

# Access, Accountability and Equality

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## Conference Participants

### **Charles Godfred Ackah (Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research)**



Dr. Charles Godfred Ackah holds a Ph.D in Economics (University of Nottingham, UK), MSc in Public Policy (University of Hull, UK), B.A. in Economics (University of Ghana, Legon). Dr. Ackah is a development economist with primary research interests in applied trade policy, labour market and poverty analysis, gender and intra-household bargaining, microfinance and consumer demand analysis. Dr. Ackah is a Research Fellow with the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Legon. He worked previously with the World Bank in Washington D.C as Analyst with the Development Economics Prospects Group.

### **Regina Adutwum (Ghana National Development Planning Commission)**

### **William Ahadzie (National Identification Authority)**

### **Rod Alence (University of Witwatersrand)**



Rod Alence is an Associate Professor and currently the Head of the Department of International Relations at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Among previous positions, he was a Visiting Associate Professor at the University of Michigan (2008-2009) and a Fulbright Researcher at the Legon Centre for International Affairs, University of Ghana (1992). His research focuses on the political economy of development in sub-Saharan Africa, in particular on how interactions between the global markets and national institutions influence the politics of economic policy-making. It has included cross-national statistical analysis and detailed country studies of Ghana and South Africa. He has taught research methods several times at the Afrobarometer Summer School, and his work has been published in journals such as the Journal of Modern African Studies, the Journal of African History, and the Journal of Democracy.

### **George Alter (University of Michigan)**



George Alter's research grows out of interests in the history of the family, demography, and economic history. He is particularly interested in methods for reconstructing and analyzing life histories from longitudinal data. Dr. Alter has recently participated in two cross-national comparative projects. The "Eurasia Project" examines demographic responses to economic stress in five societies in Europe and East Asia. The "Early Life Conditions" project asks whether experiences in childhood have long-run effects on health in old age.

### **Christiana Amuzu (University of Ghana)**

### **Sylvester Anemana (Ghana Ministry of Health)**



Dr. Sylvester Anemana is currently the Chief Director of the Ministry of Health. Dr. Anemana completed the University of Ghana Medical School in May 1982 where he obtained his MB ChB and immediately joined the Ministry of Health in Ghana. After completing his housemanship training at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, he was posted to the Tamale Regional Hospital in the Northern Region of Ghana in August 1983. Dr. Anemana pursued a diploma course in epidemiology in 1989 and an MPH course in 1992/93. In August 1993, Dr. Anemana was appointed the Senior Medical Officer responsible for Public Health for the Northern Region of Ghana as well as being the National Coordinator for the Ghana Guinea Worm Eradication Project. He served in this capacity until October, 1995 when he was appointed the Regional Director of Health Services for the Northern Region. Dr. Anemana worked as Director for the Northern Region until November 2002 when the Ghana Health Service was fully established and he was appointed Director of Health Services for the Western Region. In July 2008, he was appointed Director for the Human Resource Division of the Ghana Health Service.

#### **Ebenezer Appiah-Denkyira (Ghana Ministry of Health)**



Ebenezer Appiah-Denkyira, MD, MPH is currently the Director of Human Resources for Health Development of the Ministry of Health Ghana. He has served as a Director of the Ghana Health Service for the past 15 years in three regions. He has also been involved at the national level in the development and implementation of Human Resources policy, Transport policy, Health insurance, Strategic Planning, National Ambulance and Poverty Reduction plans. Dr. Appiah-Denkyira was as a Project Manager for 'Strengthening Primary Health Care Project in the Upper West Region of Ghana' sponsored by DANIDA from 1992 to 1998. In 2007 Dr. Appiah-Denkyira worked as a team leader in an international consulting engagement sponsored by PATHS / DFID for the Jigawa State in Nigeria in repositioning the state Ministry of Health. Dr. Appiah-Denkyira has also been a field supervisor for post-graduate students at the School of Public Health, University of Ghana for well over 10 years. Dr. Appiah-Denkyira is a medical officer with a Public Health Degree from Leeds University and an Executive Masters of Leadership and Governance from The Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration.

