fellow, Dr. Grace Onubedo and Research fellow, Precious Akanonu, participated in the Economics of Tobacco Control learning workshop organized by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in partnership with the Cancer Research United Kingdom (CRUK). The workshop was aimed at supporting collaborative research learning and practice in the economics of tobacco control for the prevention of tobacco-induced non-communicable diseases. It provided a platform for seven research teams from across the world to discuss strategies in an effort to tackle the global tobacco epidemic.

Revitalisation of West African Think Tanks Network (WATTNet)

January 29 - 31, 2019 📍 Accra

Representatives from West African Think Tanks participated in a workshop on the revitalisation of West African Think Tanks Network (WATTNet). The discussions provided a platform for participants to reflect and share ideas on how to revive the network. WATTNet was created and launched in March 2016. The network was intended to be a platform for the development and exchange of ideas, information and experiences among think tanks in West Africa, to help address the region's key development challenges while strengthening the organisational performance of the member institutions of the network. CSEA's senior research fellow, Dr. Grace Onubedo participated in this workshop.

At the Table or on the Menu? Africa's role in the changing Global Order

November 29 - 30, 2018 📍 Johannesburg

The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), convened representatives from some of Africa's key think tanks, to interrogate the salient themes of Germany's policies towards the continent and articulate a variety of African views on how the continent fits into a fluid international system. The workshop provided a platform to discuss the main themes of the German Governments' Africa guidelines which are currently revised under the leadership of the foreign office; and to provide a comprehensive picture from African Think Tank representatives on where the continent sees itself in the changing world order. CSEA's senior research fellow, Dr. Grace Onubedo was a respondent on the session on “Germany/EU- Africa socio-economic dimensions”.

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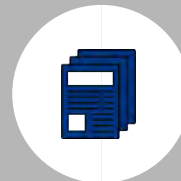
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