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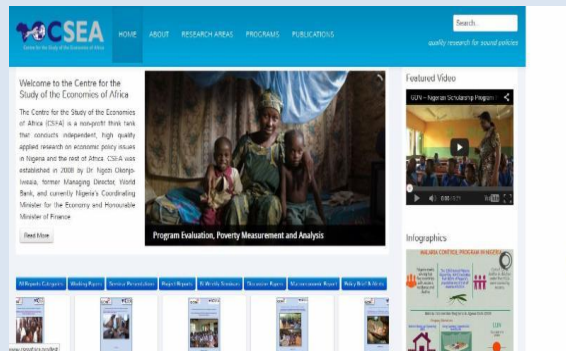
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Welcome to CSEA's January 2015 Newsletter

CSEA NEWS

CSEA Launches New Website!

The Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA) is pleased to announce the launch of its redesigned website, with a bold new look and enhanced navigation experience. The new design is user-friendly and provides easy access to the information you need at any time of the day. The website now features an online store for Policy-oriented research publications and reports with data visualizations and infographics on selected reports. CSEA publication series include: Macroeconomic Reports, Policy Briefs & Alerts, Discussion Papers, Working Papers, Project Reports, Seminar Presentations and Biweekly Seminar Reports.



CSEA PUBLICATIONS

CSEA Working Papers

"Trade and Foreign Direct Investment Nexus in West Africa: Does Export Category Matter?" by Onyekwena Chukwuka, Idris Ademuyiwa and Eberechukwu Uneze

This paper examines the effect of inward Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in West Africa on exports to European Union countries. It investigates from a host country perspective, the impact of FDI on different export categories: primary, intermediate, and final goods. The paper suggests that in order to achieve export diversification and commodity based industrialization, ECOWAS members should align their investment promotion priorities with their industrialization policies.

"Remittances, Poverty and Financial Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Additional Evidence" by Adedeji Adeniran

The recent growth in remittance inflows to Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) has sparked optimism about the region's prospects of accelerating poverty reduction and financial development. This paper examines the effect of remittances on economic growth, human capital, poverty and financial development among others in SSA.

CSEA EVENT UPDATES

CSEA collaborates with SAIIA, ODI for Policy Dialogue on Global Economic Governance in Africa *December 8-9, 2014, London*

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 \(ODI\)](#) organised a policy dialogue to discuss Africa's involvement in global economic governance. The event tagged "Africa in Global Economic Governance: Nigeria and South African Perspectives" focused 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. The meeting provided a platform for discussions on the importance of Africa's economic growth and development and also highlighted how Nigeria and South Africa can enhance bi-lateral relationship to boost regional interest and growth. Dr. Ebere Uneze participated as a panelist in the session on "Nigeria and South Africa in the World Trade Organisation".



International Conference on 'Mega Trading Blocs: Implications for Developing Countries *December 15-16, 2014, New Delhi, India*

The [Commonwealth Secretariat](#), in collaboration with the [United Nations Conference on Trade and Development \(UNCTAD\)](#) and the [Centre for WTO Studies](#) hosted policymakers, the academia and other stakeholders at the international conference on "Mega Trading Blocs: Implications for Developing Countries" to discuss the implications of the rise of mega regional trading blocs. The conference provided a platform for participants to engage in an extensive debate on the implications of mega trading blocs as well as legal analysis of the trading arrangements. It also facilitated the exchange of ideas and views among experts who identified issues that require further research and investigation to support capacity-constrained developing countries in negotiations of trade deals. Dr. Ebere Uneze joined the panel discussion on "Politics of Mega Trading Blocs and Implications for the Multilateral Trading System".

CALL FOR PAPERS

GDN: Call for Papers

The Global Development Network (GDN) is inviting submissions under an open call for papers for its forthcoming 16th Annual Global Development Conference on Agriculture for Sustainable Growth: Challenges and Opportunities for a New 'Green Revolution' scheduled for June 2015 in Ben Guerir, Morocco. The deadline for submission is **January 31, 2015**. [Read More](#)

RECOMMENDED READING

[The MDGs Financing Framework and its Implications for the Post-2015 Development Agenda: An African Perspective](#)

By *Eberechukwu Uneze and Adedeji Adeniran*

SAIS Review of International Affairs, Volume 34, Number 2, Summer-Fall 2014

[Think Tank Initiative Policy Engagement and Communication Programme-Anglophone Africa: A Tool Kit for Researchers and Communication Officers](#)

By Results for Development Institute, Comms Consult & Think Tank Initiative

[Worrying Trend in Economic Data Lag in Nigeria](#)

By Adedeji Adeniran, Centre for the Study of the Economies of Nigeria

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Financing the Future: Fresh Perspectives on Global Development](#)

March 17-18 2015, Accra, Ghana

The Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and a global coalition of partners will convene high-level speakers at its conference on "[Financing the Future: Fresh Perspectives on Global Development](#)", to explore how international public finance can best contribute to accelerating progress in development from 2015.

[Measuring the social, economic and political effects of social protection: How to overcome the challenges?](#)

15-17 April 2015, Bonn, Germany.

The German Development Institute (DIE), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the International Center for Sustainable Development (IZNE) are convening an international workshop on "[Measuring the social, economic and political effects of social protection: How to overcome the challenge?](#)" The Workshop will provide a platform for academics, policy-makers, and experts from public and private sectors to discuss the challenges of measuring the effects of social protection, draw lessons from others who have dealt with and possibly overcome them.

[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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