#### **Daniel Armah-Attoh (CDD-Ghana)**



Daniel Armah-Attoh is an Economist by training. He holds a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) degree in Economics from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana and Bachelor of Arts (BA Hons.) degree in Economics from the University of Ghana, Legon. He also holds International Diplomas in Advertising and Public Relations as well as Sales Management and Marketing from the Cambridge International College (CIC), UK. Since joining CDD-Ghana in 2004, Daniel has played crucial roles in conducting some of the Center's key research projects including the NEPAD African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) assessment on Democracy and Good Political Governance; the World Bank Sponsored project on the Conditions of Social Accountability in Ghana; expert survey on Empowering the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) as a Key Anti-Corruption Agency; the second and third African Governance Research (AGR II & III) for the UNECA; Post-National Reconciliation Commission (NRC) Victims Survey; and the German Development Institute (DIE) study on "African Peer Review Mechanism," among others. Daniel is also the Afrobarometer Project Manager for CDD-Ghana.

#### **Ernest Aryeetey (University of Ghana)**



Professor Ernest Aryeetey is the Vice Chancellor of University of Ghana and a Professor of Economics. Prior to his appointment as Vice Chancellor he was a Senior Fellow and Director of the Africa Growth Initiative at the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. He was also Director of the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) of the University of Ghana, Legon for the period February 2003 – January 2010. Ernest Aryeetey's research work focuses on the economics of development with interest in institutions and their role in development, regional integration, economic reforms, financial systems in support of development and small enterprise development. Ernest Aryeetey has published with leading development journals and publishers. Among his publications are Financial Integration and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa (Routledge 1998) and Economic Reforms in Ghana: the Miracle and the Mirage (James Currey 2000). African Smallholders: Food Crops, Markets and Technology, (CABI Books 2010).

#### **Kelly Askew (University of Michigan)**



Kelly Askew is Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology and the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies (DAAS), and the Director of the African Studies Center, International Institute. She received her B.A. in Music and Anthropology from Yale University (1988) and her Ph.D. in Anthropology from Harvard University (1997). Since 1987, she has pursued extensive fieldwork in East Africa along the Swahili Coast of Tanzania and Kenya on topics relating to music and politics, media, performance, nationalism, socialism, and postsocialism. In addition to academic work, she is actively involved in film and television production, having worked in various capacities on two feature films and a number of documentary films.

#### **Kofi Awusabo-Asare (University of Cape Coast)**



Kofi Awusabo-Asare has lectured at the University of Cape Coast since April 1980, and is currently a Professor in Population and Geography of Health. He served as Head of Department, Geography and Tourism, from 1998-2004 and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences from November 2000 to July 2006. His research interests are in adolescent reproductive health, social dimensions of HIV/AIDS infection, poverty studies, and issues of population, environment and health. He spent the 1994-95 Brown University as a Fulbright Scholar and 2006/2007 at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore as the Richard Bernstein Scholar. He has been a visiting scholar or examiner to a number of universities, among them Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Australian National University, University of Ghana, Legon and the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. He is a member of the International AIDS Society (IAS), the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), the Ghana Geographical Association, the Union of African Population Studies (UAPS), and the Population Association of America (PAA).

**Seth Ayettey (University of Ghana)**



Seth Ayettey is a Professor at the University of Ghana. His PhD was acquired at the University of Cambridge in England in 1978, and degrees in Anatomy (1971) and Medicine (1974) at the University of Ghana. He was founding member of the Anatomical Society of West Africa and was its third President, contributing to the development of the West Africa Journal of Anatomy. He was founding Provost of the College of Health Sciences of the University of Ghana. He is a past President of AORTIC (African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer). He was a Board member of World Vision International. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana. Seth had participated in national and international meetings on human resource for health in Ghana and Africa.

