



AFRICAN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE 2019
Preliminary Agenda

**Jobs, Entrepreneurship and Capacity Development for
African Youths**

Rixos Premium Seagate Hotel, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

December 2–4, 2019

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

DAY ONE: Monday, December 2nd 2019

9:00–9:30

Registration of Participants

9:30–10:30

Official Opening Ceremony

Room: Diamond Hall

Master of Ceremony:

- **Mr. Tapera Muzira**, Coordinator, Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Opening Remarks

- **Mr. Tarek Amer**, Governor of Central Bank of Egypt – *10min*

Welcome Remarks

- **Dr. Charles Lufumpa**, Ag. Chief Economist and Vice President, Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, African Development Bank (AfDB) – *10min*
- **Dr. Raymond Gilpin**, Chief Economist and Head of Strategy, Research and Analysis, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – *10min*
- **Mr Adam Elhiraika**, Director, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) – *10min*

Keynote Address

- **Professor Hilmar Schneider**
Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)
– *15min*

Keynote Speech

- **Dr. Sahar Nasr**, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation, Egypt – *10 min*

Rapporteurs: Eman Moustafa (AfDB), Uzumma Erume (ECA), Angela Lusigi, UNDP

10:30–11:00

Press Conference

Room: Palm Ballroom

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hanan Morsy, Director of Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting and Research Department, African Development Bank (AfDB) • Dr. Raymond Gilpin, Chief Economist and Head Strategy, Research and Analysis, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) • Mr Adam Elhiraika, Director, Macroeconomics and Governance Division , United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
10:30–11:00	<i>Tea / Coffee break</i>
11:00–12:30	<p>Plenary Session 1: High-level panel on youth employment, skills and entrepreneurship for Africa’s development (AfDB, ECA, and UNDP)</p> <p>The panel in this session will share reflections and perspectives on key issues of jobs, skills development and entrepreneurial capacities of African youth. This will set the stage for the conference by evaluating the state of youth (un)employment, discussing job opportunities for youth, and drawing lessons from country experiences in addressing youth skills and entrepreneurial deficits for a more inclusive African development. The session will further discuss the types of skills needed to improve labor market participation of African youth.</p> <p>Room: Diamond Hall</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tapera Muzira, Coordinator, Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy, African Development Bank (AfDB) <p>Keynote Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Haroon Borat, Professor of Economics and Director of the Development Policy Research Unit at the University of Cape Town – <i>15min.</i> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Tarek Galal Shawki, Minister of Education and Technical Education • Dr. Hanan Morsy, Director of Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting and Research Department, African Development Bank (AfDB) • Mr. Raymond Gilpin, Chief Economist and Head Strategy, Research and Analysis, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) • Mr Adam Elhiraika, Director, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) • Ms. Juliana Ratovoson, Interim President, Pan African Youth Union <p>Rapporteurs: Hayoung Park (AfDB); Mr. Allan Mukungu (ECA); UNDP</p>
12:30–13:30	Lunch
13:30–14:30	Special Event A: Skills and employment creation for youth: Lessons for North Africa (ECA Sub-Regional Office - North Africa)

Room: Diamond Hall

Chair: Ms. Amal Elbeshbishi, Economic Affairs Officer, ECA SRO - North Africa

Discussants:

- **Dr. Hassan Musa Youssef**, Population and Social Development Expert
- **Dr. Fethi Touzri**, Independent Expert, Former Secretary of State for Youth and Sport
- **Prof. Mojubaolu Okome**, Professor of Political Science, African and Women's Studies, Brooklyn College

Rapporteur

- Gehane El Sokkary (AfDB); Adrian Gauci, ECA

14:30–16:00

Plenary Session 2: Institutions and Policies for job creation, skills acquisition and capacity building of African youth (AfDB)

Institutions are major players in empowering, improving the skills and building the capacities of African youths. This session will highlight the impact strong institutions could have in leveraging African youth bulge in the labor markets and in addressing youth skill gaps, in particular for gender inequality in Africa's labor markets. Experts will share their thoughts, best practices and lessons on how to reform Africa's education sector and make it more responsive to the dynamics in the labor markets. They will also debate on the place of digital technologies, STEM and other future-oriented skills in youth's education curriculum. In addition, panelists will discuss institutional reforms (and the challenges thereof) needed to promote innovation and entrepreneurship of youth and participation through property rights.

