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“
RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIC:
Challenges of a New Africa
”

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BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

Africa is a continent of paradoxes. Despite being the best endowed continent in natural resources, it remains curiously the continent where live the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. Since the independences, the socio-economic development models presented as key to solving the problems of underdevelopment and widespread poverty have very often been designed from outside, imported and proposed to Africa, or even imposed on Africa. These models, in some cases, have even contributed to worsen the problems they were designed to solve. Indeed, Africa is confined in a posture of recipient or consumer instead of driver in the process of globalization. As a result, Africa remains marginalized in the development process.

Looking at the performances of Africa today, we note with desolation that it still remains a continent stricken with many recurrent problems of development that it remains dependent and fails adequately to meet the most basic needs of people. However, Africa has many assets to meet the expectations of its populations, participate and strongly take advantage into the World economy. It benefits from a predominantly young population and abundant natural resources compare to the rest of the world.

Despite all these assets, why Africa is at this stage? What explains the contrasting levels of development on this continent? Do the inadequacies lie in the formulations of development strategies, or relate to the institutional order, or are they ultimately the African rulers involved? Are the contemporary theoretical foundations of development obsolete or lacking adaptation to African contexts? In which case, what models of development for a new Africa? What should be the basis for these "African models" for its development? The relevance of all these global questions justifies the need for a thorough reflection not only on development in Africa, but also on the universality of economic development principles.

It is increasingly accepted in the academic world and shared by some economic actors that the process of transformation of African economies calls for a deep refoundation of the ways of thinking, an appropriation in complete independence, and without external pressure, of the concept of development. If human is the center of development, it will then be necessary to put it in the core of the analysis, their fundamental essences, that is, their environment, society, institutions, culture, and habits and customs. Any analytical approach omitting these dimensions is also ignoring the quintessence of the problem, making it zombie and thus, putting it at the service of others.

Given the purpose of research to enlighten citizens and public decision-makers about societal changes, it is now essential to question again the profession of economists, in particular, their methods and the postures they adopt to understand the socio-economic context of the continent. This is the time to lead the reflection on the foundations of the theories of development in the African context in a collective effort to position Africa, irreversibly, on the road to the success of its development. It is in this dynamic that lies the vision of the Center for Studies, Economic and Social Documentation and Research (CEDRES), through the Laboratory of Analysis and Economic Policy (LAPE) of University Ouaga II and the Center for Training, Orientation and Research for Africa Economic Governance (FORGE-Afrique). For this purpose, they organize in partnership

with the West African Economic and Monetary Union Think Tank Network (RTT-UEMOA) an international symposium on the challenges of a new Africa.

The particularity of this edition of the conference lies in the priority given to development issues in Africa. It offers the opportunity to bring together different categories of actors for an open dialogue, share of knowledge to enrich participants with their mutual experiences and contribute to a better understanding of the major contemporary socio-economic and political concerns of Africa. So, the ultimate goal is to help identify "endogenous and effective therapies" for Africa's development. The topics of interest, not limited, include the following:

RESEARCH TOPICS

Axis 1: Economic Methodology, Epistemology and Didactics

- 1) Economic relationship within traditional Africa
- 2) Anchoring Scientific and Teaching Methods in the African Context
- 3) African economists and discourses on African development: whose fault is it?
- 4) Strategies, ways of thinking and apprehending development in Africa
- 5) Dare to think future and reinvent the future of Africa
- 6) Tradition, governance and political power in Africa
- 7) Is the homo economicus not multiple?

Axis 2: Institution, governance and structural transformation

- 1) Institutional change, business climate and promotion of private initiatives
- 2) Institutional engineering and political processes
- 3) Democracy, corruption and economic reforms
- 4) Democracy and autocracy: which political regime for the development of Africa?
- 5) Institutional Dynamics of Territories and Development
- 6) Political actors, civil society, religious and customary authorities, electoral processes and alternation of political regimes
- 7) Digital revolution and the challenges of structural transformation
- 8) Transfer of technologies and structural transformations
- 9) Industrial, energy, infrastructural and structural transformation policies
- 10) Human capital, demographic dividend and competitiveness

Axis 3: Perception of integration in African societies: policy makers, institutions and peoples

- 1) Adequacy between national policies and regional policies
- 2) African diaspora and Africa's place in the world
- 3) Africa's openness and insertion in global value chains
- 4) Geopolitical strategy, new dynamics of security cooperation, diplomatic and development
- 5) Migration, mobility of people and regional integration in Africa
- 6) Tourism and integration in Africa
- 7) African Continental Free Trade Area, African Monetary Integration and the heterogeneity of the countries

Axis 4: History, culture, social change, sustainable tourism

- 1) Informal economy, social protection, gender, inequality and poverty
- 2) Culture, migration and inter-territorial dynamics
- 3) Community solidarity and local development in Africa
- 4) Conflict, insecurity, reconciliation and peace
- 5) Migration, social inclusion, peace and security
- 6) Tourism and inclusive growth
- 7) Tourism, peace and development in Africa

Axis 5: Environment, climate change and food security.

- 1) Energy and sustainable development
- 2) Green economy and industrialization
- 3) Economic costs of climate change
- 4) Organic farming and food security
- 5) Natural Resources and Sustainable Development

Axis 6: Financing development in Africa

- 1) Financial markets, financial innovation, inclusive finance and sustainable entrepreneurship
- 2) Public procurement: New development challenge for Africa and sustainability of public infrastructure
- 3) Mobilization of resources, choice of fiscal instruments and effectiveness of Political budget
- 4) Islamic finance: the emergence of new financial partners for Africa
- 5) External Resources and Endogenous Development Financing
- 6) Investment, FDI, Migrant Remittances, and structural change Transformation

The Scientific Committee will give priority to proposals on prospects for a new development economics for Africa, but also innovative contributions and those dealing with current issues. At the end of symposium, the best articles selected will be submitted to an anonymous referees for publication of a collective book.

HOW TO SEND CONTRIBUTIONS

Potential communication should be within one of the above topics and written in French or in English. The authors are invited to submit a summary of no more than 300 words to the submission template summary of articles downloadable on the site of FORGE-Afrique: www.forgeafrique.com or through the link https://www.forgeafrique.com/colloque-international-du-lape-2019_canevas-de-soumission-du-resume-des-articles, University Ouaga II: www.univ-ouaga2.bf and on the CEDRES website: www.cedres.bf: <http://www.cedres.bf/spip.php?article554>. This pattern can also be obtained by contacting the technical secretariat of the conference at: colloquelape2019@gmail.com / colloquelape@univ-ouaga2.bf / contact@forgeafrique.com

CALENDAR

1. February 15, 2019: Launch of the call for papers.
2. **July 15, 2019**: Deadline for submission of contribution projects.
3. **25 July 2019**: Scientific Committee Opinion and Notification to Authors.
4. September 25, 2019: Submissions of complete versions of the papers in electronic version (between 25,000 and 30,000 characters including spaces) and presentations (PowerPoint version for up to 15 minutes).
5. **October 23-24, 2019**: Arrival of foreign speakers.
6. **Friday 25 to Saturday, October 26, 2019**: holding of the colloquium in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso).
7. Return of guests: at the end of the conference following the flight plan.
8. **25 January 2020**: Reception of articles selected for publication in a collective work.
9. **April 25, 2020**: Publication of the collective work which lists the best communications.

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