**Ayaga A. Bawah (Ghana Essential Health)**



Dr. Ayaga A. Bawah is a Principal Research Associate at INDEPTH where he leads the coordination of the network's scientific activities, in addition to deputizing the Executive Director. His research interests are in the area of population and health in Africa, particularly infant and child mortality, health equity, reproductive health and methodological issues. Prior to joining INDEPTH, Dr. Bawah was a Bernard Berelson Fellow in the Policy Research Division of the Population Council in New York. He previously headed the Navrongo Demographic Surveillance unit at the Navrongo Health Research Centre in northern Ghana. He also worked as Demographer (1996-1998) in-charge of the Navrongo Community Health and Family Project, now scaled up by the Government of Ghana as Community Health Planning and Services (CHPS) for deploying health services to rural communities throughout Ghana. Dr. Bawah holds MA in Population Studies from the United Nations Regional Institute (RIPS) at the University of Ghana and PhD in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Daasebre Dr Oti Boateng (Ghana Statistical Service)**

Daasebre Dr Oti Boateng, Omanhene of New Juaben in the Eastern Region is also a member of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) of the United Nations (Commissioner of the UN as from January 1, 2003 for a four-year term). He holds a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Economics from the University of Ghana, Master of Science (MSc) degree in Statistics from the London School of Economics and Political Science and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Statistics from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom. He had a distinguished service as Government Statistician and head of the Statistical Service for a record period of 17 and half years from 1982. Daasebre Oti Boateng also worked for 14 years with the University of Ghana where he was promoted to the position of Senior Research Fellow and Director of Studies at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER). He was elected chairman of the United Nations Statistical Commission in 1987 and also elected chairman of the 15th International Conference of Labour Statisticians in Geneva in 1993.

**Ellen Bortei-Doku Aryeetey (Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research)**



Ellen Bortei-Doku Aryeetey is a sociologist and the Acting Head of the Centre for Social Policy Studies (CSPS) at the University of Ghana (UG). She is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), UG. She has a Ph.D (1984) in Sociology from Michigan State University, USA. Her research focus is on social policy, community development, gender relations and rural institutions. She teaches in the ISSER M.A. Development Studies program.

**Nicola Branson (University of Cape Town)**



Nicola Branson is a researcher at the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU). She holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Cape Town. Nicola is involved in quantitative research using household survey data and in managing the Cape Area Panel Study (CAPS), a collaborative project of the University of Michigan, UCT and Princeton University. Her research interests are teenage childbearing, education and the quality of household survey data in South Africa. She has published work on trends in employment status and progress through school.

**Margaret Chebere (Ghana Health Service)**

**Halley Crissman (University of Michigan)**



Halley Crissman completed an undergraduate degree in Immunology at McGill University and is a 2011 graduate of the Masters of Public Health, Epidemiology Program at the University of Michigan. This fall she will continue her education at the University of Michigan as an incoming medical student. Her interest in women's reproductive health lead her to Ghana in 2010 where she conducted a qualitative study on pregnancy in Akwatia, under the mentorship of Cheryl Moyer and Dr. Richard Adanu. She subsequently completed her masters thesis using Ghana Demographic Health Survey data to explore the relationship between contraceptive use and women's sexual empowerment.

**Phyllis Dako-Gyeke (University of Ghana)**



Phyllis Dako-Gyeke (PhD) is a Lecturer at the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, School of Public Health, College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana. Dr. Dako-Gyeke teaches women's health in sub-Saharan Africa, health communication, and health promotion. Her research interests include HIV and AIDS, gender and health as well as health communication within developing world contexts. Phyllis is currently a Post-Doctoral fellow at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health, Department of Health Behavior Health Education. She has worked extensively on the interpretation of HIV campaign messages and its implication for HIV and AIDS interventions within developing world contexts.

**Thula Sizwe Dlamini (Rhodes University)**

**George Domfe (Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research)**



George Domfe, BA, MPhil (Economics) is currently pursuing a collaborative PhD in Development Studies between University of Ghana and Centre for Development Research at the University of Bonn in Germany. Prior to his enrolment, he had been working since April 2008 with the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana as a Principal Research Assistant. He holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Philosophy in Economics from University of Ghana. His main research interests are: causes of poverty in the developing economies, macroeconomic management of natural resources and the contribution of the emerging capital markets in Africa to economic growth and development. He has written few number of feature articles on the Ghanaian economy to the media. He has two publications (all joint) to his credit. He is currently investigating the implications of labour productivity and underemployment to working poverty in the informal sector of the Ghanaian economy for his PhD.

