

**MEFMI RESEARCH AND POLICY SEMINAR
9 NOVEMBER 2017**

RAINBOW TOWERS HOTEL, HARARE, ZIMBABWE

THEME: INCLUSIVE GROWTH FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 – 08:30	▪ Participants registration
08:30 – 08:45	▪ Welcome Remarks <i>Dr. Caleb M. Fundanga, MEFMI Executive Director</i>
08:45 – 09:00	▪ Keynote Address by Guest of Honour <i>Mrs. R. Mukami Kariuki, World Bank Country Manager, Zimbabwe</i>
Plenary Presentation of Papers - Moderator: Dr. Sehliselo Mpofu	
09:00 – 09:45	The Impact of Financial Inclusion on the Interest Rate Channel of the Monetary Policy Transmission Mechanism <i>(Martin Brownbridge, Thomas Bwire, Doreen Rubatsimbira and Grace Tinyinondi)</i>
09:45 – 10:30	Financial Inclusion in Selected Southern and East African Countries: A gender perspective. <i>(Kennedy Kupeta and James Hurungo)</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Tea Break
Presentation of Papers – Break away Sessions	
Group 1	
11:00 – 11:45	Competition and Financial Development in Africa: Evidence from Kenya’s Financial Sector <i>(Camilla Chebet and Samuel K. Mwangi)</i>
11:45 – 12:30	Does gender matter for financial inclusion in Malawi? <i>(Wytone Jombo and Moffat Banda)</i>
Group 2	
11:00 – 11:45	A Fiscal Sustainability Analysis for Uganda <i>(Grace A Tinyinondi)</i>
11:45 – 12:30	The Effects of Public Domestic Debt in Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa <i>(Frank Mashodo)</i>
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch Break
Presentation of Papers - Break away Sessions	
Group 1	
13:45 – 14:30	Firm Growth in Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (LNS): Is There a Role for Exporting and Technology Activities <i>(Malefu Manamathela and Rethabile Masenyetse)</i>
14:30 – 15:15	Determinants of Inclusive Growth in Uganda: Auto-Regressive Distributed Lag Approach <i>(Senei Molapo, Sayed Timuno and Vivian Namugambe)</i>



TIME	ACTIVITY
	Group 2
<i>13:45 – 14:30</i>	Has External Debt Contributed to Economic Development in Malawi? Analysis of Direct and Indirect Channels <i>(Chrispin Kamuikeni)</i>
<i>15:15 – 15:45</i>	<i>Tea Break</i>
Closing Session – Moderator: Mr. Patrick Mutimba	
<i>15:45 – 16:55</i>	Summary of the Key Policy Messages from the Discussion <i>(By Rapporteurs)</i>
<i>16:55– 17:00</i>	Vote of thanks and Closing Remarks <i>Dr. Sehliselo Mpofu, MEFMI Director Macroeconomic Management Programme</i>
<i>17:30 – 19:00</i>	<i>Cocktail</i>