Room: Diamond Hall

Moderator: Dr. Hanan Morsy, Director of Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting and Research Department, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Keynote Address :

- **Professor Gary Sheldon Fields**, John P. Windmuller Professor of International and Comparative Labor and Professor of Economics at Cornell University
- **Fire starter**
Mr. Jeff Matthews, Head of LinkedIn Learning Solutions in Europe

Panelists: TBC

- **Prof. Afeikhena Jerome**, Special Adviser to the Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission and member of the Strategic Studies Group of the African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe.
- **Mr Sangheon Lee**, Director, Employment Policy Department, International Labour Organization

- **Mr. Salah Khaled**, Director of UNESCO Regional Office for Central Africa
- **Mr. Jeff Matthews**, Head of LinkedIn Learning Solutions in Europe

Rapporteur: Linguere Mbaye (AfDB); Gamal Ibrahim (ECA)

16:00–16:30 *Tea / Coffee break*

16:30–18:00

Plenary session 3: Leveraging the private sector to increase youth employment and employability (ECA)

Private sector has a key role in economic transformation and addressing unemployment and employability of youth jobseekers. However, it remains unclear how African governments can leverage their vibrant private sector (from SMEs to large firms) to support their youth interventions. This panel will examine how to better integrate public and private efforts towards facilitating apprenticeships, promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, and improving the employability of African youth through the acquisition of appropriate skills. Leading experts will discuss best practices for scaling up integrated efforts towards creating a critical mass of youth entrepreneurs. Panellists will also discuss challenges in attracting private sector investments in financing youth skills-building programmes and entrepreneurship in Africa and propose innovative implementable policy options.

Room: Diamond Hall

Moderator: Mr. Said Adejumbi, Director, ECA Sub-regional Office-Southern Africa

Panelists:

- **Ms. Rehmah Kasule, Founder**, Century Entrepreneurship Development Agency (CEDA) International; Senior Fellow - Harvard University Advanced Leadership Initiative
- **Dr Jean-Louis Philemon Ntang-Beb**, Founder UX Media Lab, Consultant Cameroon Investment Agency
- **Prof. Mojubaolu Okome**, Professor of Political Science, African and Women's Studies, Brooklyn College
- **Ms. Priya Lukka**, Head of Strategy, Christian Aid; Visiting Fellow, Goldsmith's University, London.
- **Mr. John Bee**, Regional Head, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, Sub-Saharan Africa, Nestlé R&D Centre Abidjan.

Rapporteur: Amal Elbeshbishi (ECA)

18:00–19:00

Special Event B: Africa Beyond Aid: Investment and Youth Entrepreneurship, an interactive dialogue (UNDP)

Room: Diamond Hall

Moderator: Angela Lusigi, Strategic Advisor, UNDP

- **Presentation on Africa Beyond Aid:** Raymond Gilpin, Chief Economist UNDP
- **Interactive dialogue** with investors and young innovators from UNDP supported Youth programs Youth, Innovation and Sustainable

Development intersect to discuss their experiences, business ideas and networks

Rapporteurs: UNDP

Rapporteurs: Abdoulie Janneh (UNDP)

19:00-20.30

**AEC 2019 Official Welcome Reception
(Hosted by AfDB)**

DAY TWO: Tuesday, December 3rd 2019

9:00–10:30

Plenary session 4: Partnerships to close youth skill gap and promote the acquisition of future-oriented skills (UNDP)

Creating decent jobs and economic opportunity for African youth requires strong synergies and partnerships among actors. This session will examine the role of strategic partnerships between state, non-state actors and the youth in closing the existing youth skill deficits, addressing the persistent mismatch between skills and the labor market requirements, and promoting the acquisition of future-oriented skills. Panellists will deliberate on innovations and best practices to foster interconnectedness of all stakeholders in the jobs-skills-entrepreneurship nexus for better implementation of priority initiatives that place youth at the centre. They will highlight key lessons learned from past experiences and recommend policies and actions to redefine, widen, and sustain existing partnerships to address the skills gap, increase entrepreneurial capabilities and access to economic opportunities for African youth.

