

Public seminar on:

## China and Africa – the role of Chinese Development Assistance

Addis Ababa, Tuesday 24 January 2023<sup>1</sup>

**Venue:** Inter-Luxury Hotel

**Time:** From 09:30 to 12:45 – followed by lunch

### Program

**Welcoming Message:** 09:30 – 09:45

Elling Tjønneland, senior researcher, CMI, *Project director for the major research program at the Chr. Michelsen Institute of Norway (with research participants from Ethiopia, Tanzania, Mozambique, China and Norway) examining Chinese development assistance and its relations with Western development assistance.*

**Opening remarks:** 09:45 – 10:30

HU Changchun, Head of Mission of the People's Republic of China to the African Union and Representative of the People's Republic of China to the UN Economic Commission for Africa

Stian Christensen, Ambassador of Norway to Ethiopia & Permanent Representative to the African Union

Representative of FDRE Ministry

Prof. Alemayehu Geda, Macro-economy and Finance Senior Researcher, AAU

**Health break with refreshment:** 10:30 – 10:45

**Session 1: Chinese Development Aid and African Development:** 10:45 – 11:15

**Moderator:** Messay Mulugeta (Associate Professor, College of Development Studies, Addis Ababa University)

Elling Tjønneland (short introductions, max 10 minutes)

*Chinese development aid to Africa – what, how and what difference does it make?*

Yu Zheng (Professor of International Politics at the School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, Shanghai)

*What drives China's development aid engagement in Africa (digital presentation)*

Hans Jørgen Gåsemeyer (Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs)

*China's multilateral engagement related to development aid*

Q&A

**Session 2: Case studies of Chinese aid to Africa:** 11:15 - 12:40

**Moderator:** Lovise Aalen (Research professor, CMI)

Liu Tiewa (Associate Professor, School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing)

Aid from Chinese NGOs to Africa: Case Study of China Foundation for Rural Development (*digital presentation*)

Gedion Jalata (Chief Executive Officer, Center of Excellence International Consult, Addis Ababa and Associated Fellow Forum for Social Studies) *China's aid engagement – The case of Ethiopia*

<sup>1</sup> This workshop is follow-up of an internal project workshop conducted on January 22 and 23. The event will be physical, but two speakers from China will participate virtually.

Muhidin Shangwe (University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania) and Stein Sundstøl Eriksen (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs)

*Chinese aid to Tanzania – the case of infrastructure*

Michael Sambo (Institute for Social and Economic Research, Mozambique) and Aslak Orre (CMI)

*Chinese loans and debt relief – the case of Mozambique*

Q&A

***Concluding remarks: 12:40 – 12:45***

Yeraswork Admassie, Executive Director of FSS

***Lunch: from 12:45 onwards***