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**Collaborative Seminar:** Dept. of Development Studies, University of Makeni, Sierra Leone  
and  
Maynooth University Dept. of International Development

**Title:** Teaching and Research in Development Studies in the Light of COVID  
**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Seminar Schedule		
<b>Time: 3pm</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Topic:</b> Teaching Undergraduate Programmes - experience, challenges and lessons learned/adaptations made in light of COVID	<b>Chair:</b> Ibrahim Barrie (UniMak)
<b>3.10pm</b>	University of Makeni - Experiences, challenges and lessons learned	Speaker: Musa Sesay
<b>3.20pm</b>	Maynooth University - Experiences, challenges and lessons learned	Speaker: Patrick Marren
<b>3.30pm</b>	Q and A	
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Topic:</b> Teaching Postgraduate Programmes - experience, challenges and lessons learned/adaptations made in light of COVID	<b>Chair:</b> Tom Campbell (MU)
<b>3.40pm</b>	University of Makeni - UniMak goes virtual: teaching, classrooms and new PhD programmes	Speaker: Joseph Turay
<b>3.50pm</b>	Maynooth University - Focus on taking a practical/applied module online: challenges & successes	Speaker: Niamh Rooney
<b>4.00pm</b>	Q and A	
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Topic:</b> Undertaking Research - experience, challenges and lessons learned/adaptations made in light of COVID	<b>Chair:</b> Johannes A. B. Kamara (UniMak)
<b>4.10pm</b>	University of Makeni - Opportunities and restrictions; how COVID and technology have changed research in Sierra Leone	Speaker: Jess Jones
<b>4.20pm</b>	Maynooth University - Teaching and carrying out research: supervision and other issues	Speaker: Eilish Dillon
<b>4.30pm</b>	Q and A	