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Aware of the challenges of gender problems in harnessing the demographic dividend, the Demographic Dividend National Observatory (DDNO) Mali with the technical support of CREG and supported by the United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA), held a technical workshop on the construction of the Gender Demographic Dividend Index (GDDI) at DIAMCIS Centre in Mali. More than twenty experts from various organisations attended the workshop. The aim of the session was to build the Malian experts’ capacities on considering gender into harnessing the demographic dividend, and above all to equip them with the methodology for constructing the Gender Demographic Dividend Index.

The workshop was divided into two main phases. The first devoted to the various theoretical presentations was followed by discussions, and the second, more technical phase, was dedicated to committee work. After two days of intensive work, the last day of the workshop was devoted to the restitution of the work results and the closing of the activities. The analysis of the results shows that the Gender of the demographic dividend Index of men (0.458) in Mali, although below the required average level (0.50), is 4 times higher than that of women (0.117).
Therefore, the participants are committed to more action in favour of the economic empowerment of women and the development of human capital.

CREG Representatives, UNFPA and the Executive Officer of DDNO attended the closing ceremony. The latter, after expressing their acknowledgments to all participants for their determination to achieve such results, urged the partner organisations and CREG on supporting more the DDNO in the fulfilment of its missions.

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By committing itself to the process of harnessing the demographic dividend, Cote d’Ivoire intends to improve the effectiveness of public policies and accelerate the Demographic Dividend harnessing process (DD).

With this in mind, a Demographic Dividend National Observatory (DD) has been set up, as a strategic tool whose mission is to inform and enlighten policy-makers choices on women empowerment and Demographic Dividend. In order to fulfil its information monitoring role, the DDNO must periodically draw up, on the basis of new data from national surveys, the various monitoring documents of the DD indicators. To this end, Cote d’Ivoire DDNO, in partnership with CREG and with the technical and financial support from the World Bank and UNFPA, organized a hybrid capacity-building workshop on the calibration of the DDMI and the GDDI for the 2018/2019 databases.

For ten days, nearly thirty experts from Cote d’Ivoire worked hard to produce the national report on monitoring the demographic dividend and reports on the five dimensions of the indicator for monitoring the demographic dividend, analysed across the country with a focus on gender disparities. The workshop was divided into two parts:

- A virtual session characterized by several presentations related to the DDMI;
- A face-to-face session with the continuation of the presentations followed by discussions and during which, a presentation of two institutional films on “communication at the heart of public policies and the advocacy of public indicators”.

Some provisional results related to the quality of living environment index (2029) were discussed, particularly:

- Civic links and commitments that are not in favour of Abidjan city;
- Social links and civic commitments unfavourable to Goh-DJIBOUA;
- The country’s consumption, which has doubled, whereas labour income that has not kept pace with consumption.
Based on the achieved results, it is clear that the participants must consider the sources and coherence of the results in order to make them more acceptable to policy-makers. Furthermore, the state must create more conditions, which are favourable to facilitate poverty transitions.

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That second performance of JSC entitled “microeconomic impact of education on well-being in Senegal” was moderated on 16 June 2023 by Dr Sam AGBAHOUNGBA of the World Bank and two other discussants, Dr Aicha TIEN DREBOGO and Mr Xavier BEOGO, respectively from Polytechnic University of Ouagadougou and Gaston Berger University of Saint Louis. The aim of this paper was to analyse the microeconomic impact of education on well-being, apprehended by social capital measured by the various means used to find a job in Senegal. According to the presenter, Dr SANGONE Diop, by exploiting the characteristics of endogenous and exogenous variables, the results obtained through estimation by the multinomial logistic method (MLM) show that only the higher level has a positive and significant impact on all the means used to look for a job in Senegal, but at different levels and with different probabilities. While both speakers were unanimous on the relevance of the subject and the rigour in the writing of the paper, they however made some suggestions and comments to help improve the paper:
- further reference the information sources in the “introductory” section
- Feeling out the paper’s problematic by clearly highlighting the interest of research in Senegal;
- Conduct a literature review of the concepts of education and social capital;
- Include the “income” variable in the analysis.
- More depth documentation and updated data.

