ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NORTHERN GHANA
DATE: 11-14 September 2006       TIME: 09.00 am each day       VENUE: Bolgatanga and Tamale


08.30   Arrival and Registration of Participants
09.00   Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman Saa Dittoh
09.15   Chairman’s opening remarks John K. Kaburise, V.C. UDS
         Remarks from Northern Regional Minister Hon. Alhaji Mustapha Idrisu
09.30   Presentation SGER 2005 Ernest Aryeetey
         Discussant Comments Charles Jebuni
         General Discussion
         Launch of SGER 2005 document John K. Kaburise, V.C. UDS
13.00   Lunch and departure

Day 2: Tuesday 12th September 2006 – Radach Mem. Centre, Tamale
Seminar on Economic Development and Northern Ghana

08.30   Arrival and Registration of Participants
09.00   Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman Saa Dittoh
09.15   Chairman’s opening remarks Ravi Kanbur
         Economic Data on Northern Ghana Ernest Aryeetey
         Pro-Poor Growth for Ghana and the Situation in Northern Ghana Andy McKay
         Asset-Switching to Escape Poverty Traps in Northern Ghana Nii Kwaku Sowa
         Open Discussion
13.00   Lunch
14.30   The Political Economy of Northern Ghanaian Development a) Saa Dittoh
         b) Charles Jebuni
         Open Discussion
         Chairman’s closing remarks
Day 3: Wednesday 13th September 2006 – SSNIT House, Bolgatanga
Mid-Year Assessment of Economic Performance

08.30 Arrive and Registration of Participants
09.00 Welcome Address
09.15 Chairman’s opening remarks
Remarks from Upper East Regional Minister
An Overview of Economic Performance in the First Half of 2006
10.45 Break
11.15 Discussant Comments
11.30 Open Discussion
13.00 Lunch and departure

Day 4: Thursday 14th September 2006 – Radach Mem. Centre, Tamale
Seminar on Contemporary Development Issues

08.30 Arrive and Registration of Participants
09.00 Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairman
09.15 Chairman’s opening remarks
Spatial Inequality and Development
Growth Institutions and Inequalities
Open Discussion
11.00 Break
11.30 Globalisation, Employment and Poverty in Ghana
Technical Efficiency in Ghanaian Secondary Education
Open Discussion
13.15 Lunch
14.30 Can the Financial System Serve the Northern Poor?
Microfinance and Grants for Community Development
Can the Multi-Donor Budgetary Support System (MDBS) Improve Aid Effectiveness in Ghana?
Open Discussion
16.00 Chairman’s Closing Remarks
Reception and Close of Programme