**Mawuli Dzodzomenyo (University of Ghana)**



Dr. Mawuli Dzodzomenyo holds a B.Sc (Hons) in Zoology and M.Phil in Applied Parasitology from the University of Ghana in 1992 and 1996 respectively, a PhD in Molecular Parasitology from the Tokyo Women's Medical University in Japan in 2005. Dr. Dzodzomenyo's academic and research life started at the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research when he was a Senior Research Assistant working on the Epidemiology and Control of Lymphatic Filariasis. He also had a stint of work as a Research Officer at the Health Research Unit of the Ghana Health Service working on a multi-country programme; The Ghana Partnership for Child Development, a programme aimed at providing a series of interventions including deworming and micronutrient supplementation for school-aged children in Ghana. He joined the School of Public Health in 1999 as Principal Research Assistant and coordinated the school-wide research on Child Health and Development. He was appointed a lecturer in 2005 and served as the Head of Department of Biological, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences from 2006 to 2010. His research interests are in epidemiology of infectious diseases, gene-environment interactions, climate change and human resources for health.

**Robert Garlick (University of Michigan)**



Robert Garlick is a doctoral student in the economics and public policy program at the University of Michigan. His research interests are in development economics, labor economics and microeconometrics, with a particular focus on southern Africa. He holds a bachelors degree in economics, mathematics and philosophy from the University of Cape Town and masters degrees in economics and statistics from the University of Michigan. He previously worked as the founder and director of Ubunye, an education non-profit that provides academic support services for students in underprivileged high schools around Cape Town.

**Vusi Gumede (University of Johannesburg)**



Prof Vusi Gumede has post-graduate qualifications in economics and public policy, including a PhD in economics. He worked for the South African government for about 10 years, as an advisor, economist, policy analyst, etc. Prior to that, he was in the academic/research environment. He has remained in the academic/research environment, including having been a visiting scholar/fellow for various universities abroad and other international/overseas institutions, lecturing at the Graduate School of Public and Development Management at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, publishing in international and South African journals, contributing chapters in books, authoring working papers and policy briefs, and so on – some of his recent writings can be accessed at [www.vusigumedethinkers.com](http://www.vusigumedethinkers.com). Prof Gumede serves in a number of governance and advisory structures, including as a Trustee for Southern Africa Trust. Prof Vusi Gumede is presently an Associate Professor in Development Studies at the University of Johannesburg in South Africa.

**Margaret Gyapong (University of Ghana)**



Dr. Margaret Gyapong is a Medical Anthropologist by training and a Principal public health researcher with a focus on health systems, implementation research, tropical diseases and gender. She is the director of the Dodowa Health Research Centre and started the Demographic and Health Surveillance System that has been in operation for the last five years. She has several publications and is a reviewer for several international journals. Dr Gyapong also serves on a number of national and international committees and task forces and has a part time faculty appointment with the University of Ghana, and adjunct professorial appointments with the Brunel University in the UK and Georgetown University in the USA.

**Kwesi Jonah (Political Science Department, University of Ghana)**

**Caroline Wanjiku Kihato (University of Witwatersrand)**



Caroline Wanjiku Kihato is a Senior Research Fellow at the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand. She is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM), Georgetown University, Washington DC. Her career has involved both teaching and conducting research in the academy and the non-profit sector in South Africa. Since 2006, she has worked with Urban LandMark as its southern African program coordinator. She was previously a Policy Analyst at the Development Bank of Southern Africa and a Senior Lecturer in the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand. She worked for six years as a Senior Policy Analyst at the Centre for Policy Studies. Her research and teaching interests are urbanization in the global South, urban land markets, gender, migration and governance. She holds a MSc in Development Planning (University of the Witwatersrand) and a PhD in Sociology (University of South Africa).

**David Lam (University of Michigan)**



Dr. David Lam specializes in the application of microeconomic theory to demographic behavior and the interaction of population dynamics and economic variables. A major focus of his research is economic and demographic determinants of inequality, especially in Brazil and South Africa. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Cape Town, where he co-directs the Cape Area Panel Study, a longitudinal study of young people in South Africa. He has been director of the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan and is currently president of the Population Association of America. Current projects analyze transitions to adulthood in school, work, and sexual behavior in South Africa; the dynamics of family size and cohort size during the demographic transition; and labor markets and earnings inequality in South Africa, and Brazil.

