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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 Pokuaa 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)	
Meetings with	Ernest Aryeetey--ISSER, Legon Elizabeth Asiedu--University of Kansas Christopher Barrett--Cornell University Robert Bates--Harvard University Ravi Kanbur--Cornell University Andrew McKay--University of Sussex Gobind Nankani--President, Global Development Network Yaw Nyarko--New York University Abena Oduro-Dept. of Economics, Legon Nii Kwaku Sowa--Director General, SEC, Ghana Chris Udry - Yale University

	13.00 - 14.00 LUNCH
	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” Ebo Turkson: “Firm Growth Dynamics: Evidence from Ghana’s Manufacturing Sector” 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.” Andy McKay: “Assessing the Economic Impact of HIV/AIDS on Nigerian Households: A Propensity Score Matching Approach, by David Canning, Ajay Mahal, Kunle Odumosu and Prosper Okonkwo.”
	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	Elizabeth Asiedu: “Aid and Growth: What Does the Cross-Country Evidence Really Show? By Raghuram Rajan and Arvind Subramanian. Nii Kwaku Sowa: “Central Bank Independence and Macroeconomic Performance: A Survey of the Evidence”, by Friedrich Kisser and Helmut Wagner.”
	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