ABCDE-Senegal
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Growth and Integration

Agenda

08:15 – 08:45 Coffee

08:45 – 09:15 Welcome
Francois J. Bourguignon
Senior Vice President & Chief Economist, World Bank

Honourable Abdoulaye Wade
President, Republic of Senegal

09:15 – 10:00 Opening Session
Chair: Boris Pleskovic, Research Manager, World Bank

Opening Address
Francois J. Bourguignon, World Bank
Equity and Development in Africa

Keynote Address
Abdoulaye Diop, Minister of Finance & Economy, Senegal
The Importance of Research for Economic Policy: The Case of Senegal

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee

10:30 – 12:30 Growth and Integration
Chair: Paulo F. Gomes, Executive Director, World Bank

Explaining African Economic Growth: The Role of Policy Syndromes
Augustin K. Fosu, UNECA, Addis Ababa
Stephen A. O’Connell, Swarthmore College

Growth in Senegal: Features and Trends
Gaye Daffe, CREA, Senegal

Discussants: Jean-Paul Azam, ARQADE, University of Toulouse
Abdoulaye Diagne, MIMAP, Senegal

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
Agenda, continued

14:00 – 15:30  

**Financial Reforms**  
Chair: Befekadu Degefe, President, Ethiopian Economic Association  
Perspectives on Financial Sector Reforms in Africa  
Lemma W. Senbet, University of Maryland  

**Economic Development**  
Chair: Danny M. Leipziger, Vice President, PREM, World Bank  
Convergence and Development Traps  
Jean-Claude Berthélemy, University of Paris  

*Discussants*: Mthuli Ncube, University of London  
TcheTche N’Guessan, University of Cocody, Abidjan

15:30 – 16:00  
Coffee

16:00 – 17:30  

**Trade and Development**  
Chair: L. Alan Winters, Director, Development Research Group, World Bank  
Risks and Rewards from Regional Trading Arrangements in Africa-Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) between the EU and SSA  
Lawrence E. Hinkle and Richard S. Newfarmer, World Bank  

**Investment Climate**  
Chair: Jean-Christophe Bas, Development Policy Dialogue Manager, World Bank  
The Business Environment and Comparative Advantage in Africa: Evidence from Investment Climate Data  
Benn P. Eifert, Alan H. Gelb, and Vijaya Ramachandran World Bank  

*Discussants*: Leonce Ndikumana, University of Massachusetts  
Ademola Oyejide, University of Ibadan

17:30  
Closing session