**Loren B. Landau (University of Witwatersrand)**



Loren B. Landau is the Director of the African Center for Migration and Society (ACMS) (formerly Forced Migration Studies Programme, FMSP) at Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa. With a background in political science and development studies, his work focuses on human mobility, development, and sovereignty. Completed projects focused on Immigration, Transit and Urban Transformation: A Comparative Study of Post-Apartheid Migration and Urbanisation in Lubumbashi, Maputo, and Johannesburg (2006-2009) being part of an research programme on "International Migration, Territorial Recomposition and Development in Africa" funded by the French Department of Foreign Affairs and coordinated by the French Institute of Research for Development. In late 2010, the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom approved funding for a research consortium entitled: 'Migrating out of Poverty'. Coordinated by the University of Sussex, the consortium has five core partners including the ACMS.

**Murray Leibbrandt (University of Cape Town)**



Murray Leibbrandt is a Professor in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town and the Director of the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit. He holds the DSD/NRF National Research Chair of Poverty and Inequality Research. His research analyses South African poverty, inequality and labour market dynamics using survey data and, in particular, panel data. He is currently one of the PIs on the National Income Dynamics Study. He is a past president of the African Econometric Society and immediate past president of the Economics Society of South Africa.

#### **Zoë McLaren (University of Michigan)**



Zoë McLaren is an Assistant Professor of Health Management and Policy and the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Her research examines questions related to health and economic policy in developing countries. Her work focuses on how health status influences economic outcomes in sub-Saharan Africa and how public provision of health services impacts the lives of households coping with disease. Current projects include studies of the impact of HIV/AIDS on unemployment, the political economy of AIDS treatment and factors influencing the spread of tuberculosis in South Africa. She holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Economics from the University of Michigan.

#### **Joseph Mettle-Nunoo (Ghana Ministry of Health)**

#### **Sakhumzi Mfecane (University of the Western Cape)**



Sakhumzi Mfecane is a lecturer in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at University of the Western Cape, South Africa. He graduated from UWC in 1997 and obtained his PhD from Wits University in 2010. Sakhumzi worked as a Chief Researcher for Human Sciences Research Council from 2002 to 2005. His research focussed on 'Social aspects of HIV and AIDS'. Sakhumzi has had a strong interest on men and their responses to health messages, in particular HIV messages. His PhD research dealt specifically with men living with HIV. He looked at how constructions of masculinity have shaped the ways HIV positive people responded to their illness and diagnosis with HIV, as well as their treatment choices. In addition to doing academic research, Sakhumzi has done research as a consultant for various NGOs like Soul City, Curious Pictures (dealing with TV Dramas), and Centre for Study of AIDS Evaluation and Research (CADRE). His published work is on HIV, PMTCT (Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV), masculinity and experiences of living with HIV, and HIV stigma.

#### **Cecil Mlatsheni (University of Cape Town)**



Cecil Mlatsheni is a lecturer in the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town. He is also a research associate of the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU). His research interests lie in the area of youth unemployment.

#### **Cheryl A. Moyer (University of Michigan)**



Cheryl A. Moyer, MPH is a Research Investigator in the Department of Medical Education at the University of Michigan and Managing Director for Global REACH, the University of Michigan Medical School's international program. Ms. Moyer is a faculty mentor for the NIH-funded Minority and Health Disparities International Research Training Program (MHIRT) and the NIH-funded Summer Biomedical Research Program (SBRP) for medical students. Ms. Moyer is co-investigator and Project Director of the Ghana-Michigan PARTNER grant, a Fogarty-funded training grant for Ghanaian post-doctoral fellows in interdisciplinary global health research. She served as one of the leads on the research component of the Gates Foundation-funded Ghana-Michigan CHARTER grant to address human resource issues in Ghana from 2008-2010. Ms. Moyer's research interests include maternal and child health in developing countries, with a focus on China and Ghana. Current and recent research projects include a qualitative assessment of the barriers to facility-based deliveries in rural Ghana; a mixed methods study of stillbirth and early neonatal death in northern Ghana; psychosocial correlates of HIV test acceptance among pregnant women in Ghana; and the relationship between optimism/pessimism and delivery outcomes in China.

