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*The Center for Technology and Economic Development (CTED) at NYU Abu Dhabi,
in collaboration with the UAE Ministry of Foreign Trade and under the patronage of
Her Excellency Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi presents*

Enhancing Economic Development through Technology: Focus on Africa and Other Developing Regions

February 12-13, 2012 - Intercontinental Hotel

(Panels to take place in Meeting Quarter 1)

FEBRUARY 12th, 2012

9:00 AM **REGISTRATION**
Coffee & Registration

9:30 AM **WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Her Excellency Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, UAE Minister for Foreign Trade

His Excellency Jerry Rawlings, Former President of the Republic of Ghana and
African Union High Representative for Somalia

Dr. Al Bloom, Vice Chancellor, NYU Abu Dhabi

Dr. Fabio Piano, Provost, NYU Abu Dhabi

Dr. B.R. Shetty, CEO and Managing Director, New Medical Centre Group

Dr. Yaw Nyarko, Professor of Economics, NYU; Director, Center for Technology and
Economic Development (CTED)

11:00 AM **BREAK & REFRESHMENTS**

11:30 AM **PANEL: MOBILE MONEY**
In Partnership with our Research Collaborators and Data Partners, UAE Exchange

Chair: Dr. Mwangi Kimenyi, Director of Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institute

Policy Makers:

Prof. Benno Ndulu, Governor, Central Bank of Tanzania

Dr. Njuguna N'dungu, Governor, Central Bank of Kenya

Dr. Louis Kasekende, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Uganda

***Governor's Office**, Central Bank of the UAE

Private Sector:

Herman Chinery-Hesse, Chairman and Co-Founder, SOFTtribe Limited

Sudhir Shetty, COO of Global Operations, UAE Exchange

1:30 PM **LUNCH**
Hosted by our Research Collaborators and Data Partners, UAE Exchange
Binyas Majlis

3:30 PM **COMMODITY MARKETS**

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Asiedu, Research Director, African Economic Research Consortium

Keynote Address:

Dr. Eleni Gabre-Madhin, CEO and Founder, Ethiopia Commodities Exchange

4:30 PM **BREAK & REFRESHMENTS**

4:45 PM **CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS FROM MOBILE MONEY PANEL**

Academia and Research:

Chair: Dr. Shing-Yi Wang, Assistant Professor of Economics, NYU

Dr. Lakshmi Subramanian, Professor of Computer Science, NYU; Co-Principal Investigator, Center for Technology and Economic Development (CTED)

Dr. Peter Ondiege, Chief Research Economist for Networking and Research Partnerships Division of Development Research Department, African Development Bank

Michael Paik, Researcher, NYU/Center for Technology and Economic Development (CTED)

**To be confirmed.*

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE BY HIS EXCELLENCY JERRY RAWLINGS
Somalia, the Horn of Africa and Food Security

6:00 PM **REGISTRATION**
Auditorium Lobby

6:30 PM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Auditorium

His Excellency Jerry Rawlings, Former President of the Republic of Ghana and African Union High Representative for Somalia

His Excellency Hamid Chebira, Ambassador of Algeria, Dean of African Ambassadors to the UAE

Dr. Mary Chinery-Hesse, West African Representative, African Union Panel of the Wise

His Excellency Alhaji Abdulai Yakubu, Consul-General of Ghana to the UAE

7:30 PM **RECEPTION**
Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served.

FEBRUARY 13th, 2012

9:00 AM **PANEL: EDUCATION AND ACCESSABILITY**

Chair: Dr. Ibrahim Elbadawi, Director of Macroeconomics & Forecasting Department, Dubai Economic Council

Indrani Medhi, Associate Researcher in the Technology for Emerging Markets Group, Microsoft Research India

Andrea Emiliani, Regional Manager, Learning Solutions, IBM Middle East

Dr. Joyojeet Pal, Assistant Professor, School of Information, University of Michigan

Dr. Rakesh Agrawal, Microsoft Technical Fellow, Search Labs, Microsoft Research Silicon Valley

10:30 AM **BREAK & REFRESHMENTS**

11:00 AM **PANEL: ENERGY**
Organized in partnership with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Chair: Dr. Yaw Nyarko, Professor of Economics, NYU; Director, Center for Technology and Economic Development (CTED)

Keynote Addresses:

Kweku Awotwi, CEO, Volta River Authority (Ghana)

Michio Hashimoto, Head of Innovation and Technology Unit, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Roundtable Discussion:

Dr. Scott Kennedy, Associate Dean for Engineering Research and Associate Professor of Engineering Systems and Management, Masdar Institute for Science and Technology

Dr. Ayman Shabra, Assistant Professor of Microsystems Engineering, Masdar Institute of Science and Technology

Dr. John Ohiorhenuan, Independent Researcher

1:00 PM **LUNCH**
Binyas Majlis

2:00 PM **PANEL: FOOD SECURITY**

Chair: Dr. Kupukile Mlambo, Advisor to the Chief Economist, African Development Bank

Panel Discussion:

Dr. Jenny Aker, Assistant Professor of Economics, Tufts University

Dr. Ed Kutsoati, Associate Professor and Director of the Undergraduate Program in Economics, Tufts University

Dr. Doug Gollin, Professor of Economics, Williams College

Isaac Boateng, Project Lead, Monitoring and Evaluation Team, Esoko (Ghana)

Nicole Hildebrandt, Researcher, NYU/Center for Technology and Economic Development (CTED)

Sunandan Chakraborty, Researcher, NYU/Center for Technology and Economic Development (CTED)

4:00 PM **BREAK & REFRESHMENTS**

4:30 PM **PANEL: TECHNOLOGIES FOR HEALTHCARE**

Chair: Dr. Mike Perrott, Professor of Microsystems Engineering, Masdar Institute of Science and Technology

Dr. Umar Saif, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Lahore University of Managements Sciences

Dr. Bill Thies, Researcher in the Technologies for Emerging Markets Group, Microsoft Research India

Santanu Biswas, Director of e-Health, du

6:00 PM **CLOSING REMARKS**

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