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## CSEA in the News

### **Think Thank Initiative Policy and Engagement Communication Programme (TTI PEC)**

*July 17-18, 2013 Accra, Ghana*

Dr. Vanessa Ushie and Drusilla David, CSEA, joined representatives of 11 other African Think Tanks in Accra, Ghana for the kick-off inception workshop of the Think Tank Policy Engagement and Communications Program (TTI PEC). The TTI PEC program is aimed at helping TTI-funded 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.

The TTI PEC programme will provide an opportunity for Think Tanks to engage in peer learning through regional workshops and practical online sessions to exchange knowledge and best practices.



### **Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on Draft Discussion Paper of the African Union on Africa 2063 Agenda**

*July 24-25, 2013, Abuja, Nigeria*

Dr Vanessa Ushie, Director of Institutional Advancement, CSEA, joined other stakeholders at a dialogue on the draft discussion paper of the African Union on Africa 2063 Agenda. The dialogue was organized by the Africa Governance Institute (AGI) in partnership with UNDP and under the leadership of the African Union Commission (AUC). The dialogue consisted of several sessions which focused on the key drivers of Africa's socio-economic transformation - in particular the creation of capable and developmental states.

### **African Development Bank (ADB) High Level Policy Dialogue on Infrastructure and Structural Transformation in Nigeria**

*July 29, 2013 Abuja, Nigeria*

Dr. Olumide Taiwo, Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena and Idris Ademuyiwa, CSEA, joined other policy actors at a high level policy dialogue organised by the African Development Bank on economic challenges in Nigeria. The dialogue focused on the opportunities and challenges faced by Nigeria, while bringing in experiences and lessons from other countries. It aimed at supporting a strong and sound policy environment for investment in critical infrastructure to promote economic development.

Using data from various sources, CSEA presented a paper titled "Structural Transformation of the Nigerian Economy: A Policy Paper", which generated debate on the progress made by Nigeria towards economic transformation.

### **European Commission Workshop on Taxation in Developing Countries**

*September 11, 2013, Brussels, Belgium*

Dr. Ebere Uneze, CSEA, participated in a workshop on "Taxation in Developing and Emerging

Countries" organised by the Directorate-General, Development and Cooperation- Europe Aid, European Commission. The workshop discussed two on-going studies on taxation undertaken by the European Commission. The studies include: (1) Study on Vulnerability and Resilience Factors of Tax Revenues in Developing Countries, (2) Study on the Feasibility and Effectiveness of Tax Policy Changes.

### **African Union (AU) Workshop on African Agenda 2063**

*September 16-18 2013, Nairobi, Kenya*

Dr. Ebere Uneze, CSEA, discussed a paper titled "Looking into the Future: Africa in 2063" at a consultation workshop organised by the African Union for African think tanks and researchers. The workshop aimed to gather inputs from key stakeholders in order to develop a draft framework document which will be presented to the AU policy organs in January 2014.

### **Re-thinking Job Creation Strategies in Nigeria**

CSEA has received support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) under its matching fund facility of the think tank initiative, to undertake a project titled "Re-thinking Job Creation Strategies in Nigeria". The project aims at creating a platform where policy-makers and other actors can better understand the challenges to job creation in Nigeria. The project will develop strategies for addressing youth unemployment in Nigeria and also produce a document on job creation strategies in Nigeria.

## **CSEA Seminar Series**

### **17 July 2013**

"Nigeria Economic Report 2013", presented *by John Litwack, World Bank, Nigeria Office.* The Report provides an assessment of the current economic situation in the country with special attention to selected topics of high policy relevance for Nigeria.

### **26 July, 2013**

"Nigerian Fiscal Federalism - Policy Research Overview", Presented *by Lauren Abel & Andrew Blackman, Harvard Kennedy School & Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA).*

## **CSEA Publications**

### **Journal Articles:**

Ushie, V. (2013), "Nigeria's Amnesty Programme as a Peace-building Infrastructure: A Silver Bullet?" *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, DOI: 10.1080/15423166.2013.789255.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **International Day of the Girl Child**

*October 11, 2013*

CSEA will commemorate the International Day of the Girl Child with support from the Global Development Network (GDN) at a policy roundtable which will involve senior policymakers, civil society organisations, donor agencies, academic experts, and the media, in Abuja, Nigeria. The event will feature discussions on the findings from a research project conducted by CSEA, titled "**Policy Simulation of Educational Assistance Programmes for Girls in Nigeria**" will create awareness and suggest policy options that will improve girl-child education in Nigeria.

### **Policy Dialogue on Improving Health and Education Policy in Africa**

*November 4, 2013*

CSEA will be hosting a Policy Dialogue in Abuja on November 4, in collaboration with Global

Development Network (GDN) and the Results for Development Institute (R4D) U.S.A. The event is a part of the multi-country Strengthening Institutions to Improve Public Expenditure Accountability (SIIPEA) project, which seeks to enhance public expenditure management in critical social sectors across 14 developing countries. The Dialogue will feature presentations on health and education by African researchers and think-tanks working on the SIIPEA project, and debates among senior African policymakers on how to improve health and education outcomes on the continent.

### **5<sup>th</sup> CSEA Economic Policy and Fiscal Strategy Seminar**

*December 2013*

CSEA is organizing its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Economic Policy and Fiscal Strategy Seminar in December, 2013. The annual seminars are usually targeted at senior policymakers, private sector representatives, civil society groups, academia, multilateral organisations and the media. The 2013 seminar will be focusing on unemployment and job creation in Nigeria; a topical issue that requires critical thinking to help steer economic growth toward inclusiveness.

## **About CSEA**

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