



## Workshops and Public Panel Discussion

### Green inclusive economic transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Wishful thinking or feasible pathway?

21 April 2015, 14h30 – 19h30

Although GDP growth remained robust in much of Sub-Saharan Africa, and both resource-rich and non-resource-rich countries are growing, structural change appears to be limited. But what elements are needed to redesign the economy in Sub-Saharan Africa? Obviously, the key challenge of such a transformation is to reconcile economic and human development – urgently needed in Sub-Saharan Africa – with environmental sustainability. This implies to harness the possible synergies, but also address and manage the possible trade-offs between these two objectives. Yet, there is no doubt that there will be political opposition and resistance to profound change, as there will be winners and losers. This is why it is important to engage with a multitude of stakeholders when kick-starting social and ecological transformations.

To discuss sustainable development solutions and new pathways that pursue inclusive, equitable and sustainable growth with African stakeholders, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies jointly convene the conference “Green inclusive economic transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Wishful thinking or feasible pathway?” The event aims at bringing together international experts, civil society organizations and trade unions, as well as national policy-makers to feed into the abovementioned global discourse.

After a short introduction to the conference, three parallel breakaway sessions will offer a multi-levelled debate: 1. Jobs and employment; 2. Inclusive agriculture; and 3. Degrowth. The concluding panel will revisit the guiding question of the conference.

#### Program

14h30 *Introduction/ Welcome Remarks*

**J-Prof. Dr. Jann Lay**, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

**Dr. Manfred Öhm**, Head, Africa Department, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

15h00 *Tea Break*

15h30 *Parallel Working Groups:*

1. Jobs and employment (Chair: **Sarah Linde/ Martin Ostermeier**, GIGA)  
**Prof. Funmi Adewumi**, Professor of Industrial Relations, Human Resource Management Programme, Elizade University, Ondo State, Nigeria  
 Moderation: tbc

2. Inclusive agriculture (Chair: **Kerstin Nolte**, GIGA)  
**Claude Bizimana**, Rwanda SAKSS, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources: "Importance of inclusive growth in agriculture"  
**Dr. Francis Njau**, Lecturer at Institute of Rural Development Planning, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: "What are the needs of smallholder farmers in today's agriculture?"  
Moderation: tbc
  
3. Degrowth (Chair: **Katharina Trapp/ Steffen Lange**, GIGA)  
**Prof. Patrick Bond**, School of Built Environment and Development Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa  
Moderation: **Jana Flemming**

17h30 Tea break/ wrap-up working groups

18h00 *Public Panel Discussion*

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Keynotes:

**J-Prof. Dr. Jann Lay**, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

**Prof. Patrick Bond**, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Speakers:

- **J-Prof. Dr. Jann Lay**, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies
- **Prof. Funmi Adewumi**, Elizade University, Nigeria
- **Claude Bizimana**, SAKSS, Ruanda
- **Prof. Patrick Bond**, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Moderated by: **Dagmar Dehmer**, Der Tagesspiegel

19h30 End of conference