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CSEA in the News

International Development and Research Center (IDRC), Think Tank Initiative (TTI) Conference on Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa

January 28-30, 2014 Dakar, Senegal

Dr. Ebere Uneze, CSEA, joined other researchers and policymakers at the international conference on Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa (YESSA) tagged "Putting Youths to work in Sub-Saharan Africa". The conference provided a platform for participants to reflect and share experiences on the available options for a sustainable solution to the issue of youth unemployment through a combination of panel discussions and parallel sessions.

Dr. Uneze participated in the panel discussion on "African Think Tanks and Youth Employment" which featured a critical review of current programs and policy initiatives from various countries. His submission was that think tanks should help governments design workable programs since they have better understanding of local communities. He identified the lack of monitoring and evaluation of ongoing employment programs as a challenge to deepening job creation in sub-Saharan Africa.



Journal of African Economies (JAE) Fellowship, Hilary Term, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

January 28-March 23, 2014

Dr. Olumide Taiwo, CSEA, was a visiting fellow at the Centre for the Study of African Economies, (CSAE), University of Oxford. While at Oxford, his research focused on how changes in supply of skilled workers affect real wages of skilled and unskilled workers, as well as factor shares of value added in manufacturing firms, using Ghana as a case study.

Think Tank Initiative Policy Engagement and Communications (TTIPEC) Virtual Learning Programme

March 12, 2014, Abuja Nigeria

Drusilla David, CSEA, joined other think tanks across Africa for the second virtual learning event of the TTIPEC programme. The TTIPEC programme was launched by the Results for Development Institute (R4D), in partnership with the Think Tank Initiative (TTI) to help think tanks in developing countries to develop skills and strategies for effective communications. This will facilitate the dissemination of research findings to inform and influence policy in their respective countries.

The event tagged "Measuring the Impact of Communications Tactics" focused on discussing various strategies used by think tanks to monitor and evaluate communication progress. It also provided a platform for think tanks to share and learn the use of these methods and tools.

Institute for Applied Economic Research IPEA, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Economic Policy Forum

March 12-14, 2014 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Dr. Ebere Uneze, CSEA, joined other researchers at a workshop organised by the Economic Policy Forum (EPF) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The EPF is a network of think tanks and research institutions from emerging economies and Europe with special focus on socio-economic challenges facing their countries as well as the global economic stability. The workshop focused on Inclusive Regional Economic Integration and provided a platform for exposing key issues that will initiate broader discussion amongst think tanks in the different regions. It also aimed at developing policy recommendations that will contribute to ensuring that regional integration process is beneficial to countries.



Dr. Uneze made a presentation titled "Regional Integration in Africa: Achievements, Challenges and the Role of the BRICS". His submission was that the recent effort to establish a continental free trade area remains a clear path for Africa's development and industrialization.

CSEA Publications

Working Papers:

"Nigeria-Poland Bilateral Trade: Identifying New Trade Opportunities," by *Idris Ademuyiwa with Onyekwena Chukwuka*

The paper examines the bilateral trade relationship between Nigeria and Poland for the period 1995 to 2012 using the Decision Support Model (DSM) and the Growth Identification and Facilitation Framework (GIFF) to identify market for Nigerian exports in Poland. The paper identifies enormous unexploited market opportunities available to Nigeria from trading with Poland and recommends that, in its quest for industrialization, the Nigerian government should support its private sector to take advantage of this opportunity.

"Explaining Sectoral and Spatial Variations in Growth Pro-poorness in Nigeria," by *Ebere Uneze with Adedeji Adeniran*

Recent studies on pro-poor growth have shown that income inequality within a country is one of the major causes of the differences in the impact of growth on poverty reduction. Another important factor is the geographical and sectoral pattern of growth and poverty. This study examines the nature of pro-poor growth across Nigeria's six geopolitical zones and major economic sectors. It also provides to answer two pertinent questions: are there spatial and sectoral variations in the observed economic growth? What factors explain these variations?.

"The Effect of Remittances on Poverty and Financial Development in Sub-Saharan Africa by *Ebere Uneze with Adedeji Adeniran*

The study examines the role of remittances on poverty and financial development in Sub-Sahara Africa (SSA). It attempts to ascertain the effect of remittances on economic growth, human capital, poverty and financial development.

Upcoming Events

Think Tank Initiative Policy and Engagement Communication Programme (TTIPEC)

April 28-30 2014

The second phase of the TTIPEC regional workshop is scheduled to hold in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop will focus on reviewing think tanks' policy engagement and communication progress, share learnings and reflections since inception of the programme. *The TTIPEC program* was launched in July 2013 and is aimed at helping leading think tanks in Africa develop skills and strategies for effective communications that will facilitate the dissemination of research findings to inform and influence policy in their respective countries.

Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA) Policy Dialogue on Job Creation Strategies

May 2014

CSEA Policy Dialogue on **Job Creation Strategies** to hold in Abuja, Nigeria. The main objective of the conference is to bring together policy makers, researchers and other stakeholders to discuss job creation strategies in Nigeria.

Other Announcements

Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER) and the Think Tank Initiative (TTI) Training in Gender Analysis

April 7-10, 2014

Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER) in partnership with the Think Tank Initiative (TTI) is hosting an International training gender analysis for social science researchers in Sub-Saharan Africa to hold in Accra, Ghana.

The event is aimed at training social science researchers on how to integrate gender in both their research and analysis. The training will enable researchers learn how to review, analyze and interpret gender aspects in project and research proposals. It will also aid participants communicate gender-aware research to policymakers as well as discuss ethical implications of gender analysis in planned social sciences studies.

24th World Economic Forum on Africa

May 7-9, 2014

The 24th World Economic Forum on **Forging Inclusive Growth, Creating Jobs** will hold in Abuja, Nigeria. The forum will bring together regional and global leaders to discuss innovative structural reforms and investments that can sustain the continent's growth while creating jobs and prosperity for all its citizens.

Think Tank Initiative (TTI) and the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) Workshop

May, 19, 2014

Think Tank Initiative (TTI) in consultation with African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) will hold a workshop on Research Quality in Kampala, Uganda. The workshop will bring together African think tanks and other stakeholders to identify core needs for capacity development to improve research quality. The outcomes of the event will help identify key areas for follow-up support from TTI, ACBF and other funders of think tanks in Africa. This will be closely followed by a workshop to disseminate the findings of three studies (in Africa, Latin America and South Asia) commissioned by TTI to explore relationships between think tanks and universities.

Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE)

June 2-3, 2014

The Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), organized by the World Bank Development Economics (DEC) Vice Presidency, will hold at World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The theme of the conference is **The Role of Theory in Development Economics** and aims to promote the exchange of cutting-edge research among researchers, policymakers, and development practitioners. The conference will discuss papers on Poverty and Social Protection, Human Development, Trade, Finance and Macroeconomics among others.

15th Annual Global Development Conference

June 18-20, 2014

Global Development Network (GDN) in partnership with The African Capacity Building Foundation, the African Economic Research Consortium and the University of Ghana, will hold its 15th Annual Global Development Conference tagged **Structural transformation in Africa and beyond** in Accra, Ghana. The conference aims to achieve a better understanding of the nature and prospects of structural transformation in Africa. It will draw on insights from other transformation experiences around the world to foster dialogue among researchers and practitioners whose work focuses on Africa.

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 Inclusive Growth; Poverty Alleviation, Social Protection and Safety Nets; Energy and Environment. [Read more](#)

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