



**AFRICAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH CONSORTIUM
PROGRAMME ACCOMPANYING RESEARCH FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION
(PARI)**

**A Virtual Seminar organized in Collaboration with Center for Development Research
(ZEF)**

Theme: Agricultural Innovation for Productivity and Employment
July 2, 2021: 1300-1450 Hrs. EAT.

Introduction

Established in 1988, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) <https://aercafrica.org/> is a premier capacity building institution in the advancement of research and graduate training that inform economic policies in Africa. The principal mission is to strengthen local individual and institutional capacity to conduct independent, rigorous inquiry into problems pertinent to the management of Sub-Saharan African economies through synergistic programmes combining economic research with postgraduate training in economics, and agricultural and applied economics.

ZEF www.zef.de is an international and interdisciplinary research institute of the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms, University of Bonn active in research, capacity building, policy dialog and public awareness as well as international networking. ZEF's research aims at finding solutions to development-related issues by working on crosscutting themes of central importance for the developing world. ZEF is leading the research project titled, Program of Accompanying Research for Agricultural Innovation (PARI) <https://research4agrinnovation.org/> and funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). PARI's overall goal as an independent accompanying research program is to support the scaling of agricultural innovations in Africa and India, and thereby contributing to the development of the African and Indian agricultural sector by generating innovation through science and technology.

The purpose of this seminar is to highlight some of the research findings and review work in progress from the AERC network of faculty supported by PARI, encompassing various themes including youth opportunities in rural areas, innovations in livestock value chains and input use, among others.

Here below is the programme of the presentations.



Moderator: Mark Korir, Manager/ Training, AERC

Co-Moderator: Oliver Kirui, Senior Researcher, ZEF, University of Bonn

| Time (EAT) | Activity/ Presentation | Facilitator |
|-------------------|---|--|
| 13:00 – 13:05 | ERC Opening Remarks and Introductions | Théophile Azomahou, Director of Training, AERC |
| | PARI, ZEF Opening Remarks and Introductions | Prof. Joachim von Braun, Director, ZEF |
| | <i>Cohort 2019/20</i> | |
| 13:05 – 13:20 | Fertilizer Subsidies, Choice of Gender Indicator, and Gender Differences in Agricultural Productivity: Evidence from Cameroon | Ousmanou Njikam, University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon |
| 13:20 – 13:25 | <i>Floor discussions</i> | <i>All</i> |
| 13:25 – 13:40 | Analysis of Marketing Efficiency along the Poultry Feed Value chain in Kenya | Rose Nyikal, University of Nairobi, Kenya |
| 13:40 – 13:45 | <i>Floor discussions</i> | <i>All</i> |
| | <i>Cohort 2020/21</i> | |
| 13:45 – 14:00 | Sectorial public investment, employment generation opportunities and households' welfare in Togo: a computable general equilibrium analysis | Essossinam Ali, University of Ghana |
| 14:00 – 14:05 | <i>Floor discussions</i> | <i>All</i> |
| 14:05 – 14:20 | Determinants of Youth Unemployment: Evidence from Eswatini | Joshua Ajetomobi, Ogunniyi Laudia & Sotja Dlamini, University of Eswatini |
| 14:20 – 14:25 | <i>Floor discussions</i> | <i>All</i> |
| 14:25 – 14:40 | Non-farm income opportunities and livelihoods in rural Zimbabwe: A gendered perspective | Albert Makochekanwa & Laurine Chikoko, University of Zimbabwe |
| 14:40 – 14:45 | <i>Floor discussions</i> | <i>All</i> |
| 14:45 – 14:50 | Closing Remarks and Way Forward | Théophile Azomahou, Director of Training, AERC Heike Baumüller, PARI Project Coordinator, ZEF |