#### **Zukiswa Mqolomba (University of Johannesburg)**



Zukiswa Mqolomba is a scholar activist, researcher, and policy analyst groomed and bred in South Africa. She is currently doing a Masters (MA in Poverty and Development) at the University of Sussex. She recently completed studies towards a Masters in Social Sciences (Research), University of Cape Town in 2010. Her research area of interest lies with evolving analysis on China's energy strategy in Africa. Previous work includes work as an Assistant Director (Research, Policy and Planning) with the Department of Labour (HQ), South Africa. She's also been involved in research work and consultative programmes of the United Nations (i.e. UNESCO), NATO, African Union Commission, NEPAD, Pan African Youth Union, Southern African Youth Movement, as well as the National Young Women's Network (SA). Ms. Mqolomba has demonstrated a proven affinity for scholastic leadership, particularly in terms of contributing towards new narratives and discourses on poverty and development questions facing Africa.

#### **Johannes Norling (University of Michigan)**

#### **Dorcas Opai-Tetteh (Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research)**



Dorcas Opai-Tetteh holds a B.ED (Hons) Dip. in Economics from the University of Cape Coast, and a MA in Development Studies from the University of Ghana. She is currently the Project's Manager at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana.

#### **Robert Darko Osei (Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research)**



Robert Darko Osei is a Research Fellow in the Economics division of the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), of the University of Ghana, Accra. Before joining ISSER, he lectured at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) also in Accra. Robert, in the past worked full time as a research associate with the Centre for Research in Economic Development and International Trade (CREDIT) of the school of economics at the University of Nottingham, UK. His research interest covers a range of economic policy concerns, mainly capital flows (both private and official), fiscal policy issues, poverty, trade and development, natural resource economics and social security in Ghana. Robert did his first degree in Economics at the University of Ghana. He then went to Warwick University, UK, to do his M.Sc. in Quantitative Development Economics. Robert's PhD Thesis which is titled "Aid, Trade, and Growth in Ghana", was obtained from the University of Nottingham.

#### **A.K. Osei-Fosu (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology)**



A.K. Osei-Fosu is a lecturer in the Department of Economics, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana. He received BA (Social Sciences) with specialization in Economics and Geography and MA Economics from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi in 1989 and 2001 respectively. He also holds Postgraduate Diploma in International Studies from the John Hopkins University, the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Bologna Centre, Italy, and Postgraduate Diploma in Education, with specialization in Economics from the University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast. He is current a Ph. D candidate working on the impact assessment of the use of the HIPC initiative for poverty Reduction in Ghana. His areas of specialization are in Quantitative Economics, Monetary Economics, Public Sector Economics, Poverty Studies and Development Economics.

#### **Kenneth Owusu (Ghana National Development Planning Commission, NDPC)**

#### **Ann Pitcher (University of Michigan)**



Professor Anne Pitcher's current research focuses on the interaction of political and economic reform in Sub-Saharan Africa. She analyzes how differences in party politics and the quality of democracy affected the process and outcome of privatization in transitional countries such as Zambia, Mozambique, South Africa, and Angola. The work relies on cross-national quantitative and qualitative data and draws on theories of institutions and collective action to explain reform trajectories across Africa. Prior to becoming a faculty member at the University of Michigan, she was a member of the Political Science Department at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. She has also been a visiting lecturer at the Institut universitaire de hautes études internationales et du développement in Geneva, Switzerland and a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. In 2008, she was a consultant for the Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank, examining the effectiveness of the Bank's poverty and social impact analysis with regard to key policy issues in Mozambique and Zambia. She is active in the APSA and served in 2008 as the chair of the Gabriel Almond award committee for the best dissertation in comparative politics. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the African Studies Association.

**Dorrit Posel (University of KwaZulu-Natal)**



Professor Dorrit (Dori) Posel holds an NRF Research Chair (SARChI) in Economic Development in the School of Development Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Her areas of specialization include migration, labor, household behavior, and household survey design and analysis. She has published widely on research relating to labor migration and remittance behavior; changes in labor force participation and employment; the determinants of earnings; and intrahousehold allocation. Dori holds a Ph.D in Economics from the University of Massachusetts (Amherst). She has been the recipient of numerous research awards and fellowships, including the Vice-Chancellors Research Award in 2005.

