

July 2013

CSEA in the News

African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) on the Political Economy of Inclusive Development in Africa

April 3-4, 2013 Accra, Ghana

Dr. Ebere Uneze, Executive Director, CSEA, joined other researchers in the conference on "The Political Economy of Inclusive Development: an African Perspective". The conference provided an opportunity for researchers from African countries and their European counterparts to present and discuss the policy implications of their research.

The research topics include; Initiating and Sustaining Developmental Regimes in Africa, Africa Powers and Politics Programme and the Follow-up Programme of the Tracking Developmental Research Project. Others are Developmental Leadership Programme; Elites Production and Poverty and Political Economy of Agriculture Policy Project. The research is aimed at improving the understanding of the politics of development by unpacking the black box of 'Political Commitment'.

Global Development Network (GDN)-Bappenas Policy Dialogue on Promoting Effective Public Expenditure and Service Delivery in Health, Education and Water.

April 9, 2013, Jakarta, Indonesia

Dr. Ebere Uneze, Executive Director, CSEA, participated in the discussion at the DN-BAPPENAS policy dialogue on "Improving Access and Quality of Services in Health, Education and Water" in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The event was aimed at facilitating dialogue between policymakers, academics and development practitioners from different regions of the world, and also fostering cross-learning on important policy issues in the areas of Health, Education and Water. The discussion included two sessions: "Improving Access and Quality of Services in Health, Education and Water" and "Translating Research into Effective Policy Inputs".



CSEA Internship Programme

Two interns from Harvard University, USA, Andrew Blackman and Lauren Abel, joined CSEA for a ten-week internship programme from May to August 2013. CSEA's internship programme provides a platform for students to build and develop their research capabilities as well as contribute their quota to evidence-based research for policymaking.

Awards

CSEA named best Research Institution in Africa

On April 8 2013, CSEA bagged the Global Development Network (GDN) award for **Best Research Institution in Africa** for its work on Public Expenditure Management at the GDN workshop on "Promoting Effective Public Expenditure and Service Delivery in Health, Education and Water", in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The event, which was attended by 14 research institutions drawn from across Africa, Latin America and Asia also witnessed the conferment of **Lifetime Achievement Award** on the Executive Director, Dr. Ebere Uneze, for his contributions to the advancement of research and capacity building in Africa.

CSEA New Research Areas

CSEA recently introduced new research areas to improve on its mandate of enhancing evidence-based policymaking in Africa. CSEA's research is now structured around seven areas: Public Financial Management and Governance; Program Evaluation, Poverty Measurement and Analysis; Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment; Education, Health and Population Dynamics; Trade, Investment and Growth; Macroeconomic Management and Global Economic Governance.

CSEA Bi-weekly Seminars

April 17, 2013

Geographic Potentials, Production Integration and Regional Integration in West Africa *by Dr. Olumuyiwa Alaba, Nigerian Expanded Trade and Transport Program, Carana Corporation.*

April 24, 2013

Public Debt in a Growing Economy and Implications for the Nigeria case *by Prof.Dr.Dr.h.c. H.-Dieter Wenzel, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, Germany.*

May 8, 2013

Political Decentralization and Natural Resource Governance in Nigeria *by Dr. Vanessa Ushie, CSEA, Abuja.*

May 22, 2013

Searching for Appropriate Oil Price Benchmark method in the Nigeria Budgeting Process *by Dr. Harrison Okafor, Nigerian Institute of Legislative Studies, Abuja*

June 26, 2013

Thinking about Global Competitiveness: Productivity, Wages, the Exchange Rate and Trade Protection
by Dr. Scott Rogers, IMF Senior Resident Representative in Nigeria.

June 28, 2013

Does School Quality Improve Student Performance? New Evidence from Ghana *by Dr. Kehinde Ajayi, Department of Economics, Boston University, Boston*

CSEA Publications

Journal Articles:

Uneze, E., I. Tajudeen (2013), "Understanding Cost-effectiveness and Benefit-Cost analysis using Data

on School Feeding and Education Assistance Programmes in Nigeria, *Journal of Development Effectiveness*,
DOI:10.1080/19439342.2013.787111

Uneze, E. (2013), "The Relation between Capital Formation and Economic Growth: Evidence from Sub-Saharan African countries"
Journal of Economic Policy Reform, DOI:1080/17487870.2013.799916.

Upcoming Events

July 11, 2013

CSEA partners with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) for the Launch of the Economic Report on Africa 2013 - "Making the Most of Africa's Commodities: Industrializing for Growth, Jobs and Economic Transformation" in **Abuja, Nigeria**.

July 17-18, 2013

The Think Tank Initiative 2013 Policy Engagement and Communication Programme Inception Workshop set to hold in **Accra, Ghana** will emphasise collaboration between African think tanks to enhance their communications and outreach strategy.

August, 2013

CSEA Public Expenditure Management and Accountability Workshop to hold in **Abuja, Nigeria**, will train participants on evidence-based budgeting and techniques used in reclassifying subnational and federal budgets, as well as the evaluation of projects carried analytical techniques.

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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