

PEGNet Newsletter 46

Dear PEGNet Friends and Colleagues,

A happy new year to all of you and welcome to the first PEGNet Newsletter of 2022. Like many of you we hope, that the pandemic calms down this year to make international cooperation projects easier again. In this newsletter we would like to update you on our activities, to announce the publication of the latest policy brief and share some interesting calls, events, publications and other news of the PEG Network.

If you have any comments, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us via pegnet@ifw-kiel.de.

Enjoy the read!

Best wishes,

The PEGNet Team

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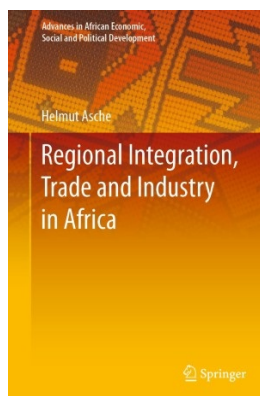
PEGNet Workshop and Training



Together with our partner organization for this year's PEGNet conference in Uganda, the [Economic Policy Research Centre \(EPRC\)](#), PEGNet is organizing a **joint workshop and training for development scholars from Uganda**. Between the **28.03.2022-01.04.2022**, latest research on the impacts of COVID-19 in Africa and the expected long-term impacts will be discussed alongside improving research skills such as impact evaluation methods to conduct analyses of these effects that can serve for policy recommendations. Furthermore, PhD candidates and junior researchers from Uganda will be matched with senior researchers from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy ([IfW](#)) and partner institutions to discuss their research and receive feedback on their papers submitted. The workshop will take place in a hybrid format in Kampala, Uganda (depending on COVID-19 regulations) and online.

Policy Brief 26 Regional Integration, Trade and Industry in Africa

With the advent of the African Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA), regional economic integration in Africa has captured international attention and raised high hopes. In the latest PEGNet Policy Brief on "**Regional Integration, Trade and Industry in Africa**", [Helmut Asche](#) (University of Mainz) summarizes the main findings of the present state of economic integration on the continent in the context of global trade and plans to foster industrialization. The policy brief is based on the recently published [book](#) by Helmut Asche.



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3D Seminar Preventing Crime and Violence with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

In the first 3D Seminar of 2022, [Chris Blattmann](#) (Chicago) and [Klubosumo Johnson Borh](#) (NEPI) will

DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE
The 3D seminar is a monthly 45-minute online forum for policy and research exchange.

Two speakers – one researcher & one practitioner – touch upon key topics in development policy with the goal of stimulating a meaningful dialogue across the theory & practice divide.

Berlin Time Zone: October (UTC+2), November-February (UTC+1)

3D 2021/22

UPCOMING DIALOGUES

October 28 3PM	Dean Karlan (Northwestern) & Jeanine Annan (IRC)	Ethics in Social Science Experimentation and Data Collections Host: CED
November 18 3PM	Angela Hauchler (DÉVAL) & Etienne Lwamba (Sia)	Women's Empowerment and Gender Mainstreaming in Development Cooperation in Fragile Contexts Host: DÉVAL
December 16 3PM	Shadia Badwe (ODW) & Johannes Jütting (OECD)	Data for Development Host: Göttingen
January 27 3PM	Chris Blattman (Chicago) & Kluboosum Johnson Borh (NEPI)	Preventing Crime and Violence with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Evidence from Liberia Host: Göttingen
February 24 3PM	Gilles Maglo (MES/DAK) & Sara Nyman (World Bank)	Perspectives of Digital Platform Ecosystems for African Businesses Host: Research Group on Development Economics

Organized by Sarah Langlotz & Lennart Kaplan in cooperation with:

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discuss “**Preventing Crime and Violence with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Evidence from Liberia**”. It will take place on **27.01.2022** from **3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. The [Digital Development Dialogue](#) (3D) brings together researchers and policy makers to discuss different policies to foster development. The lectures are organized by Göttingen's Chair of Development Economics (Prof. Dr. Andreas Fuchs/ Dr. Sarah Langlotz/ Dr. Lennart Kaplan) together with several German partner organizations from development practice and research and you can subscribe via this [link](#).

