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## Personal Information

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## Education (including other Short Courses)

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**2017 Ph.D.** (Covenant University).

*Specialization:* International Economics and Regulations

**2009 MSc** (Covenant University)

*Specialization:* Corporate Finance

**2002-2006 BSc** (Covenant University)

**2009-2011 ACA** (Professional Qualification)

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**2011** Certificate Course: Standards and Agriculture Trade: Principles and Practice (World Bank)

**2012** Certificate Course in the Trade Dimension in United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks – UNDAFs (United Nations Economic Commission for Africa/United Nations Institute for Training and Research - UNITAR)

**2012** Certificate Course in Assessing Regional Integration in Africa: Towards an African Continental Free Trade Area (United Nations Economic Commission for Africa/United Nations Institute for Training and Research – UNITAR.

**2013** Certificate Course in International Trade and Development (Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa - TRAPCA)

- 2014** Economics of Money and Banking (Barnard College – Columbia University Coursera Online Course)
- 2014** Certificate Course on non-tariff measures and data collection (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – Virtual Institute, Geneva)
- 2014** Certificate Course on Ethnicity, Conflict, and Inequality in Global Perspective (Brown University, Brown International Advanced Research Institutes).
- 2014** Certificate Course on Trade and Development - Diploma Course – 2 (Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa - TRAPCA).
- 2015** Certificate Course on Trade and Gender - micro and macro-econometric analysis (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – Virtual Institute, Geneva).
- 2015** Certificate Course on Trade and Poverty (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – Virtual Institute, Geneva).
- 2015** Certificate Course on Trade and Gender 2 - micro and macro-econometric analysis (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – Virtual Institute, Geneva).
- 2015** Non-Certificate Course on Applied Micro econometric Analysis (African Growth and Development Policy Modeling Consortium)
- 2016** Certificate Course on Economic Analysis of Non-tariff Measures (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – Virtual Institute, Geneva).
- 2016** Certificate Course on Program Evaluation (IZA/DFID, Zambia, 2016).
- 2017** Certificate Course on Trade and Gender 2017 (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – Virtual Institute, Geneva).
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- 2017** Course on Program Evaluation “EGAP Learning Days Workshop”, Malawi, February 13-17, 2017, by Evidence in Governance and Politics.
- 2017** Course on “Structural Transformation and Industrial Policy” (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – Virtual Institute, Geneva), November 1 to December 19, 2017.
- 2018** Partnership for Economic Policy Course on ‘Policy Impact Analysis’ and ‘Measuring and Alleviating Poverty and Inequality’ (Completed, 2018).

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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**General Field:** Institutional Economics, Applied Econometrics, and Development Economics

**Specific Field:** Rural Development, Shocks, Behavioural Economics, and Firm/Household Analysis

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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### Books Written/ Edited

1. “Financing Sustainable Development in Africa,” with Asongu, S., (Eds.), New York: Palgrave Macmillan / Springer Nature (2018), DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-78843-2; Available at <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783319788425>
2. “Economics and Political Implications of International Financial Reporting Standards.” With Nnadi, M., and Sailesh, T., Iyoha, F., [Eds.]. Pennsylvania: IGI Global Publishers, (2016). <https://www.igi-global.com/book/economics-political-implications-international-financial/140970#table-of-contents>

