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Policies for a sustainable rural transformation in Africa

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Location: ISSER Conference Hall, University of Ghana, Legon

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Day 1 June 22, 2022		
10.00 am-12.30 pm	Welcome and keynote (hybrid)	
	Welcome notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlotte Wrigley-Asante and Susann Baller, MIASA Peter Quartey, ISSER Daniel Frimpong Ofori, Provost, University of Ghana
	Introduction to the conference theme and presentation of the program	Jann Lay, GIGA
	Keynote by Awudu Abdulai, University of Kiel, Germany Moderated by Fred Dzanku, ISSER	The role of public policy in the rural structural transformation process in Africa
12:30 am -1:30 pm	Lunch Break	
1:30-3 pm	Parallel sessions 1	
	Session 1a (hybrid): Policies for a sustainable commercialization of African agriculture, key findings from the APPRA project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizer: Fred Dzanku and Joseph Yaro 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dzifa Tovikey, University of Ghana: The smallholder vertical integration pathway to inclusive commercialization: lessons from the oil palm belt of south-western Ghana Joseph Yaro, University of Ghana: The changing land and labour relations in cocoa production in Ghana: lessons for agricultural policy making in Africa Milu Muyanga, Michigan State University: Medium-Scale Farming as a Policy Tool for Agricultural Commercialization and Small-Scale Farms Transformation in Nigeria Aida Isinika, Sokoine University of Agriculture: Linking smallholders with large scale investors for rural transformation: Experience form rice commercialization in Mngeta in Kilombero valley, Tanzania
	Session 1b: Rural development interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oyakhilomen Oyinbo, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria: Digital innovations, agricultural productivity growth and environmental sustainability: A randomized evaluation in Nigeria Martin Paul Jr. Tabe-Ojong, IFPRI: Are Agro-clusters Pro-Poor? Evidence from Ethiopia

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Baba Adam, University of Kiel: Examining the impact of conservation agriculture and participation in field demonstrations on productivity and efficiency among farmers in Ghana ▪ Florian Freund, University of Oxford: Re-designing agricultural subsidies in sub-Saharan Africa
3:00-3:30 pm	Coffee/tea	
3:30-5 pm	High-level policy panel (hybrid): Key issues and policy priorities for a sustainable rural development in Ghana and beyond Moderated by Robert Darko Osei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Irene Susana Egyir, University of Ghana ▪ Patrick Kojo Ofori, Deputy Director and Head of M&E Division at Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana ▪ Charles Kwowe Nyaaba, Executive Director Peasant Farmers Association of Ghana ▪ Charles Abugre, United Nations Millennium Campaign ▪ Nina Hissen-Wright, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Ghana
6-8 pm	Conference dinner	

Day 2 June 23, 2022		
9.00-10.30 am	Parallel sessions 2	
	Session 2a (hybrid): Youth, National Service and the Transformation of Agriculture in Rural Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organizer: Sulley Ibrahim, Conflict Research Network West Africa (CORN West Africa) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abdul-Gafar Tobi Oshodi, Lagos State University, and Sulley Ibrahim, Conflict Research Network West Africa (CORN West Africa), Accra: What motivates young people in agriculture? ▪ Felix Longi, University for Development Studies (UDS), Tamale, and Abdul-Gafar Tobi Oshodi, Lagos State University: Youth work as a tool for rural transformation: Some lessons and agenda for policy in Africa
	Session 2b: Oil Palm and Rural Transformation in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organizer: Martin Paul Jr. Tabe-Ojong, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raymond N. Nkongho, University of Buea, Cameroon: Oil palm expansion and deforestation in Southwest Cameroon associated with proliferation of informal mills ▪ Martin Paul Jr. Tabe-Ojong, IFPRI: Oil palm production, income gains, and off-farm employment among independent producers in Cameroon ▪ Anette Ruml, GIGA: Contract farming, contract design and smallholder livelihoods
10:30-11:00 am	Coffee/tea	

11:00-12:30	Junior keynote by Eva Marie Meemken, ETH Zürich	Socioeconomic and Environmental Effects of Sustainability Standards in Global Food Systems
12:30am-2:30 pm	Poster session with finger food/drinks	
	Poster 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abdul-Rahaman Awal, University of Development Studies, Tamale: Agrifood System Participation and Production Efficiency among Smallholder Vegetable farmers in Northern Ghana ▪ Discussant: Anette Ruml, GIGA
	Poster 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Antoine Castet, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris: The impact of large-scale land acquisitions on food security ▪ Discussant: Jann Lay, GIGA
	Poster 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alice Bonou, National University of Agriculture, Benin: Migration as Adaptation to Climate Change in Northern Benin ▪ Discussant: Evans Osabouhien, Covenant University
	Poster 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raphael Babatunde, University of Ilorin: Impact of Agricultural Health Training Programme on the Productivity of Crop Farmers: Evidence from Randomized Control Trial in Nigeria ▪ Discussant: Gunther Bensch, RWI
	Poster 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daniel Geissel, GIGA: Conflicts and large-scale land acquisitions: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa ▪ Discussant: Fred Dzanku, ISSER
2:30-4:00 pm	Parallel sessions 3	
	<p>Session 3a (hybrid): Toward an inclusive agriculture development policy in Sub-Saharan Africa informed by robust methodologies and Earth Observation data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organizer: Dilini Abeygunawardane, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dilini Abeygunawardane, IAMO: What do we really know about the impacts of large-scale agricultural investments in Sub-Saharan Africa: The facts, myths, and the in-betweens ▪ Cristina Chiarella, Earth and Life Institute, UCLouvain: Balancing the trade-offs between land productivity, labor productivity, and labor intensity ▪ Michelle Picoli, Earth and Life Institute, UCLouvain: Earth Observation data for sustainable rural transformation,

	Session 3b: Changes in rural livelihoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helina Befekadu Bekele, Makerere University, Kampala: Gender-based opportunities and constraints towards women agricultural engagement in Meta district, Oromia regional state, Ethiopia ▪ Prince Osei-Wusu Adjei, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi: Rural Poverty Eradication and Livelihood Sustainability Outcomes of Non-farm Sector Growth Policy Interventions in Ghana. ▪ Abdul Malik Iddrisu, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London: Agricultural Risks, Pandemics and Diversification Strategies of Farming-Households in Selected African Countries ▪ Lisa Hoffmann, GIGA: Large-scale agricultural investments and social conflict—experimental evidence from rural Liberia
4:00-4:30 pm	Coffee/tea	
4:30-6:00 pm	Parallel sessions 4	
	<p>Session 4a: Policy effects, Challenges, and Performance of the West African Poultry Value Chain: Evidence from Ghana and Senegal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organizer: Mavis Boimah, Thuenen Institute of Market Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Omid Zamani: Policy Effects, Interactions, and Coherence in the Poultry Sector of Ghana ▪ Craig Chibada: Implications of alternative poultry trade policies on broiler value chains: Evidence from Ghana and Senegal ▪ Mavis Boimah: The import substituted poultry industry of Senegal: Implications for consumer preferences and welfare
	Session 4b (hybrid): Chocolate and the cocoa value chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hannes Greve, GIGA: Welfare impacts of cocoa contract farming and certification: Evidence from Ghana ▪ Gunther Bensch, RWI, Essen: Passthrough of cocoa prices along the supply chain: What's left for the farmers in Côte d'Ivoire?
6:00 pm	Wrap-up	
6:00-8:00	Reception	