YOUNG ECONOMISTS OUTREACH PROGRAMME

DRAFT: 2 January 2008

Program for Opening Session: 10th January 2008

9.00: Seating of Invited Guests and Participants

9.30: Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman
- **Prof. Ernest Aryeetey**
  Director, ISSER

Chairman’s Opening Remarks
- **Prof. E. Addow-Obeng**
  Vice Chancellor
  University of Cape Coast

Remarks from Co-organizers
- **Prof. Ravi Kanbur**
  Cornell University

Opening Statement
- **Hon. Nana Ato Arthur**
  Regional Minister
  Central Region

10.00: Chairman’s Closing Remarks

10.20: Vote of Thanks
- **Mrs Ama Pokuua Fenny**
  (ISSER)

10.30 – 11.00
- **Coffee Break**
### Programme for 10th January 2008

**Session 1: 11.00 – 13.00**  
Individual Meetings with Young Economists  
(Parallel Sessions)

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**Session 2: 14.00 – 16.00**  
*Young Economists Research Presentations I (Micro)*  
Chair: Chris Barrett

**Presenters**
- William Baah-Boateng: “Gender Discrimination in the Ghanaian Labour Market”
- Seidu Alhassan: “Effectiveness and Sustainability of Ghana's Capitation Grant”.

**16.00-16.30 Break**

**Session 3: 16.30 – 18.00:**  
*Presentations of Papers in the Literature I (Micro)*  
Chair: Chris Udry

**Presenters**
- Yaw Nyarko: “Human Capital and Technology Diffusion, by Jess Benhabib and Mark Spiegel.”

**CLOSING: Dinner at 19:00**
# Programme for 11th January 2008

## Session 4: 9.00 – 10.30
The CPIA and Ghana

**Chair:** Robert Bates

**Presenters**
- Ernest Aryeetey
- Ravi Kanbur
- Gobind Nankani
- Nii Kwaku Sowa

### 10.30 – 11.00 Break

## Session 5: 11.00 – 13.00
Young Economists Research Presentations II (Macro)

**Chair:** K.N. Afful

**Presenters**
- Charles Ackah: “For Richer or Poorer: Trade Policy and Growth in Developing Countries”
- Komla Dzigbede: “Interest Rate Dynamics, Inflation Expectations and Output Growth in Five Emerging Economies”
- Johnson Asiama: TBC

### 13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH

## Session 6: 14.00 – 15.30
Presentations of Papers in the Literature II (Macro)

**Chair:** Vijay Bhasin

**Presenter**

### Break 15.30-16.00

## Session 7: 16.00 – 17.30
Concluding Panel: Topics for Interesting, Important and Doable Research

**Chair:** Ernest Aryeetey

**Presenters**
- Christopher Barrett
- Robert Bates
- Abena Oduro
- Christopher Udry

### CLOSING: Reception at 18.00