### Policy Papers and Media Coverage

1. Efobi, U.R., et al (2018), Environmental Protection Efforts of Small Businesses in Nigeria and Ghana for Sustainable Development, Policy Paper Featured in Media <http://africanleadership.co.uk/environmental-protection-efforts-of-small-businesses-in-nigeria-and-ghana-for-sustainable-development/>
2. **Efobi, U.R.**, and Orkoh, E., (2017), Measuring and Assessing the Patterns and Trends of Youth Development in Sub-Saharan Countries, PEGNET Policy Brief (December, 2017)
3. Osabuohien, E.S., Herrmann, R., **Efobi, U.R.**, and Gitau, C.M.W., (2017), Female Labor Outcomes and Large-scale Land Investments in Tanzania, AGRODEP Working Paper 0038. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute. <http://ebrary.ifpri.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15738coll2/id/>
4. **Efobi, U.R.**, and Akinyemi, O., (2017), Determinants of Household Energy Expenditures: A Gender Analysis from Nigeria, ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) Research Report, Supervised by Prof. Adeola Adenikinju
5. **Efobi, U. R.**, Tanankem, V. B. and Becroft, I. (2016), Incentives and Firm’s Productivity: Exploring Multidimensional Fiscal Incentives in a Developing Country, *OCP Policy Center’s*

Working Paper Series, <http://www.ocppc.ma/publications/incentives-and-firms%E2%80%99-productivity-exploring-multidimensional-fiscal-incentives#.WH3dqdKLTIV>

6. **Efobi, U.R.**, (2016), Who is Benefiting from Access to the Same Border in Nigeria? A Gender Study, UNCTAD Virtual Institute Working Paper Series, <http://vi.unctad.org/tag/docs/tagmr/vimrtagnigeria16.pdf>

## **Journals**

1. "Analysis of the impacts of entrepreneurship training on growth performance of firms: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Nigeria", **Efobi, U.R.**, and Orkoh, E., *Journal of Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies*, (2018)
2. "Foreign Aid and Corruption: Clarifying Murky Empirical Conclusions? **Efobi, U.R.**, Beecroft, I., and Asongu, S., *Foreign Trade Review*, 54(1), 2019 (Forthcoming)
3. "Who Is Benefiting From Access To The Same Border Of Nigeria? A Gender Study", **Efobi, U.R.**, *World Development Perspectives*, 2018, (Forthcoming)
4. "Female Economic Participation with Information and Communication Technology Advancement: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa", **Efobi, U.R.**, Asongu, S., and Tanankem, B., *South African Journal of Economics*, 2018 (<https://doi.org/10.1111/saje.12194>).
5. "Globalization and Governance in Africa: A Critical Contribution to the Empirics." Asongu, S.A., **Efobi, U.R.**, and Tchamyou, V.S., *International Journal of Development Issues*, 17(1): 2-27, 2018 (<https://doi.org/10.1108/IJDI-04-2017-0038>).
6. "Aid in Modulating the Impact of Terrorism on FDI: No Positive Thresholds, No Policy." Asongu, S., **Efobi, U.R.**, and Beecroft, I., *Forum for Social Economics*, 2018 (<https://doi.org/10.1080/07360932.2018.1434676>).
7. "Women Empowerment and Intra-household Dietary Diversity in Nigeria." Tanankem, V.B., **Efobi, U.R.**, and Atata, S., *Journal of Research in Gender Studies*, 7(2): 39-66 (2017). <https://www.addletonacademicpublishers.com/search-in-jrgs/3122-women-empowerment-and-intra-household-dietary-diversity-in-nigeria>
8. "Incentives and Firm's Productivity: Exploring Multidimensional Fiscal Incentives in a Developing Country." **Efobi, U.R.**, Tanankem, V. B. and Beecroft, I., *World Development Perspectives*, 5: 56-59 (2017) <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2452292917300140>
9. "Terrorism and Capital Flight from Africa." **Efobi, U.R.**, and Asongu, S., *International Economics*, 148: 81-94 (2016). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.inteco.2016.06.004i>.
10. "Inclusive Human Development in Pre-crisis Times of Globalisation-driven Debts." Asongu, S., **Efobi, U.R.**, and Beecroft, I., *African Development Review*, 27(4): 428-442 (2015) <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1467-8268.12158/abstract>

