




**IMF – AFR & ATI High Level Policy Dialogue on Inequality:  
Developments and Policy Challenges in the Post-COVID environment**


**September 20–21, 2022**

**Biographies of Participants**

<b>Day 1. Inequality– Trends and Macroeconomic Challenges</b>	
<b>A. Trends and Drivers in Inequality in the World/LICs</b>	
	<p><b>LSE   Professor Francisco H. G. Ferreira</b> is the Amartya Sen Professor of Inequality Studies at the London School of Economics, where he is also Director of the International Inequalities Institute. Francisco is an economist working on the measurement of causes and consequences of inequality and poverty in developing countries, with a special focus on Latin America. He is also an Affiliated Scholar with the Stone Center at the City University of New York; a non-resident Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn); and currently serves as President of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). Prior to joining the LSE, Francisco had a long career at the World Bank, where his positions included Chief Economist for the Africa Region and Senior Adviser in the Research Department. He has also taught in the faculties of Economics at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro and at the Paris School of Economics.</p>
<b>B. Zooming in on Sub-Saharan Africa: Inequality Developments and Description of Policy Responses in the Region</b>	
	<p><b>Ghana   Prof. Robert Darko Osei</b> is an Associate Professor in the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Legon, and the Vice Dean for the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Ghana. Robert has published widely in edited volumes and top international journals. His main areas of research include evaluative poverty and rural research, macro and micro implications of fiscal policies, aid effectiveness and other economic development policy concerns. He is currently involved in a number of research projects in Ghana, Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali.</p>
	<p><b>Oxfam   Mr. Peter Kamalingin B.L</b> is the Pan Africa Director, Oxfam International. A Ugandan with over 20 years' experience in social justice struggles, development Policy analysis, humanitarian planning &amp; Conflict management. Practicing farmer in eastern Uganda. Promotes pan African narratives and perspective to development, many of which he has represented in various regional and international fora. He Holds an MA in International Relations (UoN, Nairobi), MA Peace &amp; Conflict Studies (EPU,</p>

	Austria), BA Political Science & Public Administration (MUK, Kampala). His favorite pastime is keeping bees, tending to nature and building people relations.
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<b>C. Discussant</b>	
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	<p><b>World Bank   Ms. Gabriela Inchauste</b> is a Lead Economist in the Poverty and Equity Global Practice of the World Bank. She is currently a global lead for the Equity Policy Lab, assisting poverty teams across the Bank with distributional analysis of fiscal policy, climate change and climate action. Her regional work is focused on Western Africa, having previously worked in Latin America and Eastern Europe. Her research interests include the distributional impact of fiscal policies, ex-ante analysis of the distributional impacts of policy reforms and understanding the channels through which economic growth improves labor market opportunities for poverty reduction. Prior to joining the Bank, she worked at the International Monetary Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank where she contributed to operational and analytical activities. She has published articles in academic volumes and journals on fiscal policy, the distributional impacts of taxes and social spending, the political economy of subsidy reform, the determinants of informality, and the role of remittances in developing countries. A Bolivian national, she holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Texas at Austin.</p>
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<b>Day 2. Inequality– High-level Policy Dialogue on Policy Responses and Next Steps</b>	
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<b>Session 1. Latin America’s Experiences Reducing Inequality</b>	
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	<p><b>GIGA   Prof. Dr. Merike Blofield</b> is since 2020 Director of the Institute for Latin American Studies at the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), and Professor of Political Science at the University of Hamburg. Prior to that, she was Professor of Political Science and Director of Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Miami, where she received the 2019 May Brunson Award for doing the most to improve the status of women. Prof. Blofield has published widely on policy areas that intersect social, gender, labor, health, and family policy, with a focus on Latin America. She is currently working on three collaborative, interdisciplinary research projects: first, on the politics of social protections; second, survey research on public opinion toward social protection; and third, measuring policy efforts on domestic violence in Latin America.</p>
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**Brazil | Mr. Tiago Falcao Silva** has served in several positions at the Brazilian government such as head of the National Secretariat of Income Citizenship, in charge of the Bolsa Familia Program. In 2012, he assumed the mission of coordinating the ambitious Brazil without Extreme Poverty Plan. In 2016 he was nominated, for the second time, National Secretary of Citizenship Income. Under his leadership, the Bolsa Familia Program reached 14 million families and was recognized as one of the best targeted in the world. He was also Secretary of Management of the Ministry of Planning, and Social Advisor at the Presidential Civil Cabinet, and worked at the Secretariat of Human Rights, and at the Ministries of Social Insurance and Labor. Currently he is a World Bank consultant focusing on social protection and jobs issues in Brazil and in LAC countries.

## Session 2. Sub-Saharan Africa Experiences Reducing Inequality



**Senegal | Mr. Abdou Diouf** is currently Principal Inspector of the Treasury and Coordinator of the Studies and Planning Unit of the Ministry of Finance and Budget of the government of Senegal. He also sits on the Regional Council for Public Savings and Financial Markets (CREPMF) of WAEMU on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and Budget. Between 2016 and 2018, he was Head of the Economic Studies and Statistics Division within the General Directorate of Public Accounting and the Treasury, from where he piloted in 2017 the statistical component of public finances (SFP) of the Senegal's adherence to the IMF's Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS). Since 2017, he has been a short-term expert with the IMF on Public Finance Statistics and has carried out several technical assistance missions in WAEMU and CEMAC countries.



**Togo | Commander Silété DEVO** is the Director General of the National Identification Agency (ANID). After 8 years in operational units and in the Togolese Armed Forces staff, in 2018 he joined the general secretariat for the administration of the Ministry of the Armed Forces as chief of staff. In 2020, he joined the Presidency of the Republic and was appointed head of ANID. A graduate of, among others, the Special Military School of Saint-Cyr, the University of Nantes, the Institute of Political Studies in Strasbourg and the National School of Administration (ENA) in France. He is responsible for leading the national biometric identification project, supported by the World Bank, and the implementation of the Social Registry of Persons and Households, future central tool of social protection in Togo for the benefit of poor and vulnerable households.



**Mozambique | Ms. Olivia Faite** is the Head of the Department of Social Assistance Programs at the National Institute of Social Action - INAS, IP of the Government of Mozambique and the focal point the Mozambique's Community of Practice on Cash Transfer Programs. She is an expert in social protection and has worked in this area for more than 15 years. She was formerly a professor and university assistant at the Higher Institute of Science and Technology of Mozambique and the São Tomás University of Mozambique and at the Eduardo Mondlane University. She has a degree in Sociology from the Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais- PUC-MINAS- Belo Horizonte- Brazil.



**Rwanda | Mr. Samuel Dusengiyumva** is the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government in Rwanda. He is the Accounting Officer and chief technician of the Ministry. In this capacity he ensures technical supervision of all activities of various departments in the Ministry and affiliated agencies as well as coordination of local Government technical teams. Prior to that, he worked for the Ministry of Public Service and Labour as the Coordinator of the Single Project Implementation Unit and has served in the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons (RESCA)-Nairobi as the Legal Advisor. He has also worked with the One Laptop Per Child (OLPC), as the Regional Director for Africa and then Country Manager partners such as NGOs and Civil Society Organizations as well as the private sector.