



Call for papers



**4th Congress of
African
Economists**

Theme: “Industrial Policies and Economic Performance in Africa”

The Department for Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission (AUC) organizes every two years the African Economists Congress (AEC). The AEC is a continental Economic Policy Debate framework which aim is to analyze emerging economic problems that are critical to Africa's inclusive and structural transformation in order to identify and propose optimal solutions. This fourth AEC is expected to attract best African Economists within Africa and its Diaspora to deepen the understanding of the link between Industrial Policy and Economic Performance in the continent. As a continuation of a series of congress the Fourth edition builds on the previous edition of the AEC which considered the theme of “**Industrialization and Economic Emergence in Africa**”. First Congress was organized on the theme: “**Towards the establishment of a Single African Currency**”. The Second Congress focused on “**How to achieve strong and sustainable Economic growth in Africa so as to reduce unemployment and sustain the dynamics of Regional and Continental integration**”.

The theme of the fourth edition of the AEC is “**Industrial policies and economic performance in Africa**”. During this Congress, the following sub-themes, among others, will be considered: (i) Industrial policy: conceptual and theoretical issues; (ii) Playback of industrial policy in the 1960-1980 periods, during the years of structural adjustment and the PRSP; (iii) Industrial policy in the context of regional integration in Africa; (iv) Industrial policy and inclusive growth in Africa; (v) Industrial policy and structural transformation in Africa; (vi) Comparative Industrial Policy: Experiences and lessons from other regions; (vii) Industrial policy and private sector development in Africa; (viii) Industrial policy, green growth and sustainable development. (ix) Main obstacles to industrial development in Africa; (x) Institutional framework for industrial policies.

Articles on the main theme and on the sub-themes are sought from African Economists, those of the Diaspora and those interested in finding optimal solutions to Africa's economic problems.

All manuscripts are reviewed and evaluated on content, language and presentation. The Articles must be accompanied by a summary not exceeding 1000 words and must be sent to the Commission on 15 November 2014 at the latest. The participation in the Congress of the authors of the Articles chosen will be borne by the African Union Commission.

All African Economists within the continent and the Diaspora, all economists across the world interested in debating on African industrialization process as well as all the development partner institutions are invited to this important Congress which is schedule to take place in 2015 at a venue and date to be communicated at the appropriate time.

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