11. “Politicians’ Attributes and Institutional Quality in Africa: A Focus on Corruption.” **Efobi, U.R.**, *Journal of Economic Issues*, 49(3): 787-813, (2015). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00213624.2015.1072393>
12. “Environmental Challenges in Africa: Further Dimensions to the Trade, MNCs and Energy Debate.” Osabuohien, E.S., **Efobi, U.R.**, and Gitau, C., *Management of Environmental Quality: An International Journal*, 26(1): 118-137 (2015), <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/MEQ-04-2014-0058>
13. “Innovation in Africa: Why Institutions Matter.” Oluwatobi, S., **Efobi, U.R.**, Olurinola, O.I., and Alege, P., *South African Journal of Economics*, 83(3): 390-410 (2014) <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/saje.12071/abstract>
14. “One Dollar, One Bank Account: Remittance and Bank Breadth in Nigeria.” **Efobi, U.R.**, Osabuohien, E.S., and Oluwatobi, S., *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 16(3): 761-781, (2014). <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs12134-014-0358-0>.
15. “Access to and Use of Bank Services in Nigeria: Micro-Econometric Evidence.” **Efobi, U.R.**, Beecroft, I., and Osabuohien, E., *Review of Development Finance*, 4(2): 104-114, (2014) <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1879933714000165>
16. “Beyond the Environmental Kuznets Curve in Africa: Evidence from Panel Co-integration.” Osabuohien, E.S., **Efobi, U.R.**, and Gitau, C., *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*, 16(4): 517-538, (2014). <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1523908X.2013.867802>
17. “Africa’s Money in Africa.” Osabuohien, E.S., and **Efobi, U.R.**, *South African Journal of Economics*, 81(2), 292-306, (2013). <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/saje.12012/abstract>

## GRANTS/ AWARDS/ NOMINATIONS/ FELLOWSHIPS

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### Funded Projects

1. Research Grant of **30, 000 USD** from the Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development for the research "Green Industrialization in Nigeria and Ghana: Extents, and Impact from a Quasi-Experiment" (**Completed in Spring 2018**).
2. Research Grant of **22,000 USD** from the International Centre for Tax and Development/ Institute of Development Studies for the research “Small Businesses and the Adoption of the Integrated Tax Administration System in Nigeria” (**Completed**).
3. Research Grant of **30, 000 USD** from the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) for the research “Large-scale Land Investments and (Un) Employment Questions in Africa: Quantitative and Qualitative Insights from Nigeria” (**Completed**).

4. Grant of **1500 EUR** from the ECOWAS Research Grant Program: Energy Policy Research on the Topic “Household Energy Expenditures and Income Groups: A Gender Analysis from Nigeria”, (**Completed, 2017**).
5. Grant of **5000 USD** from UNCTAD Virtual Institute for the Mentored research papers on trade and gender, with research, focus on who is Benefiting from the Access to the Borders of Nigeria? A Gendered Perspective (**Completed**).
6. Grant of **15,000 USD** from the African Growth and Development Policy Modeling Consortium (AGRODEP) to conduct the research “Forces from Above and Voices from Below: Large-Scale Land Based Investments and Employment Questions in Nigeria and Tanzania” (**Completed**)
7. Grant of **5000 USD** from UNCTAD Virtual Institute for the Localization of Teaching Material on RTAs in West Africa (2015) [**Completed**].
8. Grant of **10,000 USD** from the Brown International Advanced Research Institute (BIARI), Brown University, USA: for a cross-country research on ‘The Community veto: Understanding the special legal regime of the right to refuse expropriation’ (team members from Mexico; India, South Africa; USA). 2014. [**Not Taken**]
9. Grant of **3600 USD** from the Covenant University Centre for Research and Development, to carry out a Project on Land Deals in Ota, 2014 [**Completed**]
10. Grant of **4000 UK** pounds from Global Trade Alert (the Centre for Economic and Policy Research with reference number Ref: LOA-GTA\_OSABUOHIEEN\_BEECROFT\_EFOBI (08.05.12), to write and present a paper on “Free Trade Versus Protectionism in Africa: The Unending Contradiction”, 2012 [**Completed**]