Room: Diamond Hall**Moderator: Raymond Gilpin, Chief Economist, UNDP****Panelists:**

- **Representative of Egypt** ICT Minister's Advisor, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) and Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA)
- **Mr. Dewunmi Alugin, Partnerships Manager**, Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF), Nigeria
- **Mr. Regis Umugiraneza**, co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Carl Group Company, Rwanda
- **Ms. Nneile Nkholise**, Founder, iMed Tech Group, South Africa
- **Mr. CK Japheth**, co-Founder at The Innovative Village, Uganda

Rapporteurs: Allan Mukungu (ECA); Herve Kouraogo, UNDP

10:30–11:00

Tea / coffee break

11:00–13:00

Concurrent Session 1: Youth jobs, skills and entrepreneurship (Research Paper Presentations) – UNDP***1.1. Skills mismatch and jobs for African youths – where are we, what are the lessons and opportunities?*****Room: TBC****Moderator: Eunice Kamwendo, UNDP**

- [Youth jobs, skill and educational mismatches in Africa, Adamon Mukasa](#)
Discussant: Kordzo Sedegah, UNDP

- [The impact of skill acquisition on choice of occupation and destination for migrant youths in Malawi, Tony Mwenda Kamninga](#)
Discussant: Kordzo Sedegah, UNDP
- [Youth aspirations, perceptions of farming, and migration decisions, Essa Chanie Mussa](#)
Discussant: Samuel Palmer, UNDP
- [Youth Skills and Unemployment: Perceived Inadequate Soft Skills and Coping Strategies of Employers in Tanzania, Abel Alfred Kinyondo](#)
Discussant: Samuel Palmer, UNDP

1.2. Youth employment in Africa– where are we, what are the lessons and opportunities?

Room: TBC

Moderator: Ernest Bamou

- [Who benefits from being self-employed in Ghana, Adeola Oyenubi](#)
Discussant: Momouni Sissao, UNDP
- [L'accès au marché du travail des jeunes au Togo et au Bénin : une évidence paramétrique et semi-paramétrique, Koami Mawuko Midagbodji](#)
Discussant : Herve Kouraogo, UNDP
- [Les déterminants du choix de l'emploi informel dans un marché du travail segmenté dans les pays en développement : cas du Cameroun, Faustine Kede Ndouna](#)
Discussant : Herve Kouraogo, UNDP
- [Marché du travail et dynamique de l'emploi au Congo, Constant Mathieu Makouezi](#)
Discussant : Momouni Sissao, UNDP

1.3. Experiences in upgrading youth skill sets and entrepreneurship capacities - where are we, what are the lessons and opportunities?

Room: TBC

Moderator: Angela Lusigi

- [Agribusiness entrepreneurship potentials among youths in Nigeria, Olubunmi O. Alawode](#)
Discussant: Abdoulie Janneh, UNDP
- [Entrepreneurial motivation psychological capital and youth business success, Ephrem Akilimali Ndatabaya](#)
Discussant: Abdoulie Janneh, UNDP
- [Entrepreneurship contributes to household food security and welfare in Malawi, Henry Kankwanda](#)
Discussant: Patrick Kamwendo, UNDP
- [Exploring the pattern and framework conditions of technology-based entrepreneurial activities in Africa, Otioma Chuks](#)
Discussant: Stanley Kamara, UNDP

1.4. Youth strategies to employment issues– where are we, what are the lessons, opportunities?

Room: TBC

Moderator: CK Japheth

- [Heterogeneous impacts of cash transfers on farm profitability, Ervin Priffti](#)
Discussant: Tony Muhumuza, UNDP
- [Strategic CSR and transformation of women’s traditional enterprises in SSA, Nduka Elda Vitalis Okolo-Obasi](#)
Discussant: Tony Muhumuza, UNDP
- [Transformation structurelle et emplois en Afrique Sub-saharienne, Afawoubo Komi Edém Djahini](#)
Discussant : Janvier Alofa, UNDP

13:00–14:30
(Lunch
events)

Special Event C: Youth Dialogue on employment challenges and policies

Room: Diamond Hall

Africa’s greatest asset is its youthful population (15-35). What we do with this population today will determine the future of work in the world. Africa’s youth population is expected to rise from current 250M to 850M by 2050, 12 million young people are currently unemployed and 65 million young people are working but living in poverty, even when they are lucky to find a job. This demands for urgent policy action from all stakeholders if their economic future is to be assured. This session will bring young people from diverse fields on the continent to discuss candidly their fears and challenges they face while transitioning to the labor market or seeking investment opportunities. They will share from their perspective what policies and reforms require urgent government attention to unlock jobs and employment opportunities. Recommendations from this session deliberated further in the Ministerial dialogue roundtable

Moderators:

- **Ms. Juliana Ratovoson**, Interim President, Pan African Youth Union

Panelists:

- **Mr. Terence Mathe**, Co-Founder of Southern Incineration Services (SISCO) PBC, Zimbabwe.
- **Mr. Fahad Awadh**, co-founder of YYTZ Agro-Processing, a Tanzania-based cashew production company
- **Mr. Ifeoluwa Adebayo**, Special Assistant on Innovation to the Vice President of Nigeria
- **Ms. Monique Ntungia**, Founder Green Girls, Cameroon
- **Sobel Aziz Ngom** - Board member of the UN generation unlimited and Founder of Social Change Factory, Senegal

Room: Diamond Hall

Rapporteurs: Grace Vuhya Obeda (AfDB), Uyoyo Edosio (AfDB)

14:30–16:00

Concurrent Session 2: Institutions for job creation, skills acquisition and capacity building of African youth (Research Paper Presentations) - AfDB

2.1. Strengthening institutions to improve the skills and build the capacities of African youths.

Room: TBC

Moderator: Floribert Ngaruko, AfDB

- [Qualité des institutions et formation de capital humain en Afrique, Idrissa Quedraogo](#)

Discussant : Barassou Diawara, ACBF

- [Subsidization of women's agricultural capital and gender inequalities in Burkina Faso, Somlanare Romuald Kinda](#)

Discussant: Corne Nkoanyane Sebutsoe, AfDB

- [Impact des services publics d'emplois sur la qualité de l'emploi des jeunes en Afrique, Thierry Ghislain Bedzeme](#)

Discussant : Floribert Ngaruko , AfDB

- [Labour market institutions, innovation and youth employment in SSA, Abidemi C. Adegboye](#)

Discussant: Grace Vuhya Obeda, AfDB

Rapporteur : Grace Vuhya Obeda, AfDB

2.2. Reforming the education sector to be more responsive to the dynamics in labor markets

Room: TBC

Moderator: Adeleke Salami, AfDB

- [The role of information communication technologies in education- A case study of some selected high schools in Lusaka district, Bedson Nyoni](#)

Discussant: Sara Bertin, AfDB

- [The African University, Knowledge Economy and the quest for Innovation: A critique of the Triple Helix Model, Africa Makasi](#)

Discussant: Eman Moustafa, AfDB

- [Does Educational Investment Enhance Capacity Development for Nigerian Youths-An Autoregressive Distributed Lag \(ARDL\) Approach, Lotanna Emediegwu](#)

Discussant: Uyoyo Edosio, AfDB

- [Addressing the youth skills gap through skills-based university curricula/ Evidence from a quasi-experimental evaluation of a blended learning program in Rwanda, Christopher Chibwana](#)

Discussant: Anour Ouedraogo, AfDB

Rapporteur : Eman Moustafa, AfDB

2.3. Accelerating institutional reforms to promote youth innovation and entrepreneurship

Room: TBC

Moderator: Jeffrey Tapera Muzira, AfDB

- [Politiques publiques et emploi des jeunes- Une étude empirique du cas Camerounais, Désiré Avom](#)

Discussant : Adamon Mukasa, AfDB

- [Fostering labour productivity growth for the creation of productive and decent jobs in SSA, Koffi Kpognon](#)

Discussant: Gehane El Sokkary, AfDB

- [Externalities of irrigation policy on youth Entrepreneurship in Malawi, Lucius Cassim](#)

Discussant: Linguere Mbaye, AfDB

- [Youth entrepreneurship and self-employment: Policy responses to support the transition from school to business, Marc Witte](#)

Discussant: Prof. Mona Said, Professor The American University in Cairo (AUC)

Rapporteur : Hayoung Park (AfDB)

2.4. Labor market dynamics and youth employment and unemployability

Room: TBC

Moderator: Eric Ogunleye, AfDB

- [Handicraft small enterprises as a tool for employment, poverty eradication and rural economic growth, Oluwayemisi Adebola Oyekunle](#)

Discussant: Eric Ogunleye, AfDB

- [Labor-intensive public works programs in sub-Saharan Africa-Experiences and implications for employment policies, Tekalign Gutu Sakketa](#)

Discussant: Andinet Woldemichael, AfDB

- [Les programmes de formation professionnelle offerts par les Services publics d'emploi, Carrel Fokou.](#)

Discussant : Stephanie Yoboue (AfDB)

- [Labor Market Flexibility and Jobs in Four African Countries, Andinet Woldemichael](#)

Discussant: Barassou Diawara, ACBF

Rapporteur : Andinet Woldemicheal, AfDB

Tea / Coffee break

16:00–16:30

16:30–18:00

Special Event D: Enhancing demand-driven digital and technical skills development (AfDB)

Room: Diamond Hall

Technology is rapidly evolving and shaping society in unprecedented ways. This rapid change has brought about economic transformation across many sectors as reliance on technology is permeating every facet of our daily lives. With the fastest growing population in the world, Africa has the opportunity to take advantage of this digital revolution. This will require significant investment in the ICT skills and in an enabling environment to become a major contributor to the 4th industrial revolution.

