**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

**UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA**

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH**

**CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ECONOMICS AND ALLIED RESEARCH**

Cordially invites you to her 3rd International Virtual Conference

**THEME: INSTITUTIONS, ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA**

**Date:** 7th – 8th February, 2024 **Time:** 10am

**Venue:** Zoom (The conference is completely virtual and the Zoom link will be communicated to participants on 3rd February, 2024)

**CHAIRMAN OF OPENING CEREMONY**

Professor Adeola F. Adenikinju

President, Nigerian Economic Society (NES)

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Hon. Dr. Nathaniel Urama

Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development, Enugu State

Dr. Chukwuka Onyekwena

Executive Director, Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA)

**CHIEF HOST**

Professor Charles A. Igwe

Vice Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Nsukka

**CO-HOST**

Professor Ike E. Onyishi

Dean, Faculty of the Social Sciences, UNN

**HOST**

Dr. Mrs. Ifeoma C. Mba

Head, Department of Economics, UNN

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**Introduction**

The aim of the conference is to understand the drivers of economic development in Africa with emphasis on institutions and economic diversification. This aim is quite relevant at this time for at least two important reasons. First, Africa’s underdevelopment has largely been attributed to weak institutions. Second, the vulnerabilities of African economies as exposed by the recent Covid-19 Pandemic is a wake-up call for these economies to be diversified as urgently as possible. Thus, the conference aims to mainstream institutional reforms and economic diversification into economic growth and development policies in Africa, and it is our expectation that the outcomes of the conference would help to shape policy making in Africa.

Academics, researchers, civil society organizations, practitioners and postgraduate students are now invited to submit policy-relevant abstracts for inclusion in any of the sub-themes of the 3rd International Virtual Conference of the Department of Economics, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

**Conference Sub-themes:**

* Institutions, inclusive growth and development in Africa
* Institutions, economic diversification, and economic recovery in Africa
* Achieving economic diversification in Africa
* Institutions, health and productivity in Africa
* Institutions and human capital development in Africa
* Energy, industrial development and economic diversification in Africa
* Institutions, insecurity, political instability and economic development in Africa
* Agriculture, food security and export diversification in Africa
* Law enforcement, migration and economic diversification in Africa
* Financial sector development and economic diversification in Africa
* Climate change and the environment post pandemic
* Tourism, sports, hospitality management and economic diversification in Africa
* SME development and economic development in Africa
* Supply chain management and economic diversification in Africa
* Social safety nets and economic development in Africa
* Public expenditure management and economic development in Africa
* Religious/cultural beliefs and economic development in Africa
* Gender, inequality, poverty, social inclusion and economic development

**Abstract Submission Guideline**

1. Abstracts should be in MS Word and not be more than 300 words in length, in Times New Roman, font 12, and double line spacing.

2. It should include: title of paper, names of author(s) (email addresses and phone numbers of all authors/coauthors are mandatory) and their affiliations, background/motivation for the study, objectives of the study/research questions, data (description, sources and period covered), method of analysis, expected results, key policy recommendations based on the results, and JEL classification codes.

3. **All abstracts should be submitted to** **economicsunnconference@gmail.com**on or before ***31st January, 2024****.*

**Conference Fees**

Presenter/Corresponding Author: N10,000

Co-author: N3,000

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Account Number: 5700111372

Note: All payments must be made to the bank and evidence of payment forwarded to economicsunnconference@gmail.com. There will be notification of acceptance for selected abstracts on rolling basis. Payment for conference fee or certificate by Presenters/Co-authors made on or after 9th February, 2024 will attract a late payment fee of additional N5,000.

**Important Conference Dates:**

1. Abstract submission deadline: 31st January, 2024

2. Emailing Zoom link to participants: 3rd February, 2024

2. Late payment of conference fee begins: 9th February, 2024

3. Issuance of conference certificates: Latest by 28th February, 2024

4. Release of Book of Abstracts : Latest by 28th February, 2024

**Publication of full papers in peer reviewed journal**

At the end of the Conference, authors are encouraged to submit their full papers for publication in the Journal of Economics and Allied Research (JEAR). Such submissions can be made through the email address: jeareconunn@gmail.com and copy jearecons@unn.edu.ng. Please visit the journal website for more information: <http://jearecons.com/>

For further enquiries on abstract submission and other issues relating to the Conference, please call or send a message to the Conference Secretariat on the following numbers: 08035077722, 08187535026, 08038559299.