

## Recent Publications

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- \* *The Growth of Micro and Small Cluster Based Furniture Manufacturing Firms and their implications for Poverty Reduction in Tanzania*

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Workshop



The 17th Annual Research Workshop (ARW) organized by REPOA, was held on March 28th - 29th under the theme "Socioeconomic transformation for poverty reduction". The objective of this workshop was to bring together researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders to exchange development experiences. The workshop included scholars from different countries who shared their experience on socioeconomic transformation for more rapid poverty reduction, addressing the roles of the state, private sector, and communities

### Videos from the 17th ARW

1. keynote address
2. Discussants remarks

Kikwete, who was the guest of honor at the event, emphasized in his opening address, the importance of poverty reduction in the Tanzanian Government's (GOT) agenda. He highlighted the efforts of the GOT in instituting and implementing policies and programmes aimed at stimulating growth and reducing poverty, more recently with the Tanzania Development Vision 2025, MKUKUTA and the Five Year Development Plan 2010-2015.

### Speeches from the 17th ARW.

1. The Opening address,

The President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete

2. keynote address

delivered by Dr. Phillip Mpango, Executive Secretary of the Tanzanian Planning Commission

3. A speech by REPOA's Executive Director, Professor Samuel Wangwe; and

4. A statement by H.E. Dr. Ad Koekkoek, Ambassador for Netherlands.

The President said that despite economic growth rates of 7 percent per year from 2000-2011, the rate of poverty reduction has remained low. He highlighted the significance of transforming the agricultural sector with 80 percent of Tanzanians living in rural areas and depending on agriculture as high economic growth sectors such as telecommunications are not directly benefiting the majority of the people.

He went on to state that socioeconomic transformation should also address urban migration and unemployment, as well as employment in the informal sector, mining, tourism and all other key sectors such as manufacturing - an integral part of industrial transformation.

### Presentations from the 17th ARW

1. Agricultural and rural transformation,
2. Public services delivery reforms,
3. Industrialisation,
4. Natural resource management,
5. Employment and labour market reforms,
6. Foreign direct investment (FDI).



The opening address was followed by a keynote address delivered by Dr. Phillip Mpango, Executive Secretary of the Tanzanian Planning Commission. The keynote address focused on the Annual Research Workshop's theme of "Socioeconomic Transformation for Poverty Reduction in Tanzania".

This was followed by remarks from two discussants; Prof. Do Duc Dinh, Head of the Developing Economies Study Department at the Institute of World Economy in Vietnam; and Prof. Li Xiaoyun, Dean of the College of Humanities and Development at the China Agricultural University in Beijing, China, he is also a Senior Research Associate at China International Poverty Reduction Centre in Beijing; who discussed the issue of socioeconomic transformation in Tanzania in relation to the experiences of their respective countries.

A paper titled "Growth with Equity: Double Click for High Economic Growth and Quick Poverty Reduction" by Prof. Do Duc Dinh is available [here](#).

This year, parallel sessions on the first day featured presentations on key policy issues stemming from the theme of "Socioeconomic Transformation for Poverty Reduction". On the second day of the workshop REPOA research grantees had a chance to present and get feedback from the participants as part of capacity building.

