

PEGNet

Conferences

The Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) is an international network that brings together researchers with an interest in issues revolving around the poverty-inequality-growth nexus in developing countries, and links them to the German and other countries' development policy bodies. Its main aims are to facilitate cooperation among researchers, to promote the exchange of ideas between researchers and development practitioners, and to use research results as an input for policy advice concerning pro-poor growth strategies. PEGNet was founded in 2005 as a joint initiative of: the Poverty Reduction, Equity and Development Research Area of the Kiel Institute (PRED), the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Department of Economics of the University of Göttingen, the Department of Economics of the University of Frankfurt, and the KfW Development Bank. One of PEGNet's main activities is its annual conference that has gained considerable reputation in the development community since its inception in 2007. The themes reflect topical questions and issues in development research and policy. The attached list of selected speakers at these conferences reflect the high profile of this conference series.

2007: Researchers Meet Practitioners

Berlin, Germany, 6-7 September

Speakers:

Luis Carlos Jemio (Former Minister of Finance, Bolivia)
Martin Ravallion (Director of Research, The World Bank)

2008: Assessing Development Impact – Learning from Experience

Accra, Ghana, 11-12 September

Speakers:

Kwadwo Baah-Wiredu (Minister of Finance, Ghana)
Francois Bourguignon (Former Chief Economist, The World Bank)

2009: Policies for Reducing Inequality in the Developing World

The Hague, The Netherlands, 3-4 September

Speakers:

Bert Koenders (Development Cooperation Minister, The Netherlands)
Jan Pronk (ISS, former Development Cooperation Minister)

2010: Policies to Foster and Sustain Equitable Development in Times of Crisis

Development Bank of Southern Africa, Midrand SA, 2-3 September

Speakers:

Pravin Gordhan (Minister of Finance, South Africa)
Joachim von Amsberg (Vice President, The World Bank)

2011: Poor Countries, Poor People, and the New Global Players

GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg, September 7-9

Speakers:

Justin Yifu Lin Gordhan (Economist, World Bank)
Nancy Qian (Yale University)

2012: How to make African Economic Lions: Tapping Africa's Growth and Poverty Reduction Potentials

PEP, Dakar, Senegal, 6-7 September

Speakers:

Mwangi Kimenyi (Brookings Institution)
Hosaena Ghebru Hagos (IFPRI)

2013: How to shape environmentally and socially sustainable economies in the developing world. Global, regional and local solutions

University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, 17-18 October

Speakers:

Morton Elkjaer (Ministry of Foreign Affairs Denmark)
Rema Hanna (Harvard University, U.S.)

Upcoming 2014: Employment strategies in the developing world - How to create sufficient, productive and decent jobs

Lusaka, Zambia, 18-19 September

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