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INTRODUCTION

The conference on African Population and Development is a biennial flagship conference of the National Transfer Accounts Africa Network (NTA-Africa). The global National Transfer Accounts (NTA) network is a network of researchers working on introducing age structure and population into the estimation of economic progress. The NTA has been acknowledged as an effective tool for estimating both the first and second demographic dividends with relevant policies for government around the world that can lead them to development. By providing a framework for understanding the impact of changing age structures on national economies, the NTA system allows full integration of population dynamics into sustainable development planning, which is crucial for understanding the role of harnessing the demographic dividends for the realisation of Agenda 2030.

The NTA project is offering insight into the following core areas of importance:

- Economic benefits of reproductive health, fertility, and mortality transition for population dynamics
- Demographic Dividend estimation, M and E, and associated catalytic public and social policies.
- Credible Census data for development
- Economic contribution of women to development through "Counting Women Work" approach.
 - Social, political, and economic implications of population aging

The global NTA network has therefore benefitted from UNFPA New York Office and UNDESA. The NTA Africa Network has benefited since its inception from the support of UNFPA WCARO and ECA Sub regional Office (UNECA/SRO-WA). NTA researchers had also benefitted from relationship with UNFPA countries offices.

The work of the NTA Network is in line with UNECA continued efforts to accelerate progress towards achieving the demographic dividend by stimulating policy-oriented research and translation, to strengthen evidence-based policymaking and implementation in Africa.

The NTA Conference on African Population and Development usually brings together almost 200 researchers and experts from the 54 African countries to deliberate on issues that are challenging the socio-economic and sustainable development of the Africa Continent. The last two Conferences were held in Senegal with the active support of the UNFPA, WCARO and UNECA.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the e^{3rd} edition of the NTA-Africa Conference is to create a framework to address population and sustainable development issues in Africa in the context of multiple crises.

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The following are the specific objectives of the Conference:

- 1. To carry out an in-depth review of progress made in the implementation of AU 2017 roadmap on demographic dividend;
- 2. To identify synergies and linkages between the generational economy, AU 2017 roadmap on demographic dividend and Agenda 2030 with a specific focus on issues pertinent to Africa;
- 3. To assess the current situation with regards to population dynamics and development in Africa and its subregions;
- 4. To provide a platform for sharing of experiences and stakeholders to brainstorm on mechanism to improve coordination and to track national progress to harness demographic dividends in their respective countries.

VENUE AND DATE

06-08 September 2023 - Saly, Senegal

PARTICIPANTS

The conference will bring together around 200 participants including researchers from African universities and elsewhere, and policy makers from national, regional and international development support institutions.

EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE

The 3rd session of the NTA Africa Conference is expected to generate the following outputs:

- A special publication in a Book or Special edition of a top-rated journal in population and development
- A platform for greater networking and collaborations between organisations working in the areas of population and development in Africa
- Policy reports on the latest findings on population and development issues with the research community and policy makers
- The outcome document of the conference, which will set out policy options and recommendations to accelerate the implementation of the AU Roadmap on the demographic dividend

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NTA-AFRICA CONFERENCE PARTNERS

- Regional Centre for Generational Economy (CREG)
- University of Ibadan Health Policy Training Research and Programme (HPTRP)
- National Transfer Account Research Network
- UNECA, Sub regional Office for West Africa
- UNFPA, WCARO
- Ministry of National Planning, Budget and Finances
- UNFPA, COs
- The World Bank
- Hewlett Foundation
- ECOWAS
- PRB