

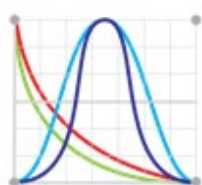
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ACEIR is a research centre of the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA). With country partners in eastern, western and southern Africa, ACEIR aims to contribute to deep, multidimensional and interdisciplinary understandings of inequality in each country context, and a continental and global understanding of how inequalities can be overcome.



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## ACEIR MID-YEAR NEWS BULLETIN

Part 1, 2022

We are pleased to share with you a bumper edition of news about our work and those of our researchers located in different African countries. Split in two parts, the newsletter bears evidence that 2022 has been a very busy year so far for those in

our teams, and we hope you can join us in celebrating our collective and the individuals' achievements captured here.

More broadly, we also share exciting developments in several of our research areas and related projects. Such as that two more inequality trends diagnostics – this time for Mali and Mozambique – have commenced with the support of the Agence Française de Développement.

Equally exciting is that a collaborative, multi-country interdisciplinary research project that investigates how climate change action can be socially transformative in three contrasting African countries is nearing completion. This comes as the first working paper of the Transforming Social Inequalities Through Inclusive Climate Action (TSITICA) project has been published. With the project expected to conclude in the first quarter of 2023, the team now will commence conceptualising and planning for a conference where the TSITICA research and other studies and insights in the field of climate change and social inequality can be presented.

We also share news of ACEIR's recent strategic planning workshop; give a shout-out to individual researchers for recent achievements and other accolades; and conclude with a section of news articles and interviews involving team members.

Finally, ACEIR is honoured to have been selected as the 2023 host of the annual conference of the International Association For Feminist Economics. The conference will take place at ACEIR's host institution, the University of Cape Town – watch this space for more details!

Tomorrow we will bring you part 2 – on team members' footprints in different types of publications, events and the news media. We hope you will enjoy this overview of the scope and depth of the team's work and welcome feedback and engagement on these.

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**NEWS | More inequality trends country reports underway**



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Work on two new inequality diagnostics – for Mali and Mozambique, respectively – has commenced this year. This follows the successful publication of the first three similar reports since 2019 – for Ghana, Kenya, and South Africa – and subsequent engagements with policymakers in each of these countries. The new research is again in collaboration with the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), who has been a valuable and supportive partner since ACEIR's establishment. The AFD grant will allow us to broaden and extend the Centre by including more researchers from the ARUA network (in this instance, Mali and Mozambique) and potentially also groups who are not part of the network, such as researchers from the Institut National de la Statistique Mali (National Institute of Statistics Mali) and Mozambique's IESE (the Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Económico).

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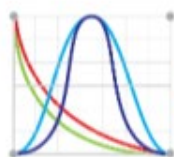
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**NEWS | Finalising research project at the nexus of climate change, poverty and inequality**



# TSITICA

Transforming Social Inequalities  
Through Inclusive Climate Action



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Researchers from the six workstreams of the Transforming Social Inequalities Through Inclusive Climate Action (TSITICA) project are preparing for a big milestone in October: presenting and discussing the research results of this collaborative, multi-country interdisciplinary research project that investigated how climate change action can be socially transformative in three contrasting African countries – Ghana, Kenya and South Africa. TSITICA is a joint project of ACEIR and the ARUA Centre of Excellence in Climate and Development, with researchers from the universities of Ghana, Nairobi and Cape Town and, from the United Kingdom, the universities of Bristol, East Anglia, and Manchester, and the London School of Economics and Political Science. The series of meetings in October is also in preparation for a conference in 2023 where the TSITICA researchers (and other scholars and practitioners) will get the opportunity to present research in the field of climate change and social inequality more broadly. The project was made possible with support from ARUA and the UK Research and Innovation. More details on the conference will follow in due course. Tomorrow, in part 2 of this newsletter, we will share news of the first published TSITICA working paper.

[MORE ABOUT TSITICA](#)

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[NEWS | Taking stock, looking forward](#)



With ACEIR's fifth birthday coming up in 2023, team members from all three research nodes recently gathered for a strategic planning workshop outside the Ghanaian capital, Accra. Other ACEIR researchers joined online for specific sessions. A few invited guests, including Prof Ernest Aryeetey, the Secretary-General of the African Research Universities Alliance, and Deputy Vice-Chancellors from the universities that host the ACEIR research nodes, also attended the workshop.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!



### **A new graduate in the team**

We now call him Dr Kwadwo Danso-Mensah, after he received his PhD in Development Economics from the University of Ghana (UG), Legon, two weeks ago. His thesis is titled "The Economics of Solid Waste Management in Ghana: Valuation Techniques and Behavioural Analysis". Kwadwa is a researcher at UG's Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research. He has been contributing to research projects of two African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) centres of excellence as part of a ARUA-Carnegie Early Career Research Fellowship received in 2021.

### **Awarded an ARUA-Carnegie Early Career Research Fellowship**

Following in Kwadwa's footsteps is Dr Reuben Mutegi, who is one

of this year's recipients of the ARUA-Carnegie Early Career Research Fellowships. Ruben is a lecturer of Educational Planning and Economics of Education at the School of Education, University of Nairobi, Kenya. He will spend time in Cape Town, at UCT's Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, as part of the fellowship.



### **Appointed to Ghana Statistical Service board**

Prof Robert D. Osei was earlier this year [appointed to the Ghana Statistical Service board](#). The GSS, like the national statistical agencies in the other ACEIR node countries, is an important partner in ACEIR's network.

### **New fellow on Future Africa Research Leadership Programme**

Dr Nkechi S. Owoo is one of the 2022 recipients of a [Future Africa Research Leader Fellowship](#) awarded by the Future Africa Institute at the University of Pretoria. The fellowship entails a two-year research-oriented programme that focuses on developing transdisciplinary research and leadership skills to address the complex, interlinked challenges of health, well-being, and environmental risks in Africa.

### **Appointment to editorial board**

Another feather in Nkechi's cap is her appointment to the [editorial board](#) of the *European Journal of Population* this year.

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## **IN THE MEDIA**

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