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# Special Presentation of the AfDB African Economic Outlook Report 2015

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**Theme: Regional Development and Spatial Inclusion**

**Feat. Dr. Abebe Shimeles, & Dr. Anthony Musonda Simpasa**  
**African Development Bank**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Presentation

7:10 pm – 8:15 pm – Reception

## **Dr. Abebe Shimeles**

Division Manager

Development Research Department, African Development Bank

Abebe Shimeles, an Ethiopian national, did his graduate studies in economics at Delhi School of Economics, India (MA) and University of Goteborg, Sweden (PhD). His main areas

of research are poverty, income distribution and labor market issues in Africa. Some of his work appeared in referred journals, books and chapters in books. For the last fifteen years, he has been actively participating in research programs of the African Economic Research Consortium and other institutions such as the UNWIDER. In his early career, he was Assistant Professor of Economics at Addis Ababa University where he taught economics and other courses to undergraduate and graduate students. He worked for a consortium of NGOs who were interested in monitoring the effect of Structural Adjustment Program on the poor in the mid-90s in Ethiopia. He worked for United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the World Bank before taking up his current position at African Development Bank. Currently his research interest focuses on labor market integration in the context of improving Africa's competitiveness in the global economy and others such as growth diagnostics in West Africa, migration and remittances in Africa.

### **Dr. Anthony Musonda Simpasa**

Principal Research Economist

Anthony Simpasa is an Economist in the Development Research Department, currently officer-in-charge of the Research Networking and Partnerships Division. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Cape Town and a Master's Degree from the University of Botswana. Dr Simpasa is an AERC alumni and member of the AERC Research Network, the Global Development Network and African Finance and Economic Association. His research interests include microeconomics of banking; finance and investment; monetary and exchange rate policy issues; growth empirics and productivity dynamics; and economics of natural resource windfall revenues. Dr. Simpasa is the Task Manager of the African Economic Outlook – the Bank's premier flagship publications and coordinates many other research projects within the division. Prior to joining the AfDB, Anthony worked at the Bank of Zambia for 12 years as an Economist.

### **Professor Yaw Nyarko**

Economist, New York University, Director of Africa House

Yaw Nyarko is a professor of Economics at New York University and the Director of the Center for Technology and Economic Development. He is also Co-Director of the Development Research Institute, winner of the 2009 BBVA Frontiers in Knowledge Award on Economic Development Cooperation, and Founding Director of NYU Africa House. A theoretical economist, his current work focuses on models where the economic actors engage in active learning about their environments and human capital models of economic growth and development. He is the author of many published research papers and the recipient of numerous awards and grants, including many from the National Science

Foundation. He has been a consultant to many organizations, including the World Bank, the United Nations, and the Social Science Research Council.

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