This session aims to highlight some best practices in the market, particularly the AfDB bespoke Coding for Employment (CfE) Program which is a trailblazing intervention in the innovation ecosystem. Since its launch, the Coding for Employment program has trained 2032 people and supported the development of strategic policies for digital inclusion.

Participants will discuss practical interventions that will shape Africa 2.0, placing Africa at the pinnacle of the digital revolution.

Moderator:

- **Ms. Malinne Blomberg**, Country Manager for Egypt, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Firestarter Presentations

- **Ms. Olashile Odetola**, Beneficiary story from Coding for Employment (CfE) Nigeria
- **H.E. Finda E.M. KOROMA**, Vice President ECOWAS Commission

Panelists:

- **Hon. Sunday Akin Dare**, Minister of Youth and Sport Nigeria
- **Prof. Paul Tiyambe Zeleza**, Vice Chancellor USIU Kenya (one of the institutions hosting the CFE project)
- **Mr. Rich Reynolds**, General Manager Microsoft Philantropies
- **Benjamin Karenzi**, Youth Leader | CEO Robotical Africa Rwanda

Launch of Coding for Employment Platform

- **Mr. Tapera Muzira**, Coordinator, Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy, African Development Bank (AfDB)
- **Mr. Rich Reynolds**, General Manager Microsoft Philantropies

Rapporteurs: Grace Vuhya Obeda (AfDB), Uyoyo Edosio (AfDB)

18:00–20:00

Special Event E: Ministerial Dialogue on Youth Employment Policies (AfDB, ECA & UNDP)

Room: Diamond Hall

Moderator:

- **Mr. Tapera Muzira**, Coordinator, Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Framing Remarks

- **Hon. Sunday Akin Dare**, Minister of Youth and Sports, Nigeria

Panelists

- **Hon. Sunday Akin Dare**, Minister of Youth and Sports, Nigeria
- **Hon. Nadia Arop Dudi**, Minister of Youth and Sports, South Sudan
- **Hon. Peter Bemah**, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, Liberia

Rapporteurs: Anour Ouedraogo (AfDB)

20:00–20:45

Cocktail Event

DAY THREE: Wednesday, December 4th 2019

9:00–11:00

Concurrent Session 3: Leverage private sector for increasing youth employment and employability (Research Paper Presentations) - ECA

3.1. Promoting partnerships between educators and private sectors to promote youth innovation

Room: TBC

Moderator: Mr. Allan Mukungu, Economic Governance and Public Finance, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, ECA

- [Internal migration and youth entrepreneurship in DR Congo](#), *Kamala Christian Kaghoma*

Discussant: **Adrian Gauci**, Social Policy, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy

- [Création des Micros entreprises non Agricoles en Milieu Rural au Togo](#), *Etayibtalnam Koudjom*

- Discussant : **Mr. Jean-Louis Ntang**, Consultant, Cameroon Investment Agency, Cameroon

- [Entreprendre dans l'agro-industrie : choix ou dernier recours des jeunes en R.D. Congo?](#), *Cool Mangole Dady*

Discussant : Etayibtalnam Koudjom, Paper Presenter TBC

- [Entreprendre dans l'agro-industrie : choix ou dernier recours des jeunes en R.D. Congo?](#), *Cool Mangole Dady*

Discussant: **Ms Laone Bukamu Hulela**, President, YALDA.

3.2. Attracting private sector investments in youth skills, innovation and value chains

Room: TBC

Moderator: Mr. Said Adejumobi, Director, ECA SRO - Southern Africa

- [Creating opportunities for young women in Ghana's construction sector](#), *Alexandra Löwe*

Discussant: **Botshelo Tiroyamodimo**, Secretary General, YALDA

- [Impact of Agribusiness Training Programmes on Youth Empowerment in Nigeria- The case of Fadama GUYS Programme](#), *Dolapo Adeyanju*

Discussant: **Crystal Simeoni**, Economic Justice lead at FEMNET; Atlantic Fellow (Social and Economic Inequality), London School of Economics and Political Science.