Register now

News from the Network

Online survey on ethics in field research

In December, an international research team launched a large-scale **online survey on ethics in field research**, which is available in six languages (Bengali, English, French, Hindi, Portuguese, Spanish, Swahili), to learn more about the perspective of research staff working in the Global South. If you have also been involved in any research activity in a low- or middle-income country and would like to share your experiences, we would highly appreciate to learn about your perspective. You can access the online survey via the following link: <https://survey.academiccloud.de/index.php/881989?lang=en&prefill1=linkedin>

This survey is conducted by researchers at the German Development Institute, the Georg-August University Göttingen, the TUM School of Governance, Universidad del Rosario and Innovations for Poverty Action in Colombia. You may also find further information on the larger research project [here](#).

Learn more

European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)

Virtual dialogue on “Citizens Committees and Local Elites in Burundi”

If you're interested in community engagement, don't miss this EADI virtual dialogue with Jean-Benoît Falisse from the University of Edinburgh. On 19 January, 11. CET, he will discuss his findings on the example of “Citizens Committees and Local Elites in Burundi”. Mainstream development policies often promote citizens committees to oversee basic social services. Such committees require influence over, and legitimacy among, service providers and citizens to perform their roles, which local elites can help or hinder. Using a mixed-methods approach, this event analyses the situation in 251 health facility committees in Burundi, part of which benefited from interventions designed to bolster their relationship with local leaders.



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Podcast on wages, human rights and Uberisation

Felix Gnehm, director of the NGO Solidar Suisse, discusses decent work and social justice in the latest episode of the ETH NADEL podcast "1.90 pro Tag". The NADEL graduate 2004 elaborates on whether trade unions can do anything at all in the fight for living wages and outlines how the Uberisation of the economy is changing the global labour market. Listen in to "Löhne, Menschenrechte und Uberisierung" (in German).

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Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Panel discussion on "Poverty reduction through the democratization of information access"



Knowledge is power and the democratization of access to information accelerates the stride for poverty reduction. The #SmartDevelopmentFund projects "Digital Agriculture Africa", "Yoma", "Audiopedia", and "Rural Women Entrepreneurs" establish a fairer digital environment whereby knowledge is not only limited to those who can afford it. These projects facilitate the democratization of access to information by promoting technologies that account for people in the spectrum of able-bodies and cognitive capabilities. Even more, they bring educational content right to the palms of the people that need it most. On **January 24th, 2022** the #SmartDevelopmentDay will foster panel discussions on the success stories and lessons learnt on the democratization of information access, and more.

Join the discussion!

Women's Economic Empowerment in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries



Women's economic empowerment is not only a moral imperative, it also leads to sustainable and inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction. Studies have shown that acting now to advance gender equality can add \$13 trillion to global Gross

New film: Mariatu is training to be a welder



The GIZ Sector Project Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) has produced a new film, which features Mariatu, a Ghanaian woman trainee as a welder. She is breaking with existing stereotypes in a male-dominated sector and thereby serving as an inspiring role model

Domestic Product by 2030. Women's economic empowerment is therefore an integral part of improving the business and investment climate. The Investment Climate Reform (ICR) Facility published a series on Women's Economic Empowerment in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. It supports public and private stakeholders in ACP countries to improve their investment climate via public-private dialogue, as well as via bridging gender gaps in the business environment. [Find here](#) the ICR Facility's reports and online event recordings on women's economic empowerment in English and French.

for girls interested in this industry. Mariatu's boss, Chris Denyo, is President of the Ghana Institution of Welding and has completed training courses at the Accra Technical Training Centre as part of the [Ghana Skills Development Initiative](#).

Watch now!



Solar water disinfection for Uganda's eastern region

Over 30 percent of Uganda's population has no access to clean drinking water. The Strategic Partnership Technology in Africa (SPTA) together with [HELIOZ GmbH](#) and the local non-governmental organization [Get Water Uganda](#) provides access to clean drinking water for more than 5,000 households in Busia District in Eastern Uganda and this through the climate-friendly technology of solar water disinfection. HELIOZ's easy-to-use UV indicator device, WADI, is placed in the sun next to bottles filled with water and indicates via a smiley symbol when the water has reached drinking water quality due to solar radiation. This technology can prevent diseases transmitted by contaminated water and even reduce CO2 emissions by eliminating the need to boil the water. Project content includes scaling up by installing drinking water treatment systems at schools as well as targeted training measures and the establishment of women's groups to strengthen the position of women as knowledge carriers.

