UNU-IAS Seminar for Students and Researchers Interested in Africa's Sustainable Development

Date/time: Friday, 28 July 2017 16:00 - 17:30
Venue: UNU Building, 1st Floor, Annex Hall
(situated at the left side of main lobby)
Theme: Africa’s Industrial Competitiveness and Human Capital
Lecturer: Dr. Jennifer Blanke (Vice President, African Development Bank)
Moderator: Prof. Masafumi Nagao (Visiting Professor & Senior Programme Adviser, UNU-IAS)
Language: English
Programme:
16:00 Opening remarks by UNU-IAS
16:05 Presentation by Dr. Jennifer Blanke
16:35 Comments by young African researchers (6~7 minutes each):
   - Dr. Farai Kapfudzaruwa (JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellow)
   - Dr. Christian Otchia (Assistant Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University)
   - Ms. Nobuhle Ndhlovu (Ph.D candidate, Graduate Education Program, UNU-IAS)
16:55 Q & A and Discussion
17:25 Concluding remarks by Moderator
(To be followed by a coffee/tea reception)

Lecturer’s profile:
Dr. Jennifer Blanke is Vice President of the African Development Bank Group, responsible for overseeing the Bank’s strategy and activities in the area of Agriculture, Human and Social Development. She was previously Chief Economist at the World Economic Forum (WEF), overseeing economic research activities and projects from 2012-2017. Other roles held at WEF included Lead Economist and Head of the Global Competitiveness and Benchmarking team, and Senior Programme Manager responsible for developing the business, management, and technology sections of the Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland. She has written and lectured extensively on issues related to national competitiveness and economic development. Prior to joining the World Economic Forum, Dr. Blanke worked for a number of years as a management consultant for Eurogroup (Mazars Group) in Paris, France, where she specialized in banking and financial market organization. Dr. Blanke holds a Master’s degree in International Affairs from Columbia University, New York, and an MA and PhD in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva. She is presently member of the Canadian...
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