- [Youth Agripreneurship in the Horticultural Value-Chain - The Case of Small-Scale Mango Farmers in Southern Ghana](#), *Rexford Akrong*

- Discussant: **Uzumma Erume**, Economic Governance and Public Finance , ECA

3.3 Scaling up innovation in supporting young entrepreneurs and enhancing the role of youth in decision-making

Room: TBC

Moderator: Mr. Adam Elhiraika, Director, Macroeconomics and Governance Division, ECA

- [Modernizing postharvest operations services to attract youth in agribusiness: A new business model for policy actions](#), *Rose Fiamohe*
- Discussant: **Amal Elbeshbishi**, Economic Affairs Officer, SRO-NA, ECA
- [Ending Youth Unemployment in SSA: Does ICT have any role?](#), *Amaka Metu*
- Discussant: **Ms. Shirley Aprakua Manu**, Executive Director for University of Cape Coast Chapter /YALDI
- [Ouverture commerciale, institutions du marché du travail et emploi des jeunes en Afrique subsaharienne](#), *Koffi Kpognon*
- Discussant: **Salimata Massaly**, Project and Finance Officer, Zena Exotic Fruits, Senegal
- [The promise and peril of youth entrepreneurship in MENA](#), *Reham Rizk*
- Discussant: **Dr. Hassan Musa Youssef**, Population and Social Development Expert

3.4. PPP interventions for youth employment

Moderator: Mr. Gamal Ibrahim, Chief, Development Planning, ECA

- [Les politiques actives du marché du travail réduisent-elles la durée de la transition de la formation vers la vie active au Togo](#), *Dossè Mawussi Djahini-Afawoubo*
- Discussant: **Prince Forchu Sani, Chafah**, Youth Alliance for Leadership and Development in Africa (YALDA)
- [Efficacité du dispositif d'accompagnement à l'insertion professionnelle des jeunes au Sénégal](#), *Abou Kané*
- Discussant: Paulin Joachim Wamba Tindo
- [Participation aux services publics de l'emploi en Afrique subsaharienne francophone](#), *Paulin Joachim Wamba Tindo*
- Discussant: Dossè Mawussi Djahini-Afawoubo

11:00–11:30

Tea / coffee break

11:30–13:00

Special Event F: Joint Launch of the Economic Report on Africa 2019 and the African Sustainable Development Report 2019 (AfDB, ECA & UNDP)

Moderator:

Mr. Adam Elhiraika, Director, Macroeconomics and Governance Division (ECA)

Presentations:

Economic Report on Africa 2019: Fiscal Policy for Financing Sustainable Development in Africa

Africa Sustainable Development Report 2019

Presenter: Mr. Gamal Ibrahim, Chief, Development Planning Section, (ECA)

Reflections on the Key issues from the Report: **Angela Lusigi (UNDP)** and **Eric Ogunleye (AfDB)** - *3 mins each*
Angela Lusigi, UNDP

Rapporteur

- **Mr. Corne Nkoanyane Sebutsoe (AfDB)** ; **Ms. Eunice Ajambo (ECA)**

13:00–14:30

(Lunch event)

Plenary Session 5: The future of work for youth-Challenges, Opportunities, Policies (AfDB, ECA and UNDP)

This session will take a forward-looking perspective and examine the future of work for African youth amid profound changes in labor market conditions. The panel, made of political leaders, private sector actors, youth representatives, and youth development organizations, will examine key challenges, identify the opportunities and propose actionable policies to prepare African youth to future labor market requirements. They will showcase effective policies, best practices and success stories that can be scaled up at national, sub-regional and continental levels to create decent, green jobs for youth and the required labor market adjustments. The panel will provide final key takeaways on areas of focus to address some of the biggest challenges facing African youth in the labor markets: unemployment, underemployment, skills mismatch and capacity deficits.

Room: TBC

Moderator:

- **Mr. Eric Ogunleye**, Advisor to the Chief Economist and Vice President for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management Complex, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Panelists:

- **Prof. Afeikhena Jerome**, Special Adviser to the Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission and member of the Strategic Studies Group of the African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe.
- **Mr. Janvier Litse**, Senior Advisor, Strategic Partnerships Division
- **Dr. Paul Fokam**, Afriland First Bank Group
- **Dr. Hanan Morsy**, Director of Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting and Research Department, African Development Bank (AfDB)

Rapporteur: Eman Moustapha (AfDB); Uzumma Erume (ECA); UNDP

14:30–15:30

Presentation of the Best Paper Award

Room: TBC

Closing remarks

- ECA
- UNDP
- AfDB

Rapporteurs:, Linguere Mbaye (AfDB), Adrian Gauci (ECA) ; UNDP