

China's Impact on African Employment: What Do We Know and Where are the Gaps?

Jobs Knowledge Platform (JKP) 2014 Regional Event
Dalasi Room, Rosebank Crowne Plaza Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa

DAY I: Thursday 20th November

- 08h30 Registration
- 09h00 Welcome & Opening Remarks
Prof. Haroon Borhat (Development Policy Research Unit (DPRU), University of Cape Town)
- 09h05 Introduction & Chair: Prof. Haroon Borhat
Keynote Speaker: "Structural Transformation and Poverty Reduction in Africa"
- Dr Francisco Ferreira (Chief Economist, Africa Region, World Bank)
Discussant: Dr Xiaobo Zhang (National School of Development, Peking University; IFPRI)
10h05: Q&A
- 10h15 Group Photograph
- 10h30 Refreshments break
- 10h45 **Theme 1a: Macroeconomic, Trade, and Investment Trends: Emerging Themes in the China-Africa Context**
Chair: Dr Witness Simbanegavi, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC))
- Dr Xiaofang Shen (Peking University National School of Development & Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies)
How the Private Sector is Changing Chinese Investment in Africa
 - Dr Miria Pigato (Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management Global Practice, World Bank)
China and Africa: Expanding Economic Ties in an Evolving Global Context (co-author Ali Zafar, World Bank)
11h25: Q&A and Discussion
- 11h35 Guest Speakers
Introductions: Prof. Albert Park (Institute for Emerging Market Studies, HKUST)
- Peter Wonacott (Bureau Chief, Africa, The Wall Street Journal)
 - Ferdie Mostert (Asset Management Solutions, Centurion)
12h20: Q&A
- 12h30 Lunch
- 13h30 **Theme 1b: cont.**
- Dr Wang Duanyong (School of International and Diplomatic Affairs, Shanghai International Studies University)
 - Dr Ping Hua (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS))
Real exchange rates, Africa's trade with China and its impact on African industrialization (co-author Sylviane Guillaumont Jeanneney)
 - Prof Aly Mbaye (Cheikh Anta Diop University/University of Dakar (CREA))
FDI in West Africa: A Comparative Analysis of China and Western Countries (co-authors Xiaofang Shen & Serigne Bassirou Lo)
14h30: Q&A and Discussion
- 14h40 **Theme 2a: Job Creation and Labour Market Challenges: The China-Africa Logic**
Chair: Ms Percy Moleke (National Planning Commission (NPC))
- Prof. Li Shi (School of Economics and Business, & Institute for Income Distribution and Poverty Studies, Beijing Normal University)
Effects of Pro Poor Policies in Rural China Implications for Africa
 - Dr Karsten Giese (GIGA Institute of Asian Studies, German Institute of Global and Area Studies)
A broader qualitative look at the employment effects in the Chinese trade clusters of Ghana and Senegal

DAY 1: cont.

15h20 Refreshments break

Theme 2b: cont.

- Dr Xiaobo Zhang (National School of Development, Peking University; IFPRI)
Chinas New Development Paradigm and Implications for Africa
15h55: Q&A and Discussion

16h05

Theme 3: Chinese and African Firms: Exploring the Interactions

Chair: Ms Catriona Purfield (South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia & Swaziland, The World Bank)

- Prof. Barry Sautman (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
Localization of Chinese Investments in Africa (co-author Yan Hairong)
- Prof. Nicoli Nattrass (AIDS and Society Research Unit, University of Cape Town)
'Chinese' Clothing Firms and Labour-Intensive Development in Southern Africa' (co-author Jeremy Seekings)
16h45: Q&A and Discussion

16h55

Wrap-up of Day 1: Prof. Haroon Borhat

17h00

Close

18h30

Cocktail Reception

Welcome: Prof. Albert Park (Institute for Emerging Market Studies (IEMS), HKUST)

Guest Introduction: Prof. Haroon Borhat

Guest speaker: Mr Bernard Cassar (former Executive Director of Protea Hotels, now retired)

DAY 2: Friday 21st November

09h00

Re-cap of Day 1, Intro to Day 2: Prof. Albert Park

09h05

Theme 4a: China in Africa: Sectoral Case Studies

Chair: Dr Xiaofang Shen (Peking University National School of Development & Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies)

- Dr Ward Anseeuw (International Centre for Agricultural Research and Development (CIRAD), & GovInn - Center for the Study of Governance Innovations, University of Pretoria)
- Dr Deborah Bräutigam (International Development and Comparative Politics, & Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS))
China Africa Agriculture And Labor Markets
09h45: Q&A and Discussion

10h00

Refreshments break

10h30

Theme 4b: cont.

- Prof. Lawrence Edwards (School of Economics, & SALDRU, University of Cape Town)
The Competitive Effects of China on the South African Manufacturing Sector
- Prof. Stephen Golub (Swarthmore College)
Can Africa Compete with China in Manufacturing? (co-authors Aly Mbaye, Janet Ceglowski & Varun Prasad)
11h10: Q&A and Discussion

11h25

Research Agenda & Conclusions: Prof. Albert Park

12h00

Lunch

13h00

Close

14h00

Excursion to the Lion Park

18h30

Return to hotel