



## CONCEPTUAL NOTE FOURTH EDITION

### NTA AFRICA CONFERENCE

#### **THEME : "Generational Economy and Care Economy at the Heart of Public Policies in Africa"**

##### **- Background of the NTA AFRICA conference**

This conference on Population and Development in Africa is a flagship biennial conference of the National Transfer Accounts (NTA- Africa ) Network. The international National Transfer Accounts (NTA) Network is a network of researchers working on incorporating population age structure into the estimation of economic progress. The NTA methodology has been recognized as an effective tool for estimating both the first and second demographic dividends. It focuses on relevant policies for governments worldwide that can lead them to development. By providing a framework for understanding the impact of changing population age structures on national economies, generational economics through national transfer accounts allows for the full integration of population dynamics into sustainable development planning, which is crucial for understanding the role of harnessing demographic dividends in achieving the 2030 Agenda. The NTA project offers an overview of the following key areas of importance:

- Economic benefits of reproductive health, fertility and mortality transition for population dynamics
- Estimation of the demographic dividend and associated channeling public and social policies.
- Analysis of credible census data for development
- Women's economic contribution to development through the time transfer accounts approach.
- Social, political and economic implications of population aging

The work of the NTA network is part of the ongoing efforts of the ECA and UNFPA to accelerate progress towards realizing the demographic dividend by stimulating policy-oriented research and translation, thereby strengthening the development and implementation of evidence-based policies in Africa. The NTA Conference on Population and Development in Africa typically brings together nearly 200 researchers and experts from African countries to discuss issues that pose challenges to the socio-economic and sustainable development of the African continent. The last two conferences were held in Senegal with the active support of UNFPA WCARO, the ECA, and the Hewlett Foundation .



## Why is it crucial to examine generational economy and care economy at the fourth edition of the NTA Africa Conference?

### Context

In the midst of demographic transformations and profound changes caused by shifts in the age structure of its young population, Africa is experiencing a dynamic that impacts social and economic systems, particularly public policies related to health, education, access to basic infrastructure, and social protection. It is within this context that generational economics, which helps us understand economic transfers between different generations, allows us to grasp the complexity of these challenges. Similarly, the care economy, largely driven by women and largely unrecognized within formal economic systems, plays a central role in the well-being of African populations. This care economy, the foundation of sustainable development, is obscured and rendered invisible in traditional statistics in our countries, creating a significant bias in production and well-being measurements and leading to an increasing lag in innovation for the implementation of new, more holistic public policies. This approach combines generational economics and the care economy.

This is the whole point of the fourth edition of the NTA AFRICA conference, which aims to align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by improving intergenerational and gender equity. In this context, it is important to engage policymakers, sectoral ministries, civil society, researchers, international organizations, and development partners to build more resilient, inclusive, equitable public policies that are adapted to the continent's specific realities.

### General objective

The overall objective of the fourth edition of the NTA-Africa conference is to create a framework to promote the integration of generational economics and care economics perspectives into African public policies for inclusive, equitable and sustainable economic development.

More specifically, it will involve:

- To examine the impacts of demographic transitions on social, economic and health needs, highlighting intergenerational interactions.
- To foster a better understanding of the generational and economic dynamics of healthcare, supported by relevant African data and in-depth analyses.
- To highlight the strategic role of the care economy in the national wealth production system and more specifically its close link with the health and social protection system.
- Emphasize financing the demographic dividend and the healthcare economy
- Identify with stakeholders innovative mechanisms for sustainable financing of the care economy within the framework of generational dynamics.
- Organize exchange sessions and dialogues between researchers, policymakers and civil society to pool knowledge, needs and best practices.



## Expected results

The following results are expected at the end of this edition:

- Stakeholders have examined the impacts of demographic transitions on social, economic and health needs, highlighting intergenerational interactions.
- A better understanding of the generational and economic dynamics of care, supported by relevant African data and in-depth analyses, is encouraged.
- The strategic role of the care economy in health and social protection systems is highlighted
- Innovations in budgeting that are sensitive to the demographic dividend and the economics of care are shared with stakeholders
- mechanisms for the sustainable financing of the healthcare economy within the framework of generational dynamics are identified with stakeholders
- sessions and dialogues are organized between researchers, policymakers and civil society to share knowledge, needs and experiences.

## Stakeholders

This edition will serve as a framework for mobilizing the following stakeholders:

- Researchers (Research centers, universities and think tanks specializing in generational economics and care economics)
- Sectoral Ministries (Economy, Planning, Finance, Health, Social Protection, Finance, Gender, Solidarity)
- African parliaments, particularly the budget and social committees
- Regional institutions (Economic Commission for Africa, African Union)
- Civil society organizations, women's associations and community groups involved in care
- International organizations and foundations (UNFPA, UN Women, WHO, World Bank , African Development Bank Foundation , IDRC, Hewlett Foundation, Gates Foundation)

## Period and Venue

The fourth edition of the NTA AFRICA conference is scheduled to take place from July 28 to 30, 2026 at the Palm Beach Hotel in Saly, Senegal.