



Invitation to the dissemination day of the ADAPTED Final Conference “Eradicating Poverty. Pathways towards Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal” on 28 November 2024, in Gordons Bay, Cape Town, South Africa

Background information and programme

ADAPTED background information: The overarching goal of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is to reduce absolute poverty and end extreme poverty (SDG 1). This forms the foundation for ADAPTED's research agenda. It is vital to gain a deeper understanding of the factors that drive poverty reduction, given that the progress towards fighting poverty is still not satisfactory, not least in sub-Saharan Africa. In this context, the research projects of the 15 ADAPTED early career researchers address three key areas: the validation of pathways towards poverty eradication; interactions between poverty reduction and other policy areas; and ways to optimize the impact of poverty reduction policies. As a partnership of five European universities, seven African partner universities and prominent European development organizations and think tanks, ADAPTED addresses a significant gap in our understanding of the factors influencing poverty reduction. This is achieved by integrating different academic disciplines and incorporating the realities of countries in the global south into poverty reduction approaches, representing a significant departure from the conventional discourse on the factors influencing poverty reduction. The prevailing view acknowledges the potential of economic growth, social protection schemes, minimum wages and governance conditions in reducing poverty. However, the discourse often remains within disciplinary silos and does not consider the structural differences between high-income and low- or middle-income countries. This creates a significant knowledge gap in understanding the determinants of poverty reduction, which ADAPTED aimed to address.

Results of the research activities, implemented between 2021 and 2024 will be discussed during the ADAPTED Final Conference held in November 2024 in Cape Town, South Africa.

During a **dissemination day on 28 November 2024**, the ADAPTED researchers would like to share and discuss their results with stakeholders beyond the scientific community. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

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ERADICATING POVERTY:

PATHWAYS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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Thursday, 28 November 2024 – ADAPTED dissemination day

10.00h – 11.00h	Registration of new participants
11.00h – 11.30h	Welcome by ADAPTED speaker Prof. Wilhelm Löwenstein
11.30h – 12.30h	Introduction to the ADAPTED project
12.30h – 13.30h	Lunch
13.30h – 15.30h	“ADAPTED research results and related policy recommendations” Guided poster tour: Short presentations of the 15 ADAPTED projects by the researchers

Work package 1: Validating pathways to poverty reduction

1. Flying Dragon in the Eagle's Sky: Is Chinese and US Aid a Vanguard of their FDI Flows to the Developing World? (Muhammad Saleh)
2. The Local Effects of Mining Activity on Migration Patterns in Africa (Beatrice Gibertini)
3. Enhancing coordination, while deepening institutional tensions: The institutional and political process of building a social registry in Kenya (Kate O'Donnell)
4. Minimum Wage Shocks, Firms and Employment: Evidence from Africa (María Moraga Fernández)

Work package 2: Studying interactions between poverty reduction and other policy areas

1. Synergies and trade-offs: mapping governance interactions among SDG1 and the Paris Agreement in Sub-Saharan African countries (Eszter Szedlacsek)
2. The Just Energy Transition in Rural South Africa: Empirical Insights from Nighttime Light Analysis (Johann Langenbach)
3. Energy, Justice, and Ecological Distribution Conflicts: Analyzing Resistance and Power in Energy Projects in Kenya (Valentine Nandako Masika)
4. Pesa yetu! Human rights' contours, time and place within fiscal constellations (Luiza Leite de Queiroz)
5. The effects of governmentally enforced minimum wages on modern sector job creation and poverty (Akua Afaribea Martinson)

Work package 3: Optimising the impact of poverty reduction-related policies

1. All the Right Noises? The Loud and the Unheard in Accountability for Social Security in International Law (Natalia Zakharchenko)
2. (In)coherent social protection systems: A comparative socio-legal analysis of enclaves of coherence in South Africa and Uganda (Irene Among)
3. Under the Mango Tree' Addressing citizens complaint in Uganda's SAGE cash transfer program (Ahmed El Assal)
4. Decentralization and agro-industrial development: Comparative analysis of sugar belts in Uganda and Kenya (Petronilla Wandeto)
5. Why do Agricultural Input Subsidies Persist? Policy Feedback and the Moral Economy of Members of Parliament in Malawi and Zambia (Guido Maschhaupt)

15.30h – 16.00h	Coffee break
16.00h – 17.30h	Panel discussion: “ADAPTED research results and related policy recommendations: implementation issues” ADAPTED representatives and practitioners
18.30h	Dinner at Krystal Beach Hotel