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***Growth, Poverty and Inequality: Confronting the Challenges
of a Better Life for all Africa***

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*In Honor of Erik Thorbecke, H.E. Babcock Professor Emeritus
of Economics, Cornell University*

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Friday, April 19, 2013 – ILR Conference Center Room # 423

1:30 pm–1:50 pm: General Welcome

Kifle Gebremedhin, Professor, Department of Biological and Environmental Engineering;
Chair, Institute for African Development (IAD) Advisory Committee, Cornell University

Muna Ndulo, Director, Institute for African Development, Cornell University; Professor,
Cornell Law School

1:50 pm–2:00 pm: Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Alice Pell, Vice Provost for International Relations; Professor, Department of Animal Science,
Cornell University

2:00 pm–3:00 pm: Keynote Address

Lemma Senbet, William E. Mayer Professor of Finance, University of Maryland; Incoming
Executive Director, African Economic Research Consortium

3 pm–5 pm ~ Session 1: Multidimensional Poverty in Africa

Moderator: **Willene Johnson**, former U.S. Executive Director, African Development Bank

Has Multidimensional Poverty Fallen in sub-Saharan Africa?

James Foster, Professor of Economics and International Affairs; Director, Institute for
International Economic Policy, George Washington University

Has Multidimensional Poverty Fallen, and if so, How? Insights from Twelve African Countries

Sabine Alkire, Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, Department of International Development, University of Oxford

Comparing Multidimensional and Monetary Poverty in Uganda

Sebastian Levine, Policy Advisor, United Nations Development Program

Economic Growth and Health Improvement in Africa

David Sahn, Director, Cornell Food and Nutrition Policy Program; International Professor of Economics, Cornell University; and

Stephen Younger, Scholar in Residence, Department of Economics, Ithaca College

5 pm: Remarks about the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future

Wendy Wolford, Polson Professor of Development Sociology, Cornell University; Associate Director, David R. Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future

Saturday, April 20, 2013 - ILR Conference Center # 423

8:30 am–9 am: Breakfast (open to all)

9 am–11 am ~ Session 2: Economic Growth and its Impact on Poverty and Inequality in sub-Saharan Africa

Moderator: **Ralph Christy**, J. Thomas Clark Professor of Entrepreneurship and Personal Enterprise, Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University

How Much Did the Recent Growth Spell in sub-Saharan Africa Contribute to Poverty Reduction?

Andy McKay, Professor of Development Economics, University of Sussex

Relationship between Growth, Inequality, and Poverty in sub-Saharan Africa

Augustin Fosu, Deputy Director, UNU/WIDER and University of Ghana-Legon

Pro-poor Growth, Inequality, and Institutions in Kenya

Jane Kabubo-Mariara, Director, School of Economics, University of Nairobi

Rethinking the Links between Technological Change and Development in Africa: From Artifacts to Socio-technical Regimes

James A. Murphy, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Clark University

11:00 am–11:15 am: Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 am–12:15 pm ~ Session 3: Contributions of African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) to African Development

Moderator: **Dotsevi Y. Sogah**, Professor, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Cornell University

Contributions of AERC to African Development

William Lyakurwa, Executive Director, African Economic Research Consortium

12:15 pm–1:15 pm: Lunch

1:15 pm–2:45 pm ~ Session 4: Effects of Employment, Microfinance and Seed Subsidies on Poverty

Moderator: **Sandra Greene**, Professor, Department of History, Cornell University

Employment Problems in Developing Countries: A Re-examination Four Decades Later

Gary Fields, Professor of Economics; and John P. Windmuller Chair of International and Comparative Labor, Cornell University

Reducing Poverty through Microfinance

Bertha A. Sogah, Microfinance and Small Loan Center, Office of the President, Republic of Ghana

Do Seed Subsidies Reduce Poverty and Inequality? Evidence from Zambia

Nicole Mason, Assistant Professor, Department of International Development, Michigan State University

2:45 pm–4:45 pm ~ Session 5: Globalization and Poverty Dynamics in Africa

Moderator: **Nicolas van de Walle**, Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Government, Cornell University

Impact of Globalization on Socio-economic Development in sub-Saharan Africa

Machiko Nissanke, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Dynamics of Poverty and Inequality in Ethiopia after 15 years of Economic Reform

Abebe Shimeles, Manager, Development Research Division, African Development Bank

An Investigation of Poverty Dynamics in Senegal in the Late 2000s

Hai-Anh Dang, Economist, Poverty and Inequality, Development Research Group, World Bank

Structural Paths and Growth in South Africa

Rob Davies, University of Zimbabwe; Research Associate, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa

4:45 pm–5:00 pm: Closing Remarks and Words of Gratitude:

Erik Thorbecke, H.E. Babcock Professor Emeritus of Economics, Cornell University