Green Innovation made in Africa

[leverist.de](#) is a free online platform linking the private sector with SDG-relevant business opportunities in the field of development cooperation. The platform is running a pilot to support southern African companies in the market expansion of their green innovations and products into Europe. The pilot gives businesses from southern Africa the chance to meet European business partners and to contribute to sustainable development – in Africa and in Europe! The project is jointly run by the GIZ team behind [leverist.de](#), [the Business Scouts for Development](#) and the [Southern African-German Chamber of Commerce](#). All related business opportunities can be found [here](#) and are ready to be matched. Do Business. Do Good.

Learn more

Global Service Outsourcing, Gig Work and Digital Entrepreneurship - How will Digitalization shape the Future of Work?

On behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), GIZ's global project **future of work** is currently assessing scenarios for India and Rwanda. In late 2021, experts from the government, private sector and civil society met in a first round of workshops in Kigali and New Delhi to discuss potentials and challenges to three key trends - labour platforms, entrepreneurship, and business process outsourcing (BPO). The Kigali workshop included a peer-exchange with the BPO cluster in South Africa on their success story and obstacles that had and must be overcome. Two final workshops will be held in early 2022 to derive policy recommendations from the scenarios together with local stakeholders. Studies, scenarios, and policy recommendations are expected to be publicly available by March 2022.

Consequences of the Just Transition to Green Economy

The GIZ Sector Project *Employment Promotion in Development Cooperation* has commissioned and published a new study, named ["Just Transition to a Green Economy: Employment, Economic, and Social Consequences of the Transition to an Ecologically Sustainable Economy in Developing Countries"](#). It was elaborated by the International Institute for Sustainable Development. With eleven country cases, it covers five transition situations: coal phase-out, fossil fuel subsidy reform, development of renewable energy, circular economy and waste management, agriculture and land use. What can be done to design and implement such processes according to the ILO Guidelines for a Just Transition (2015) and taking into consideration their employment, economic and social impacts? For each of the situations the challenges in the following six policy fields are examined: sector policies; employment and labour market policies; process management and sensitization; social



policies and impacts on workers, communities, and consumers; impacts on investors and companies; funding and resources for a just transition. On this basis, options for action for governments and other stakeholders in developing countries as well as suggestions for German Development Cooperation are presented.



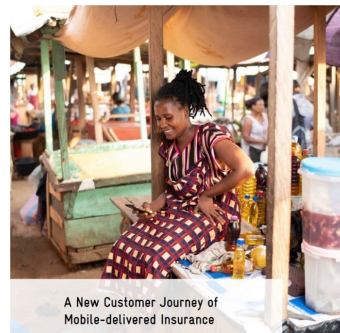
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New Roadmap for Integrated Climate Risk Management in Ghana

Disasters – mainly induced by climate change – and their associated damages severely impact people around the world, making it imperative to find strategies to manage disasters more holistically. [Integrated Disaster Risk Management](#) enables stakeholders to reduce and transfer disaster risk and potential impact in an integrated manner. This roadmap maps out critical processes and provides strategic guidance for effectively integrating risk transfer solutions, i.e. insurance, in such an IDRM approach. The roadmap was developed from work implemented by the PPP between GIZ and Allianz Re on “Developing Risk Management Approaches for Climate Risks” that aimed at preparing the ground for implementing risk transfer solutions within an integrated flood risk management approach for three municipalities in Ghana.

Report: A New Customer Journey of Mobile-delivered Insurance

In Ghana, almost 25 percent of the population live below the national poverty line. Unexpected health expenditures can further trap them in a poverty cycle. At the same time, access to medical care is burdensome, often preventing people from seeing a doctor. The Strategic Partnership between GIZ, Allianz & BIMA addressed these challenges by using mobile channels to increase access to affordable insurance and health services for underserved customers in Ghana. The applied innovative approach combines face-to-face and digital touchpoints throughout the customer journey to enhance customer engagement and trust as well as reduce churn. The report examines the challenges and insights of this financial inclusion model and how it can significantly improve people’s lives.



A New Customer Journey of Mobile-delivered Insurance

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