



THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN AFRICA: MACROECONOMIC IMPACTS AND POLICY RESPONSES

(Time is in Eastern Daylight Time = GMT- 4 hours)

DAY 2 – MACROECONOMIC POLICIES FOR PANDEMICS MAY 22	
08:45 (GMT: 12.45PM)	VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT OPENS
PANEL 1: POLICY CHALLENGES IN AFRICA IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS	
09:00 – 10:00 (GMT: 13.00-14.00)	<p>Key features of the Covid-19 crisis and policy objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A different role for economic policy making ○ The nature of the uncertainty on the duration and depth of the crisis ○ Policy objectives when the crisis is in full swing and when it is under control ○ Policy constraints in low income countries <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute at Columbia University <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative from Rwanda ❖ Dr. Ralph Chami, Assistant Director Institute for Capacity Development, IMF ❖ Dr. Bartholomew Armah, Director Macro division, Economic Commission for Africa <p>Moderator: Representative from Nigeria</p>
PANEL 2: MACROECONOMIC POLICY RESPONSE TO COVID-19 IN AFRICA	
10:00 – 11:00 (GMT: 14.00–15.00)	<p>It's not only fiscal: An overview of the macroeconomic policy toolbox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Formulating macroeconomic policy objectives and the available policy tools ○ The importance of good-quality statistics ○ The role of fiscal policy ○ The role of monetary, exchange rate, and financial sector policy ○ An Integrated Policy Framework to formulate Covid-19 policy response in Africa

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sir Paul Collier, Professor at the Blavatnik School of Government ❖ Prof. Andres Velasco, Dean of the School of Public Policy, LSE <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Prof. Roberto Chang, Rutgers University ❖ Dr Ayodele Odusola, Resident Representative, UNDP South Africa ❖ Central Bank of Uganda Research Department <p>Moderator: Prof. Bamba Ngaladjo, advisor to the finance minister, Cote d'Ivoire</p>
<p>CLOSING SESSION</p>	
<p>11:00 – 11:10 (GMT 15.00-15.10)</p>	<p>Closing address</p> <p>Speakers: IMF/AUC</p>