

Testimonials from Conference Participants

African Finance and Economic (AFEA) Conference in Nairobi, July 15-18, 2025

Lydia, Kenya: I would describe my experience as mind-blowing, eye-opening, and phenomenal. It was my first time attending a conference, and I learned what happens at one.

Chiamake, Nigeria: Transformative, empowering, and unforgettable. Attending the 2025 African Finance and Economics Association (AFEA) Conference in Nairobi was more than just a professional milestone; it was a life-defining experience.

Anita, Ghana. The panel discussions highlighted the barriers women face from access to mentorship to institutional biases, but also shared practical strategies for overcoming them. I left the session feeling inspired and empowered to take up space, mentor others, and contribute meaningfully to shaping inclusive research environments across Africa.

Djinta, Togo: The 2025 AFEA Conference was an excellent platform for building valuable professional connections. I connected with several researchers working on similar topics, particularly in digital finance, agricultural productivity, and institutional economics. The most useful part for me was the opportunity to receive direct feedback on my research from leading African economists and fellow scholars.

Emilie, Benin: The most enriching part of the conference was the opportunity to present my paper, receive constructive feedback to improve it, and learn from insights shared in other research presentations.

Angélique, Côte D'Ivoire: The Evening Session titled: “Getting More Women in Research”. This session opened my eyes even more to the challenges women face in the research world and how to anticipate them in my own daily life. What made this session special was Prof. Tabitha Kiriti's sharing of experiences, which profoundly impacted me with real-life examples of the challenges women face in research.

Econometric Society Conference in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from June 5-9, 2024

Becky, Ghana: The World Bank-AAawe sponsorship has allowed me to travel abroad for the first time. It has also given me the opportunity to network with people from different countries, which will help me collaborate with someone when publishing articles. I learned a lot from the members' presentations and was able to make comments. It was a great exposure and a wonderful experience. I am eager to learn more and gain from such international conferences.

Brendaline, Cameroon: The conference was enriching. I interacted with scholars from various institutions around the globe, and we developed a good network for future collaboration. I am grateful to AAawe Prof Asiedu, the vision bearer, for this rare opportunity, and to all the board members who assisted in making this a reality. I pray and wish to attend many such conferences in the future.

Milogo, Burkina Faso: We sincerely thank the President of AAawe and all her collaborators for the opportunity to participate in this international conference. Our participation was truly beneficial on several levels. Regarding the organization, we would like to take our hat off to Beckie, who managed the group and the various activities very well. We look forward to participating in many AAawe activities. Long live AAawe!

Ami, Togo: This was a wonderful experience to be in the presence of the greatest in Economics. I got a chance to meet some of my idols, people that I have looked up to, and who are the reasons why I chose this field. AFES was my first conference, and the experience I gained there will remain with me for the rest of my life.