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**Did you know that every 2nd Thursday of the month, CREG offers a scientific framework to researchers from all sides of the world? (June 16th)**

CREG Scientific Thursdays fourth session has been held in June 2022 under the theme: « **Impacts of domestic work valuing on women's economic empowerment in Senegal** ». Mr Dienoum Malick NDIAYE Economist and PhD student at CREG, was so enthusiastic to share his findings.

The designated discussants Dr Silvère KONAN and Dr Dzidzogne LAWSON respectively from Cocody and Lomé Universities share their observations on the work. Both were unanimous on the subject relevance and the methodological approach.

However, here after some observations they made:

- the lack of research interest in the “introductory” part;
- economic policies for helping decision-makers on the addressed issue in the introductory part of the document;
- further documentation and data updating are necessary to enrich the paper.



Here are the presenter's impressions.

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Q: You presented a paper on the theme: « Impacts of domestic work valuing on women's economic empowerment in Senegal ». What were the session main highlights?

A: First of all, it was Professor Felix NZUE introductory lesson. Secondly, the discussant's relevant observations, namely Dr Dzidzoghé LAWSON, and finally, the participants' quality of critics.

Malick

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Q: What can you tell about reviewers' observations? (methodology, literature review, results)

A: Very interesting and informative in so far as they will permit me to have new analysis angles for my paper valuing.

Malick

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Q: What advice do you give to other researchers who are still hesitating to participate in CREG S.T?

A: Considering the various suggestions I have received that will help in the paper improvement, I strongly advise them to join this initiative.

Malick

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Q: What were your overall impressions?

A: It was a great moment for me both in terms of the number of persons who followed my presentation and in the quality of their interventions.

Malick

## Regional Workshop on Demographic Dividend Sensitive Budgeting in Senegal: What is it about? (June 23th to 28th)

For five days long, from 23 to 28 June 2022, a capacity-building workshop was held at King Fahd Palace Hotel in Dakar, Senegal, to bring together the beneficiary countries of the Women's Empowerment and Demographic Dividend in the Sahel (SWEED) project, namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Chad and the applying countries Senegal, The Gambia, Togo and Congo.

Countries were represented at the workshop by experts from the following sectoral ministries: Budget, Finance, National Institutes of Statistics Institutes, SWEDD

Project Management Units, National Demographic Dividend Observatories (NDDO) members, UNFPA, ECA and ECOWAS representors.

This workshop marked a decisive turning point in Demographic Dividend harnessing process and places the budget as a key analysis tool of public expenditures with strong gender sensitivities in order to reduce inequalities in this area.

According to Professor Latif Dramani CREG President and Coordinator, « *This meeting reveals the WCARO zone and ECOWAS countries commitment to significantly contribute to the generation of evidence within the framework of the implementation of the of the African Union Roadmap towards Dividend Demographic harnessing* ».



Thus, the DDMI/GDDI retropolation (Demographic Dividend Monitoring Index and Gender Demographic Dividend Index) aims at shed lighting on each country's gender dimensions in different sectors. This first step will permit to address gender differences in human development as well as other sectorial outcomes through budget allocations.

Experts and managers from the various countries have been introduced to the DDMI/GDDI budget transformation and back casting process and now have the tools they need to apply the methodology of transforming the classic budget into a functional one. Together with analyses, the resulting evidence-based elements will facilitate advocacy to ensure that relevant decisions are made in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Several parallel sessions, presentations and discussions constituted this regional meeting's agenda main articulations and enriched the exchanges.

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*It is clear that the national budget, the main tool for resources allocation to the various economic and social sectors of a country, could accelerate the achievement of conditions for sustainable growth, inclusive and supportive of harnessing the demographic dividend if it is consistent with the components of DDMI. The importance of this resource planning instrument commits us to intervene to positively influence the budget allocation process to make it more sensitive to the pillars of the demographic dividend*

**Dr Edouard TALNAN**

*Regional Advisor - United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)*

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*Driven by the desire to perfect the tools developed, we continue to work with our partners the World Bank and CEA to deepen the analysis, which will no longer be limited to budget allocations but will also include the analysis of the use of resources according to gender through a careful examination of public expenditures. The methodology is being developed in collaboration with CREG and NDDO experts and will be an important step in the DDSB adoption process*

**Mrs Ngoné DIOP**

*Director of the Sub-Regional Office for West Africa of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)*



## My thesis in 180 seconds: two PhD students from CREG-CREFAT were distinguished. (June 28th)

It is with great pride and joy that CREG members have sent their warm congratulations to Mr Boubakar DIALLO and Mr Sangoné DIOP, respectively winners of the 2nd and 3rd prize of the famous contest « My thesis in 180 seconds ».



Mr. Sangoné DIOP was kind enough to answer to the few following questions:

**Q:** What can you tell us Tell us about “My thesis in 180-seconds”?  
What is it about? What are the main steps?

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**A:** « My thesis in 180-seconds » is a national competition that permits PhD students to present their research topic in three minutes to a diverse and secular audience. After the selection step by Iba Der THIAM University, we followed a training at the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie on presentations approaches and technics before going to the final with a multidisciplinary jury.

Sangoné

**Q:** How did you manage to receive this distinction? Which challenges did you face?

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**A:** I was simple, relevant and persuasive in my speech, and I lived the moment while captivating the audience with my sense of humour.

Sangoné

**Q:** What advice do you give to young researchers aspiring to participate in this competition?

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**A:** This competition is one of the most important experiences in the life of a researcher, the reason why I strongly advise them to participate while putting all the assets on their side. I mean the clarity and relevance of your ideas, your persuasiveness and your charisma.

Sangoné

**Q:** Your last word?

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**A:** I dedicate this award to my Research Director Pr Latif DRAMANI for always guiding me in a fruitful way. I would like to thank the doctoral school and all CREG-CREFAT staff for their strong support.

Sangoné



## CREG responded to Plan International invitation in the framework of the FALLI workshop (Feminist Advocacy Leadership and Influencing Initiative) at Novotel Hotel, Dakar, in Senegal (June 29th)

This session is part of “Plan International Senegal five-year strategy”. Indeed, the NGO has chosen “influence” as a value-added approach to its business model. This justifies the organization of a training session in advocacy and influence technology for its staff members. CREG participation at this workshop is in line with its work on demographic dividend and women empowerment.

