



Africa Development Analytica

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Who We Are

Africa Development Analytica (AfDA) is an independent non-profit research organization that conducts rigorous research addressing the "triple-burden of survival" in Africa: climate change, conflict, and poverty. Our primary objective is to improve our understanding of these interconnected challenges and provide evidence-based insights to inform effective policy design and implementation to tackle them.

Climate change, conflict, and poverty are deeply interlinked and mutually reinforced in many developing regions of the world. Africa is a region where the interconnectedness between these triple challenges is highly pronounced with far-reaching consequences but where our knowledge remains limited.

AfDA seeks to contribute to bridging this knowledge gap by employing a multidisciplinary approach, shaping research problems and policy options through the triple-nexus lens. It also emphasizes the active and diverse involvement of local experts in co-generating knowledge. This collaborative approach ensures that AfDA's research outputs are deeply contextualized and locally driven. Our primary goal is to inform policy decisions, strengthen ownership, and, ultimately, contribute to a more sustainable and inclusive development in Africa.

Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision

AfDA envisions to becoming a leading research institute and knowledge hub, dedicated to addressing the triple challenges of climate change, conflict, and poverty in Africa. We are committed to playing an instrumental role in

breaking the cycle of these challenges and actively contributing to peace, development, and sustainability on the continent.

Mission

AfDA's mission is to conduct rigorous research and policy analysis to provide evidence-based and context-specific policy solutions and advice. Its main functions include research and policy analysis, consultancy and advisory services, and capacity building.

Core values

AfDA's work is anchored on the following core values.

- Intellectual rigor and professional integrity
- A commitment to serving the public interest.
- Emphasis on collaboration and networking
- Commitment to diversity and inclusion

Research Areas

Social and Economic Development

Africa's rich and diverse resources have the potential to drive inclusive growth and alleviate poverty across the continent. Despite this potential, several factors hinder sustained development in the region. These include a slow pace of structural transformation, insufficient inclusive growth, limited economic integration in trade and infrastructure, and high unemployment rates, particularly affecting women and youth.

Furthermore, Africa is experiencing rapid and largely unplanned urbanization, leading to the risk of urban sprawl, which comes with various challenges such as congestion, pollution, inadequate urban services, and the emergence of slums. Although there have been improvements

in access to education and health services, the quality of education and health service delivery remains a concern, as does educational inequality.

Driven by the lack of inclusive growth, political tensions, conflict, and natural disasters, Africa grapples with high rates of migration and brain drain, resulting in significant refugee and displaced populations. Addressing these challenges is paramount for Africa to attain sustainable development, prosperity, and peace.

Thus, this research area focuses on issues such as structural transformation and private sector-led development; inclusive growth; urbanization and infrastructure; human capital, labor market and migration; international trade, regional integration, and investment.

Peace and Security

Africa continues to grapple with increasing conflict, and many of its nations are characterized as fragile and conflict prone. These conflicts have far-reaching consequences, as they erode institutions and human capital, leaving behind a legacy of mistrust that perpetuates future conflict. This cycle creates a conflict-poverty trap that hampers development. The African experience underscores the urgent necessity for comprehensive measures and a deeper scientific understanding to break the vicious cycle of underdevelopment and conflict. In response, Peace and Security is a key research area for AfDA. We focus on generating knowledge in several critical areas, including fragility and conflict, geopolitics, the role of regional and global actors in peace and conflict dynamics, justice and security reforms, governance and institutions, human security (addressing concerns such as the protection of civilians, gender-based violence, and food security), and research into elections, democratic practices, and civic engagement.

Climate Change and Natural Resources

The world faces a multitude of environmental threats, including global warming, extensive deforestation, biodiversity loss, desertification,

and water pollution. These issues primarily stem from unsustainable human activities such as energy production, deforestation, and overpopulation. The resulting extreme climate changes, including floods, droughts, and desertification, lead to mass migrations. These migrations, in turn, trigger tensions and conflicts among various communities, further damaging the environment due to competing resource use, including land, water, and vegetation.

Climate change affects all countries, but Africa is particularly vulnerable, with limited adaptation and mitigation capacity. AfDA's Climate Change and Natural Resources research area conducts cutting-edge research to understand and provide evidence-based solutions regarding the impact of climate change on economic development, livelihoods, and peace, and how these factors interplay in Africa. Key research sub-topics under this theme include analyzing the economic impact of climate change at both macro and sectoral levels and exploring pathways toward sustainable (green) economic growth. Additionally, the research theme covers financing and capacity building for climate change adaptation and mitigation, understanding and addressing climate and environment-induced migration and conflicts, and studying the impacts of climate change-induced shocks on livelihood vulnerability and resilience. It also delves into the intricate interactions among energy development, ecosystems, and people.

Governance

The AfDA Board of Directors is a distinguished group of individuals with diverse backgrounds and expertise. As the highest decision-making body within AfDA, the board plays a pivotal role in setting the organization's strategic direction.

The AfDA Executive Management team is entrusted with overseeing the overall operations of the organization and implementing its strategic direction. To efficiently carry out its core functions, AfDA is structured into three major divisions, each under the leadership of a qualified director. These divisions are Research and Policy Program, Resource Mobilization and Communications, and Operations.