

Call for papers

# African Growth Dynamics Conference

OFCE, 10 Place de Catalogne, 75014 Paris  
September 26-27, 2024

OFCE is organizing a Conference dedicated to the Dynamics of African Growth, on September 26 and 27, 2024 in Paris. All proposals for papers on the historical and contemporary dynamics of African economic growth are welcome, including multidisciplinary approaches (economics, history, demography, sociology, etc.). More specifically, the Conference will address four main themes:

## 1. Growth dynamics in Africa: growth, crises and resilience

Growth and macroeconomic volatility. How does growth in the early 2000s redefine the issue of convergence? What are the levers for achieving resilience in a context of superposition of global crises?

## 2. Measuring growth

The production of macroeconomic statistics by national and international organizations. Which indicators? What is at stake in defining public policy? What is at stake in accessing external financing?

## 3. Identify growth drivers

Theoretical and empirical modeling. What are the channels through which international shocks spread? Which impacts does the governance of public and private structures have? Which models of the relationship between the sustainability of public finances and social and health policies? What are the effects of ongoing changes in the framework for trade and finance (AfCFTA, Franc zone, etc.)?

## 4. Growth scenarios

National and regional growth trajectories, sectoral growth trajectories. What diversification/specialization for economic transition? Which are the positive and negative effects of migration? Which agriculture for food security? What development and challenges for the financial and technology sectors?

## Guest speakers :

**François BOURGUIGNON** (Paris School of Economics)

**Baomiavotse Vahinala RAHARINIRINA** (Université de Fianarantsoa)

**Vera SONGWE** (Chair & Founder, Liquidity and Sustainability Facility)

**Working language.** French (main), English / **Conference format.** Face-to-face (hybrid possible)

**Organizers.** Cécile Bastidon (LEAD, Université de Toulon and CAC-IXXI, Institut des Systèmes Complexes, Lyon), Vincent Touzé (OFCE)

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**Submission procedure.** Proposals for papers should take the form of an abstract (2 pages) or an article, and should be sent to the scientific committee ([conference.afrique2024@sciencespo.fr](mailto:conference.afrique2024@sciencespo.fr)) by 17 June 2024. Authors will be notified of the Scientific Committee's decision on 1 July. Abstracts and articles may be written in French or English.

Following the Conference, a call for papers will be launched with a view to publishing a thematic issue of the [Revue de l'OFCE](#) in late 2025 / early 2026.

