

Agenda

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"How Generative AI (ChatGPT) Redefines Learning, Work, and Innovation"

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Time	Agenda Item	Responsible
13h45 –14h00	Arrival and connection of participants	**AfDB IT Team**
14h00 –14h05	Introductions	**Dr. Eric Kehinde Ogunleye** OIC Director, ECAD Division Manager, Policy Management Division African Development Institute African Development Bank Group
14h05 –14h10	Welcoming Remarks	**Prof. Kevin C. Urama** Chief Economist and Vice President, Economic Governance and Knowledge Management (ECVP) African Development Bank Group
14h10 –14h15	Introduction of the Presenter and Discussant	**Dr. Eric Kehinde Ogunleye** OIC Director, ECAD Division Manager, Policy Management Division African Development Institute African Development Bank Group
14h15 –14h45	**Presentation:** **How Generative AI (ChatGPT) Redefines Learning, Work, and Innovation**	**Mrs. Sheila Jagannathan** Seasoned expert in digital learning transformation. Former Global Head of Digital Learning, World Bank Consultant, African Development Institute African Development Bank Group
14h45 –14h55	Discussant	**Mr. Nagaraja Rao Harshadeep** Global Lead (Environment and Disruptive Technology) The World Bank Washington, DC
14h55 –15h10	Comments, Questions & Answers	**ALL**
15h10 –15h15	Closing Remarks	**Prof. Kevin C. Urama** Chief Economist and Vice President, Economic Governance and Knowledge Management Complex African Development Bank Group
15h15 –15h30	Refreshment	**ALL**

Speaker



Sheila Jagannathan
Former Global Head of Digital Learning at the
World Bank, Washington, DC
Consultant at the African Development Bank

Sheila Jagannathan is a lifelong learner and served as the Global Head of the Open Learning Campus at the World Bank in Washington DC, for 26 years, specializing in digital learning and technology in emerging countries.

With over 35 years of experience in capacity building, knowledge management, and transformational change across global environments, Sheila has led the design and implementation of impactful solutions, contributing to performance and productivity enhancements.

Her work extends to providing policy advice and technical assistance for the World Bank's capacity-building programs across diverse regions, including East Asia, MENA, Africa, and South Asia. Sheila's leadership in creating a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on the Future of Work won the prestigious EDX prize (Harvard/MIT) for 2020. All these highlight her commitment to addressing critical issues like the Fourth Industrial Revolution, diversity & inclusion, and innovative technologies in education.

Her seminal book further underscores her contributions to the field. 'Reimagining Digital Learning for Sustainable Development,' which explores upskilling, data analytics, and educational technologies' roles in closing the skills gap. Recognized for her influence, Sheila's insights have shaped the discourse on digital learning and sustainable development, earning her a spot on the advisory boards of prestigious learning associations worldwide.

Selected as one of the 100 Executive Women in Tech to Watch in 2022, Sheila's extensive expertise and forward-thinking approach continue to drive advancements in education and capacity building on a global scale.

Discussant



Nagaraja Rao Harshadeep
Global Lead for Disruptive Technology at the
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Nagaraja Rao Harshadeep (Harsh) is a Global Lead for Disruptive Technology at the Sustainable Development Practice Group of the World Bank based in Washington DC.

In over 25 years at the World Bank, he has led and supported several water, climate, environment and natural resources projects and analytical support operations around the world. He has also been a Global Lead for Watersheds and leads efforts on HydroInformatics, BlueTech, Biodiversity Data and Analytics, and Geospatial Systems. He has created and leads a Disruptive KIDS (Knowledge, Information & Data Services) Helpdesk to facilitate use of emerging technologies in operational teams and clients.

He has received an Excellence in Leadership award from the World Bank Staff Association in 2020 and a Distinguished Alumni Award at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-Madras) in 2022. He holds a Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering from IIT-Madras, a Master of Environmental and Resource Engineering from Syracuse, and a PhD in Water Resources and Environmental Systems Engineering from Harvard University.

