



Authors' workshop

Transforming informal work and livelihoods

12-13 November 2020, Zoom

Presentations are 30 minutes each:

- Author's presentation 15 minutes
- Q&A 15 minutes

Times are EEST/Helsinki time

Day 1 | Thursday 12 November

14:00 – 14:15

Welcome and introduction

Kunal Sen, UNU-WIDER

Michael Danquah, UNU-WIDER

14:15 – 16:15

Session 1

Chair: **Michael Danquah**, UNU-WIDER

Speakers: **Sefa Awaworyi Churchill**, RMIT University

Ethnic diversity, informal work and livelihoods in Ghana

Duc Anh Dang, National Centre for Socioeconomic Information and Forecast, Vietnam

Political connections and firm's formalization: evidence from Vietnam

Mayang Rizky, SMERU Research Institute

Progress and stagnation in the livelihood of informal workers in an emerging economy: long-term evidence from Indonesia

Ajit Mishra, Institute of Economic Growth

What sustains informality? A study of the interactions between formal and informal sector firms

16:15 – 16:45

Break

16:45 – 18:45

Session 2

Chair: **Michael Danquah**, UNU-WIDER

Speakers: **Hanna Berkel**, University of Copenhagen

Informal enterprises and workers in Myanmar

Robert Duval Hernández, Open University of Cyprus

By choice or by force? Uncovering the nature of informal employment in urban Mexico

Sanjay Jain, University of Oxford

Informal employment of informal firms? Regulatory enforcement and the transformation of the informal sector

Kudrzycki Bartłomiej, ETH Zürich

Informal but decent work for the youth? The life of 1,500 young workers in Benin

Day 2 | Friday 13 November

15:10 – 16:40

Session 1

Chair: **Simone Schotte**, UNU-WIDER

Speakers: **Tevin Tafese**, GIGA

Misallocation and (in)formality in small and medium enterprises: evidence from Vietnam

Carla Canelas, American University of Paris

Labour market segmentation and policy reforms in Bolivia

Tim Gindling, University of Maryland

Identifying voluntary and involuntary informality in Costa Rica and Nicaragua

16:40 – 17:10

Break

17:10 – 19:10

Session 2

Chair: **Simone Schotte**, UNU-WIDER

Speakers: **Ira Gang**, Rutgers University

Finance, gender and entrepreneurship: evidence from India's informal sector firms

Lourenço Paz, Baylor University

Connect and protect: the role of trade, technology, and labor policies in informality

Melanie Khamis, Wesleyan University

Job quality and labor market transitions: evidence from Mexican informal and formal workers

Eva-Maria Egger, UNU-WIDER

Welfare and the depth of informality: evidence from five African countries

19:10 – 19:15

Wrap-up and way forward
