

# EMTA Forum: Economic and Political Outlook for Sub-Saharan Africa

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### **JIBRAN QUREISHI (MODERATOR)** **Standard Bank**

Jibran Qureishi is a prominent award-winning economist known for his expertise in African macroeconomics and financial markets research. He is currently the Head of Africa Regions Economic Research at the Standard Bank Group. Jibran provides strategic and operational leadership to a team that has members in multiple geographic locations across the continent. The macroeconomic research is overlaid with fixed income and currency research to produce executable trade ideas in African fixed income and currency markets. In addition, his team's research is aimed at identifying potentially profitable trading opportunities in the growing African Eurobond market.

Jibran features prominently in leading business media and in 2018 was hailed as one of Kenya's Top 40 under 40 professionals. He advises the banks clients and senior management in various in-country offices on Africa strategy. Additionally, he has advised governments and central banks on the continent on public policy matters. He was ranked first by the prestigious Financial Mail top analyst awards for Sub Saharan Africa in 2016, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. His team also emerged victorious in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Spire Awards in 2016, 2017 and 2024 as the best Africa research team. Jibran was also ranked as the number one analyst in 2024 for frontier markets by the Extel Survey (formerly Institutional Investor Research) awards.

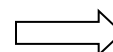
### **KEVIN DALY** **Aberdeen**

Kevin is an investment director on the emerging market debt team at Aberdeen and is based in London. Kevin joined the company in 2007 and oversees the dedicated frontier market bond funds.

Kevin has been an active participant in recent debt restructuring committees and has been active participant in discussions on G20 debt relief initiatives with the Paris Club, IMF, World Bank and the IIF.

Prior to joining abrdn, Kevin spent over ten years with Standard & Poor's in London and Singapore.

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Tatonga Rusike is the Chief Economist on Africa at BofA Global Economics Research team. He joined BofA in August 2021.

Previously, he was a sovereign credit analyst at S&P Global Ratings for almost 10 years covering a wide range of Sub-Saharan African countries. His notable contributions at S&P included managing the sovereign rating transitions for South Africa to non-investment grade as well as Mozambique and Zambia to sovereign defaults.

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Samantha Singh- Jami heads the Africa (excluding South Africa) research team at RMB. She also doubles as the rates and credit strategist. In her role as a strategist, she is responsible for producing FX, local debt and sovereign credit research on African economies while her team mainly focuses on fundamental research. She often travels across the continent to interact with policy makers, clients and the broader RMB teams in those jurisdictions.

Samantha joined RMB in November 2022 after about a decade and a half in similar roles at other South African banks.

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**YVETTE BABB**  
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Yvette Babb is a hard and local currency portfolio manager on William Blair's emerging markets debt (EMD) team where she focuses on CEEMEA with an emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa and co-Leads a Frontier Market Debt Fund (with Daniel Wood).

Before joining William Blair, she was a portfolio manager on NN Investment Partners' EMD team, where she focused on frontier market analysis and portfolio management, working with both the hard currency and local currency teams. Before joining NNIP in 2018, Yvette was chief economist and strategist for sub-Saharan Africa for J.P. Morgan. She also held a similar role at Standard Bank in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Yvette graduated from the Erasmus University of Rotterdam where she obtained a Bachelor of Science in International Economics and Business Studies and from the University of Amsterdam, where she obtained a Master of Science in Economics. She also spent a semester at the University of Stellenbosch where she participated in numerous post graduate classes.