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Professor Kevin Chika Urama
Chief Economist/Vice President
Economic Governance & Knowledge
Management Complex
African Development Bank Group

Professor Kevin Chika Urama is a passionate and results-oriented Economist with over 30 years of Africa-wide and global experience in economic policy and knowledge management. He is currently Chief Economist/Vice President for the Economic Governance & Knowledge Management Complex of the African Development Bank Group. Professor Urama previously served at the Bank as a Senior Director for the African Development Institute and as Senior Advisor to the President of the African Development Bank Group on Inclusive and Green Growth Strategy, Policy Development, and Implementation.

A globally recognized Development Economist, Professor Urama is an elected Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS); a Distinguished Professor of the University of Nigeria Nsukka; an Adjunct Professor at the Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs, Murdoch University, Western Australia; and an honorary Professor of Practice at the University College London.

He was an Extra-Ordinary Professor in the School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University, South Africa and a Visiting Professor at the Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy, University College London. He is currently a member of the Global Council on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); a Commissioner for the Global Commission for Urban SDG Finance; a member of Advisory Committee of the Alliance for Modernizing African Agrifood Systems (AMAA) - a global effort of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE); a member of the UK's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) Advisory Board of the Climate-Compatible Growth Program (CCG); a CAREED Fellow at the University of Western Scotland – awarded for services to Scholarly activity in relation to economic development of Africa; member of the World Economic Forum's Global Council on the future of clean air, among others.

Before joining the African Development Bank Group, Prof. Urama served in various executive leadership positions in the academia, international organizations, and the private sector. He was the inaugural Managing Director of the Quantum Global Research Lab established in Zug, Switzerland; Executive Director of the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) established in Nairobi Kenya; Director of Research and Training of the ATPS; Senior Research Fellow at the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute established in Aberdeen, United Kingdom; Deputy Chairman of the OMFIF Economists Network, inaugural President of the African Society for Ecological Economics (ASEE), and Lecturer at the University of Nigeria. Prof. Urama started his career in Commercial Banking where he completed his National Youth Service at the Orient Bank Nigeria Limited, Anambra State.

Prof. Urama has served on various Boards and Advisory Committees of international organizations and global research programs to deliver inclusive green growth and sustainable development. These include the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC); Green Growth Best Practice (GGBP); the International Resource Panel (IRP); the OECD Green Growth and Poverty Reduction Task Team; the UNESCO Governing Board of the International Research and Training Centre for Science and Technology Strategy (CISTRAT), Beijing, China, and the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) Advisory Committee, amongst others. He serves on several expert panels advising Leaders in the public and private sectors in Africa and globally.

Professor Urama holds a Ph.D. in Land Economy from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom; an MPhil in Land Economy from Cambridge University; a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from University of Nigeria, and a First-Class Honors bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Nigeria. He won several prizes as the best graduating student in Agricultural Economics at the University of Nigeria at bachelor's and master's degree levels; won the 2003 James Claydon Prize for the best thesis in economics or related subjects, St. Edmond's College, Cambridge University; and was named the Technology Executive of the Year 2012 by the Africa Technology Awards. Prof. Urama has received several Prizes and Awards for his contributions to science and excellence in leadership and community development. He was conferred a Chieftaincy Title in Essodo community of Igbo-Eze North Local Government Area, Enugu State in 2001.



Eric Kehinde Ogunleye
OIC Director, African Development Institute
Division Manager, Policy Management Division
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Dr. Eric K. Ogunleye is currently the OIC Director of the African Development Institute and Division Manager of the Policy management Division of the African Development Institute. He was previously the Advisor to the Vice President and Chief Economist of the African Development Bank.

He has almost 20 years of progressively responsible, practical and demonstrable hands-on experience as macroeconomist, development economist, M&E specialist, public governance and regulatory reform expert, policy advisor and project director and manager.

His work experiences span all research and policy advisory divides: international development; private sector; public sector; non-governmental institutions; and academic. Previously, he served as a Special Assistant (International Trade and Finance) to the President of Nigeria, Special Adviser to the Chief Economic Adviser to the President of Nigeria and Technical Adviser (Policy and Planning) to the Honorable Minister of Budget and National Planning in Nigeria. He was a core member of the team that prepared the Nigeria's Economic Recovery and Growth Plan.

Earlier, he worked in key global institutions that include UNCTAD, UNU-WIDER, World Trade Organization, and African Center for Economic Transformation. Eric holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Ibadan through the prestigious AERC collaborative PhD. Program and a Bachelors (first class honours) in Economics.