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Session 1: Issues in African Development

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Paper 1: Understanding Internal Migration Patterns in Nigeria

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Paper 2: Impact of Food Inflation on Household Welfare in Ethiopia

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Session 2: Firms, Innovation, Technology and Financial Inclusion in Developing Countries

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Paper Title: The Cost of Technology in Africa: Is this a barrier to firms' digital adoption?

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Paper Title: The Importance of R&D and Worker Training in Driving Innovation: Firm-Level

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Session 3: Health, Disability, and Intimate Partner Violence

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Paper Title: Can Social Safety Net Programs Reduce Work Disability? Evidence from the Earned Income Tax Credit

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