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Capacity building workshop on NTAs (National Transfer Accounts): CREG provides technical support to Mauritania

To learn more about the NTA concepts and prior to the in person workshop, a virtual session has brought together experts from Mauritania for two days. This step was decisive in providing participants with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with some NTA concepts and tools. This virtual workshop was closed on a satisfactory note by the Mauritania National Demographic Dividend Observatory representative. Participants hope to meet in a face-to-face workshop in Nouadhibou in the coming days to apply all the revisited theoretical concepts.

Held at the Fleur de Lys Hotel in Senegal on 2 August 2022, this workshop aimed at measuring the Ukraine war impacts and the Covid-19 pandemic on food security as well as the right to food satisfaction level.
Organized around several panels, the discussions provided an opportunity to discuss Senegalese government’s policies on:
- crisis prevention;
- basis for collaboration on research, training and development around strategic themes on the food crisis.

A roadmap has been drawn up for the implementation of the relevant recommendations to be proposed to key public administrations.

Scientific Thursdays at CREG: a melting pot of exchanges between researchers (August 11)

As usual, every 2nd Thursday of the month, the CREG organizes a virtual meeting between researchers from all walks of life. That of this month was articulated around the theme: «Profiling chronic poverty in Senegal: an analysis by the method of multiple correspondences».

Mr Boubacar Diallo after having presented his paper, collected from the discussants some recommendations and suggestions as well the substance as the form. Observations that the presenter considers relevant and that he intends to integrate to improve his paper.

Mauritania experts build their capacities on NTAs (National transfer accounts), the Demographic dividend monitoring index (DDMI) and the Gender demographic dividend index (GDDI) (9-18 August)

For ten days, about forty participants from several institutions, National Demographic Dividend Observatories members of the National as well as SWEDD representatives, the United Nations Population Fund, the Economic Affairs for Policies and Stratégies General Office attended the training workshop on DDMI, GDDI and NTA.

Nouadhibou, the second largest city in Mauritania, hosted this important meeting. The workshop began with a protocol ceremony and a harmonisation of the agenda. The rest of the workshop was marked by CREG institutional presentation and the promotion of sustainable development in Africa, various presentations, parallel sessions and debates and thematic reports elaboration.

Participants learnt a variety of concepts and improved their knowledge through the multitude of topics discussed, namely:

- NTA concepts and approaches;
- Demographic dividend foundations and concepts;
- the roadmap for the Demographic Dividend-sensitive Budgeting cycle;
- demographic transition, economic support ratio: 1st and 2nd demographic dividend;
- the “networks and territories” dimension.
In addition to the theoretical aspects, the meeting was punctuated by a number of practical and technical activities that helped to calibrate the new National Transfer Accounts profile (base 2019), the DDMI, GDDI, and to prepare the related reports. This workshop was important in so far as it has permitted Mauritania to catch up its delay in relation to the other countries that have joined the process.

One of the participants said:

"The organization of this session has permitted Mauritania’s delay in producing its second report of the NDDO set up as part of the objectives pursued by the SWEDD project for harnessing the demographic dividend."

Workshop on appropriation by media and web influencers involved in the implementation of SWEDD-BENIN project of the concept of the demographic dividend: CREG honored by a strong delegation (29 August to 03 September)

As part of the implementation of the project “Women Empowerment and Demographic Dividend in the Sahel” (SWEDD-Benin), a capacity-building workshop was held for media and web content producers of all categories from 29 August to 3 September 2022 in Grand Popo, Benin.

The objective of this workshop was to bring together women and men working in media and web influencers to inform them about the National Demographic Dividend Observatory five dimensions so as to help them make adequate analysis in their productions. For six days, they learnt about the main issues and challenges related to deciphering. From now on they have the necessary tools to analyze and interpret the demographic dividend tracking indicators.

Several presentations have been made during this session:

- The National Demographic Dividend Observatory;
- The communication, advocacy and dissemination issue in the NDDO.