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Rethinking Development Seminar Series

Rediscussing rural change in Sub-Saharan Africa - Outcomes of the World Bank led RuralStruc program

SPEAKER



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Rural diversification in sub-Saharan Africa has been one of the most debated issues over the last 15 years. Cross-regional household survey results provided by the World Bank led RuralStruc program give the opportunity to rediscuss the on-going reshaping of the rural economy. They particularly highlight processes of rural adaptation which mirror overall structural change and the strong diversification-income relationship. They show a sometimes elusive rural nonfarm economy and suggest policy orientations for unlocking the strong potential for change.

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