Dr Mame Sangoné DIOP reiterated his acknowledgements to the speakers and praised the relevance of the suggestions that they intend to incorporate into the paper presented.
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Being one of the main sources of financing, fighting poverty, enhancing shared prosperity and promoting sustainable development”, is the mission of the World Bank. With 189 member countries and collaborators from more than 170 countries and more than 130 branches worldwide the World Bank Group is a unique partnership: five institutions working together to find sustainable solutions to reduce poverty and promote the partition of prosperity in developing countries. In this perspective, a review of Senegal’s economic situation was commissioned. Following the various presentations on Senegal’s macro-economic situation, the vulnerability of poverty, strategic measures and recommendations were proposed. The meeting was the opportunity for CREG Coordinator Prof Latif DRAMANI to share the results of economic research and poverty dynamics. After providing some answers to the various questions, the coordinator formulated his recommendations on the challenges related to Senegalese economy.

The demographic dividend is the opportunity for economic growth of a given country when the structure of its population reaches a proportion of economically dependent people that tends to decrease compared to the proportion of economically independent people. To exploit this growth potential, the African Union’s roadmap, entitled “Reaping the full benefits demographic dividend”, identifies four main pillars: health and well-being, education and skills development, employment and entrepreneurship, governance and women’s empowerment.

That is why a tool for monitoring the Demographic Dividend Monitoring Index (DDMI), has been developed by the Regional Consortium for Research in Generational Economics, to serve as a dashboard for policy-makers on decisions related to harnessing demographic dividend.
As a reminder, the DDMI looks at harnessing the demographic dividend basing on five main dimensions of economic and social life, taking into account the pillars defined in the AU roadmap, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These dimensions are respectively the coverage of economic dependence, quality of life environment, poverty dynamics, extended human development and networks and territories.

With this tool, CREG works with countries that benefit from UNFPA’s technical and financial support as part of the Sahel Women’s Empowerment and Demographic Dividend (SWEDD) Project whose main aim is the economic empowerment of women in the Sahel. This project, which has now involved nearly 12 countries in West and Central Africa, has enabled countries to identify the situation of their respective countries in their efforts to harness demographic dividend.

With this in mind, Senegal, a member country of the SWEDD project, has organized, with the technical and financial support of the UNFPA, a workshop in order to calibrate the DDMI regarding the gender (Gender demographic dividend index) at national and sub-national levels. The main objective of the workshop, which brought together more than fifteen Senegalese experts, was to produce analysis reports of the dimensions of the 2019 DDMI. To this end, about fifteen Senegalese experts representing sectoral ministries, National Agency for Statistic and Demography (ANSD), the Directorate of Development and Human Capital (DDCH), and members of Senegal’s DDNO took part of it. They were provided with tools for compulating the indicators and dimensions being monitored, and trained in the drafting and analysis of dimensions and summaries, and in the frequency of report production. At the end of the workshop, the draft reports were produced. The latter show the evolutions between 2011 and 2019, in accord with gender, the DDMI dimensions at national level. The situation regarding demographic dividend harness at sub-national level has also been developed in the reports. It reveals that the region of Ziguinchor is ranked second after Dakar, in the ranking of regions following the efforts in terms of harnessing the Demographic Dividend. This report has been added to the SWEDD project’s list of achievements in Senegal, which already has a national report on the Demographic Dividend based on data from 2011, 10 regional reports and 11 policy Briefs, all of which constitute significant resources in strengthening the advocacy for an optimal demographic dividend harnessing.
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The Third Session of CREG’s Jeudis Scientifiques will take place on Thursday, July 20, 2023, starting at 3 pm GMT.

Pr. Latif Dramani will present a paper on: Macro-budgetary modeling of the Demographic Dividend.

During this session Prof. Dramani will show us how macro-fiscal modeling of the demographic dividend is an essential tool for guiding political and economic decisions in the context of demographic change.

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