



FIAS-ISSER Regional Conference on Enterprise Formalization in Africa

Conference Agenda

January 10-11th 2007, Alisa Hotel, North Ridge, Accra, Ghana.

Organization and Speakers:

Day 1: Enterprise Formalization in Africa:

Morning:

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| 8.30am | Conference registration |
| 9.00am | Opening Remarks: Nigel Twose (FIAS) |
| 9.15am | Presentations by Minister of Trade, Industry, Private Sector & President's Special Initiatives Alan Kyerematen (Ghana); and Minister of Finance and Economic Planning Kwadwo Baah-Wiredu (Ghana) |
| 10.30am | Coffee break |
| 11am | Papa Demba Thiam (World Bank): an introductory framework for thinking about the formalization process |
| 11.30am | Joseph Ayee (University of Ghana): building tax compliance through reciprocity with government |
| 12.00pm | Faycal Sharara (Senegal): taking advantage of market opportunities through upgrading |
| 12.30pm | Discussion chaired by Ernest Aryeetey (University of Ghana) |
| 1pm | Lunch |

Day 1: Afternoon:

- 2.30pm Introduction to workshops by Tom Kenyon (World Bank)
- 3.00pm Enterprise Formalization Workshops – see attached flyers.
- 4.30pm Coffee break
- 5.00pm Reporting back by rapporteurs
- 6.00pm End of session
- 8.00pm Conference dinner: keynote address by Keith Hart (Goldsmiths College, London): “The Informal Economy; Origins, History and Future.”

Day 2: Enterprise Formalization in Post-Conflict African Countries

Morning:

- 9.15am Presentation by Kadi Sesay, Minister of Trade and Industry (Sierra Leone)
- 10.00am Kamil Kamaluddeen (UNDP Economic Advisor, Liberia): the relevance of formalization issues for post-conflict countries [by Video Conference]
- 10.30pm Discussion chaired by Nigel Twose (FIAS)
- 11.00am Coffee Break
- 11.30am Working Groups on formalization in post-conflict environments
- 1pm Lunch

Afternoon:

- 2.30pm Bernard Collignon (H2O Conseil): policies towards small scale service providers in post-conflict environments
- 3pm Lucie Phillips (International Business Initiatives): policies towards small scale mining operations in post-conflict environments
- 3.30pm Discussion.
- 4.00pm Coffee
- 4.30pm Plenary session: reporting back by moderators/rapporteurs and synthesis of formal conference output. Closing remarks by Ernest Aryeetey & Nigel Twose.
- 6pm Conference ends.