Invitation to the SDG Forum of the ADAPTED Final Conference "Eradicating Poverty. Pathways towards Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal" on 26 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.

On the occasion of the SDG Forum on **26 November 2024**, we would like to open the discussion to researchers working in related fields. We look forward to welcoming you to the event – in person or online (for the workshop sessions only).

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Tuesday, 26 November 2024 – SDG Forum

09.00h – 15.30h Presentation and discussion of ADAPTED results (three parallel workshops, for details see table below)

Workshop title	**Validating pathways to poverty reduction** (ADAPTED Work package 1)	**Studying interactions between poverty reduction and other policy areas** (ADAPTED Work package 2)	**Optimising the impact of poverty reduction-related policies** (ADAPTED Work package 3)
Venue:	Krystal Beach Hotel, conference venues	Krystal Beach Hotel, conference venues	Krystal Beach Hotel, conference venues
Zoom link:	Zoom meeting Workshop 1	Zoom meeting Workshop 2	Zoom meeting Workshop 3
Chair (morning):	Black	Kadirbeyoğlu	Eder/Dinbabo
09.00 – 10.00	**Session 1**: Flying Dragon in the Eagle's Sky: Is Chinese and US Aid a Vanguard of their FDI Flows to the Developing World? Speaker: Muhammad Saleh (ESR 1) Kick-off questions: de Theije PIs: Löwenstein, Chauvet	**Session 1**: Synergies and trade-offs: mapping governance interactions among SDG1 and the Paris Agreement in Sub-Saharan African countries Speaker: Eszter Szedlacsek (ESR 8) Kick-off questions: Bazillier PIs: Pattberg, Maurel	**Session 1:** All the Right Noises? The Loud and the Unheard in Accountability for Social Security in International Law Speaker: Natalia Zakharchenko (ESR 11) Kick-off questions: Hout PIs: Kaltenborn, Cornelisse
10.00 – 11.00	**Session 2**: The Local Effects of Mining Activity on Migration Patterns in Africa Speaker: Beatrice Gibertini (ESR 2) Kick-off questions: Duval PIs: Bazillier, de Theije	**Session 2**: The Just Energy Transition in Rural South Africa: Empirical Insights from Nighttime Light Analysis Speaker: Johann Langenbach (ESR 7) Kick-off questions: Hout PIs: Maurel, Löwenstein	**Session 2:** (In)coherent social protection systems: A comparative socio-legal analysis of enclaves of coherence in South Africa and Uganda Speaker: Irene Among (ESR 12) Kick-off questions: Hartmann PIs: Kaltenborn, Fischer
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break		
11.30 – 12.30	**Session 3**: Enhancing coordination, while deepening institutional tensions: The institutional and political process of building a social registry in Kenya Speaker: Kate O'Donnell (ESR 3) Kick-off questions: Löwenstein PIs: Fischer	**Session 1**: Energy, Justice, and Ecological Distribution Conflicts: Analyzing Resistance and Power in Energy Projects in Kenya Speaker: Valentine Nandako Masika (ESR 6) Kick-off questions: Duval PIs: Kadirbeyoğlu, Chauvet	**Session 3**: Under the Mango Tree' Addressing citizens complaint in Uganda's SAGE cash transfer program Speaker: Ahmed El Assal (ESR 13) Kick-off questions: Kaltenborn PIs: Hout, Forster
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break		

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13.30 -14.30	**Session 4**: Minimum Wage Shocks, Firms and Employment: Evidence from Africa Speaker: María Moraga Fernández (ESR 4) Kick-off questions: Black PIs: Bazillier, Löwenstein	**Session 4** Pesa yetu! Human rights' contours, time and place within fiscal constellations Speaker: Luiza Leite de Queiroz (ESR 9) Kick-off questions: Fischer PIs: Cornelisse, Kaltenborn	**Session 4**: Decentralization and agro-industrial development: Comparative analysis of sugar belts in Uganda and Kenya Speaker: Petronilla Wandeto (ESR 14) Kick-off questions: Eder PIs: Hout, Hartmann
14.30 – 15.30	**Session 5**: NCD (non-communicable disease) behavioural risk factors among the 'bottom billion' (online) Speaker: Callum Brindley (ESR 5) Kick-off questions: Maurel PIs: Duval, Bonfrer	**Session 5**: The effects of governmentally enforced minimum wages on modern sector job creation and poverty Speaker: Akua Afaribea Martinson (ESR 10) Kick-off questions: Kadirbeyoğlu PIs: Löwenstein, Bazillier	**Session 5**: Why do Agricultural Input Subsidies Persist? Policy Feedback and the Moral Economy of Members of Parliament in Malawi and Zambia Speaker: Guido Maschhaupt (ESR 15) Kick-off questions: Bukuluki PIs: Hout, Eder

15.30h – 16.00h Coffee break

16.00h – 17.00h Panel and plenary session "Reflecting on the results of ADAPTED: lessons learned and future perspectives"
panelists: Wilhelm Löwenstein, Wil Hout, Rémi Bazillier, further participants to be added