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AGENDA OF BCEAO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE : OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR CENTRAL BANKS”

(Terrou-Bi Hotel, Dakar, May 21, 2025)

Times	Activities
08:00 AM - 08:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and seating of participants
08:30 AM - 09:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival, family photo and seating of the Authorities
09:00 AM - 09:30 AM	Official Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Address by the Governor of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)• Opening speech by the Senegalese Authorities
09:30 AM - 10:30 AM	<p><u>Panel 1</u> : The transformative power of Artificial Intelligence</p> <p><u>Objective</u> : <i>The aim of this inaugural session is to present a comprehensive overview of Artificial Intelligence (AI), covering the basic concepts, theoretical foundations and history of the discipline. It will also clarify the issues and motivations underlying the development of AI, examining its current impact as well as its medium and long-term outlook. This panel will also serve to explore the potential opportunities this technology presents, particularly for central banks.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u> : Mr Abdoulaye SECK, Former Secretary General of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)</p> <p><u>Keynote Speakers</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Julien CROWE, HEC Montréal, Senior Director of Artificial Intelligence at National Bank of Canada• Mr Anton KORINEK, Professor in the Department of Economics,

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	<p>University of Virginia [Virtual]</p> <p><u>Panelists</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Sarah LEGENDRE-BILODEAU, HEC Montréal, CEO of Videns Analytics [Virtual] • Mr Marc ISRAEL, Founder and CEO of Aetheis and HEC Paris Expert, Director of the Artificial Intelligence practice at Globe4tech <p>Discussion (30 min)</p>
<p>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>11:00 AM - 12:30 PM</p>	<p><u>Panel 2</u> : Artificial Intelligence (AI) and monetary policy : Using AI to improve the accuracy of economic models and refine monetary policy decisions</p> <p><u>Objective</u> : <i>This session aims to explore the contribution of AI to the conduct of monetary policy within central banks. More generally, it will address how AI can improve the accuracy of economic forecasts and refine the analysis of macroeconomic data.</i></p> <p><i>Discussions during the session will highlight the opportunities offered by AI tools to refine economic models, better anticipate economic conditions and optimize the transmission of monetary policies in a constantly changing environment.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u> : Mr Norbert TOE, Former Mission Chief at the International Monetary Fund, Former Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)</p> <p><u>Keynote Speakers</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Philippe GOULET COULOMBE, Professor, Chair of Macroeconomics, School of Management Sciences, University of Quebec in Montreal • Mr Simon OEHLER, AI Development Expert, Deutsche Bundesbank • Mr Luca Antonio RICCI, WAEMU Mission Chief, Advisor in the IMF's African Department <p><u>Panelists</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Leonardo GAMBACORTA, Head of Emerging Markets at Monetary and Economic Department of Bank for International Settlements [Virtual] • Mr Abderrahim BOUAZZA, Director General of Bank Al-Maghrib • Mr Gerald NYAOMA, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya • Mr Justin NSENGIYUMVA, Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Rwanda <p>Discussion (30 min)</p>

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<p>12:30 PM - 02:00 PM</p>	<p><u>Panel 3 : Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Financial Stability</u></p> <p><u>Objective</u> : The aim of this panel is to analyze the contributions of AI in the field of financial stability, and particularly macro and micro prudential supervision, by identifying the potential risks and opportunities it presents for financial institutions. It also aims to highlight the contributions of the AI models developed in the fields of banking supervision, monitoring of payment systems and instruments, the fight against money laundering, and corporate default risk assessment.</p> <p><u>Moderator</u> : Mr Amadou Sadickh DIOP, Former Secretary General of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO), Former Commissioner at the Banking Commission of the West African Monetary Union</p> <p><u>Keynote Speakers</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Juan Carlos CRISANTO, Vice-President of the Financial Stability Institute [Virtual] • Mr Jon DANIELSSON, Director of the Systemic Risk Centre and Research Fellow, London School of Economics • Mr Mazen BOURI, Senior Finance Specialist, World Bank <p><u>Panelists</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Mampho MODISE, Deputy Governor of the South African Reserve Bank [Virtual] • Mr Yvon SANA BANGUI, Governor of the Bank of Central African States (BEAC) • Mr Rogério Lucas ZANDAMELA, Governor of Banco de Moçambique • Mr Badanam PATOKI, Chairman of the Financial Markets Authority of the West African Monetary Union (AMF-UMOA) • Mr William PAMBU PAMBU, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Congo • Mr Kealeboga MASALILA, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Botswana <p>Discussion (30 min)</p>
<p>02:00 PM - 03:30 PM</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>
<p>03:30 PM - 04:30 PM</p>	<p><u>Panel 4 : Human resources and ethical challenges related to Artificial Intelligence (AI)</u></p> <p><u>Objective</u> : The aim of this session is to examine the management of human resources specialized in AI, as well as the ethical and regulatory issues associated with the use of Artificial Intelligence.</p> <p><i>Discussions will focus on the main challenges posed by human resource</i></p>

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	<p><i>management (how to attract and retain AI specialists) as well as those linked to the ethical aspects of using AI (amplification, algorithmic bias, cybersecurity, data protection, inclusion). Panelists will also address best practices for ensuring compliance with international standards in this area.</i></p> <p>Moderator : M. Kablan YAO-SAHI, Former National Director of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)</p> <p>Keynote Speakers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jean-Charles BRICONGNE, Advisor to the Governor of the Banque de France on Artificial Intelligence • Mr Yves DECEUNINCK, Professor at the University of Lorraine <p>Panelists :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paul Koffi KOFFI, Commissioner in charge of Enterprise Development, Energy, Mines, and the Digital Economy of the Commission of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) • Mr Rama Krishna SITHANEN, Governor of Bank of Mauritius • Mr Serge EKUE, President of the West African Development Bank (BOAD) • Mr Mourad ABDESSALEM, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia • Mr Henry F. SAAMOI, Governor of the Central Bank of Liberia • Mr Younoussa IMANI, Governor of the Central Bank of the Comoros <p>Discussion (30 min)</p>
<p>04:30 PM - 05:30 PM</p>	<p>Central Bank Governors' Round Table : “Key Lessons Learned and the Way Forward”</p> <p>Objective : <i>This round-table discussion will provide central bank governors with an opportunity to review the key findings of the conference on artificial intelligence. It aims to highlight progress achieved in the field of AI, its impact on monetary policy and financial stability, as well as the attendant ethical and regulatory challenges.</i></p> <p>Moderator : Mr Eric MBOUA, Event Host, International Forums Specialist</p> <p>Speakers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rama Krishna SITHANEN, Governor of the Central Bank of Mauritius • Mr Jean-Claude Kassi BROU, Governor of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) • Mr Yvon SANA BANGUI, Governor of the Bank of Central African States (BEAC) • Mr Rogério Lucas ZANDAMELA, Governor of Banco de Moçambique • Mr Henry F. SAAMOI, Governor of the Central Bank of Liberia

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Younoussa IMANI, Governor of the Central Bank of the Comoros
05:30 PM - 05:45 PM	Closing ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing remarks by the Governor of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
08:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Gala Dinner