**Peter Quartey (Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research)**



Peter Quartey holds a PhD in Development Economics (Manchester, UK), MSc in Quantitative Development Economics (Warwick, UK), MPhil Economics (Ghana), BA Economics (Ghana). A Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana. A Development Economist with specific interest in: Migration and Remittances, Poverty and Inequality, Monetary Economics, Private Sector Development, Development Finance. He has consulted on a number of projects some of which includes the Ghana National African Peer Review Mechanism on Socio-economic Development, UNDP report on Costing Ghana's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), EU-IOM Migration Profile for Ghana, The Ghana Millennium Challenge Account Baseline Survey, Monitoring and Evaluation of Ghana's APRM Programme of Action. He is also a Member of the African Economic Research Consortium and Board Member of the National Population Council.

**Vimal Ranchhod (University of Cape Town)**



Vimal Ranchhod is a senior lecturer in the Dept. of Economics at the University of Cape Town. He obtained his PhD in economics from the University of Michigan in 2007. Prior to this, he was a post-doctoral researcher at the Population Studies Center at Michigan as well as in the National Income Dynamics Study at UCT. His current research is in the fields of labor economics, economic demography and the economics of education, specifically in South Africa.

**Karima Saleh (World Bank)**

**Osman Sankoh (INDEPTH, Ghana)**



Dr. Osman Sankoh became the Executive Director of the INDEPTH Network in October 2007 after serving as Deputy Executive Director from mid 2006. From 2002-2006 he was the Communications and External Relations Manager. Osman has many years of progressive experience in health and demographic surveillance work and in networking of international scientists and research institutions. He joined INDEPTH from the Department of Tropical Hygiene and Public Health at the University of Heidelberg Medical School in Germany where he worked as a Biostatistician/Epidemiologist between 1999 and 2002. During that time, he collaborated with the Nouna Health Research Centre in Burkina Faso. Osman contributed technically to the establishment of the Health Metrics Network in Geneva and is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation in Seattle, Washington, USA. He has also acted as a consultant on population and health issues to the World Bank, the World Health Organisation, and the African Census Analysis Project at the University of Pennsylvania in the US. Osman holds a B.A. in mathematics from Njala University College (now Njala University), University of Sierra Leone, a postgraduate degree in Applied Statistics and Spatial Planning at the University of Dortmund in Germany.

**Carlos Shenga (University of Cape Town)**

Carlos Shenga is a PhD Candidate in Political Science and a Research Associate in the Democracy in the Africa Research Unit of the Centre for Social Science Research at the University of Cape Town, where he has been conducting research for ALP (African Legislatures Project) and CNEP (Comparative National Election Project). Carlos is the National Investigator / Partner of the Afrobarometer Network in Mozambique and has been collaborating with the CSSES (Comparative Study of Electoral Systems). His ongoing PhD thesis is a 15 year period comparison of the Mozambican Assembly on Legislative Recruitment, Development and Performance, and Public Support for Legislatures. His interest in legislative studies commenced when he joined the Mozambican Assembly as a Parliamentary Assistant and then wrote his Honours Dissertation on the subject. His published papers include: Ethnicity and Elections, Commitment to Democracy, Democratic Citizenship, and Parliament in Mozambique.

**Rachel Snow (University of Michigan)**





Rachel Snow, B.A., D.Sc. conducts social research on sex, gender and vulnerability, and on factors affecting the use of reproductive health and HIV-related services, predominantly in Africa. Ongoing studies address how HIV/AIDS has affected fertility aspirations and abortion in East Africa, and the sexual geography of young people in Detroit. Snow has served on numerous expert committees at WHO, including the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health, and was a founding editor of the African Journal of Reproductive Health. She received her doctorate in Population Sciences from Harvard in 1988, where she was Assistant Professor of Reproductive Health. From 1997-2003 she taught at the University of Heidelberg (Germany), where she was Unit Head for Sexual & Reproductive Health. In 2003 she joined the faculty at the University of Michigan (U-M) School of Public Health, and U-M Population Studies Center. She is currently U-M Coordinator for ASRI.

#### **Howard Stein (University of Michigan)**



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