

EEA to Host the Econometric Society 2022 Africa Regional Meeting

The Econometric Society has a very interesting origin. It was born in 1930 at the annual meeting of three prominent professional societies - the American Economic Association, the American Statistical Association and the American Mathematical Society. Three Economists, Ragnar Frisch, Charles Roos and Irving Fisher, convened a side meeting and founded the Econometric Society.

The principal objective of the Society is to *advance economic theory in its relation to statistics and mathematics*. It does this through three main activities:

- Publication of three prominent journals *Econometrica*, *Quantitative Economics*, and *Theoretical Economics*. The latter two are open-access journals
- Publication of a research Monograph Series.
- Organization of scientific meetings in six regions of the world; leading to one World Congress

Organization of Africa region scientific meeting is the third objective of the Society. Its main purpose is to bring together economists and econometricians from across the Africa, and beyond, at all levels of their careers and covering all aspects of economics, with a scientific program reflecting the very best work in the profession. EEA was privileged to organise the 2014 Africa Region Econometric Society meeting, which was the first for region. EEA is also organizing the 2022 Africa Region Econometric Society Meeting in June 2022.

Organising the ES Meeting has profound professional and academic benefits. These two sister professional organisations share the same purpose of advancing economics. EEA has recently adopted a motto – *Professionalism and Economic Thinking for Development* – which brings the two even closer despite the difference in age. The EEA is expected to benefit in three ways.

First, organising the meeting will immensely contribute to EEA's vision of becoming a premier professional association in Africa. EEA will get the much needed exposure across Africa and beyond demonstrating its capacity to organise a high level conference.

Second, EEA has been invited and accepted to be a member of other international think tanks and professional associations like the International Economics Association (IEA). We anticipate that organising the meeting will lead to further requests from other international professional associations to hold joint events.

Third, EEA's plan to open a post graduate program in Economics has matured. We believe that collaborating with such reputed societies will generate immense knowledge that can feed into the teaching and learning process.

Finally, it should be noted that the desire to organise the meeting does not have any financial motivation. As a matter of fact, the Society has made it clear and EEA has accepted that all money generated through sponsorship will be used for organising the meeting only. It is purely an academic, research and professional partnership.

For further details on ES conferences, please visit:

<https://www.econometricsociety.org/meetings/future-meetings>

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