### **Nominations/ Fellowships/Awards**

1. Nominated as a Hewlett Scholar to Participate in Working Group for African Political Economy 2017 Annual Meeting Special Sessions, University of Berkeley, California, June 1-10, 2017.
2. Nominated and Full Grant Fellowship by Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) to Attend EGAP Learning Days Workshop in Malawi, 13-17 February 2017.
3. Nominated and Full Grant Fellowship by the IZA/DFID to Attend the Short Course on Program Evaluation in Lusaka, Zambia 27-30 October 2016.
4. Nominated to be Part of the Team in the “Gender” Thematic Area for the National Agricultural Investment Plan Appraisal and Design Experts Group, 2016. Selection by

African Growth and Development Policy Modeling Consortium (AGRODEP)/ International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

5. Nominated for Tuition Grant from UNCTAD Virtual Institute to participate in the online UNCTAD Course on non-tariff measures and data collection.
6. Tuition Grant from the Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa to Participate in the E-Learning Course-TRP 100: Certificate in International Trade & Development, 24 June-16 August 2013.
7. *First Prize, FLACSO-WTO Chairs Award*, 2012 Edition (with Osabuohien, E, and Beecroft, I), Caba, Argentina, December 2012 and a 1, 000 USD, Prize.

## **SELECTED CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS ATTENDED (INCLUDING PAPER FEATURED)**

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1. Efobi, U., Beecroft, I., and Atata, S., (2017), Do Women's Land Rights Promote Non-Farm Entrepreneurship in Rural Africa: New Evidence from the LSMS-ISA Dataset, Paper presented at 2017 Conference on Land Policy in Africa, 14 – 17 November 2017, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2. Efobi, U., Atata, S., Tanankem, B.V., and Beecroft, I., (2017), Adoption of Agricultural Technology, Productivity and Welfare of Smallholders in Rural Nigeria, presented at the PEGNET and the NADEL – Center for Development and Cooperation, Conference, 2017, ETH Zürich.
3. Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences - Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training (RT2) – Berkeley, CA, June 7 - 9, 2017.
4. Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) Spring Meeting, University of California, Berkeley, June 5-6, 2017.
5. The fourth Annual Bank Conference on Africa (ABCA), University of California, Berkeley, June 1-2, 2017
6. Belmondo, T.V., Efobi, U., and Atata, S.N., (2017), Women Empowerment and Intra-household Dietary Diversity in Nigeria, Presented at the World Bank/Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics Workshop on the Use of Living Standard Measurement Survey Data for Research, Policy and Development, 7-8 February, 2017, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
7. Belmondo, T.V., Efobi, U., and Atata, S.N., (2016), Women Empowerment and Intra-household Dietary Diversity in Nigeria, Presented at the Changing Food Systems in Africa: Agroecology and Food Sovereignty and their Role in Nutrition and Health, 24-26 November 2016, Mekelle University, Mekelle, Ethiopia.
8. Osabuohien, E.S., Beecroft, I., and Efobi, U.R., (2016), Determinants and Implications of Large-Scale Land Investments in Nigeria: Recent Evidences from Community and Household

Data, Presented at the AERC Biannual Research Workshop, May 29-June 01, 2016, Nairobi, Kenya.

9. Efobi, U., (2016), Inequality of Opportunity for Education and Service Delivery: The Case of Nigeria, Proposal Presented at the World Bank and AERC Joint Workshop/Advanced Training on Service Delivery Indicators in Nigeria, April 24-27, 2016, Lagos, Nigeria.
10. Efobi, U., Tanakem, B., and Beecroft, I., and Akinyemi, O., (2016), Household Welfare and Energy Expenditure: A Gendered Analysis from Nigeria, Paper Presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Nigeria Energy Forum – NEF 2016, April, Lagos Nigeria.

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