

Draft Programme of Work

**SEMINAR OF THINK TANKS AND EXPERTS ON DEMOGRAPHIC
DYNAMICS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

THEME:

**BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN RESEARCH AND POLICY
TOWARDS ACCELERATING DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND IN WEST
AFRICA**

28th September -1st October 2022

Alisa Hotel, Accra, Ghana

Organized by:

**Centre for Demographic Dynamics for Development (DDD), ECA-SRO
WA
*in collaboration with***

Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS),

and

Population Reference Bureau (PRB)

Draft Programme of Work for Seminar of Think Tanks

Time	Session	Lead
Day 1 : Opening, background paper presentation and discussions		
Chair: Prof. Ayaga A. Bawah, Director RIPS		
Reporters: ECA and RIPS		
08:00-09:00	Registration of participants	Organizing Team
09:00-10:00	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RIPS ○ PRB ○ ECA • Group photo 	Prof. Ayaga A. Bawah, Director RIPS Oumou Keita, Regional Advisor for West and Central Africa, PRB Ngone Diop, Director, ECA SRO-WA
10:00-10:30	Facilitated Engagement Self-introduction of participants	Organizing team
10:30-11:00	Tea/coffee break and Media interviews	Organizing Team
11:00-11:30	Presentation of the ECA Centre for demographic dynamics for development (DDD)	Bakary Dosso (Chief of the DDD Centre, ECA SRO-WA)
11:30-12:00	Presentation of the background paper: Survey of researchers on bridging the gap between research and policy for the DD	Bakary Dosso, and Harriet Yayra Adzofu (ECA Fellow)
12:00-13:00	Q&A, inputs from audience, discussion	All participants
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	Organizing Team
14:00-15:30	Discussion: Participants' experiences in getting research into policy	All participants
15:30-15:45	Announcements/Closing	Chief of section/Designated person
15:45-16:00	Tea/Coffee break	Organizing Team
Day 2: Research communication for development:		
Chair: Prof. Biao Barthelemy Rector of the African University for Cooperative Development (UADC)		
Reporters: University of Ibadan and University of Cocody		
09 :00-09 :30	Presentation of the report of Day 1 and discussions	ECA and RIPS
09:30-10:15	Paper presentations from selected researchers Paper 1: Bridging the gap between research and policy to harness demographic dividend in the African context. Discussions	Prof. Canning, David, Harvard University (TBC)
10h15-10H30	Tea/Coffee break	

10:30-12:00	<p>Paper 2: Bridging the gap between research and policy to harness demographic dividend in the African context.</p> <p>Policy perspectives:</p> <p>Alagie Fadera, Director of Development Planning, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia</p> <p>Paul-Henri N. Meye, Director General of AFRISTAT</p> <p>Leticia A. Appiah, Director of National Population Council, Ghana</p> <p>Efua Turkson, UNFPA, Ghana</p> <p>Discussions</p>	<p>Prof. Stephen Kwankye, RIPS</p> <p>Invited presenters</p>
12:00-13:00	<p>Facilitated workshop: Research communication for policy</p> <p>Oumou Keita, Regional Advisor for West and Central Africa,</p>	Population Reference Bureau (PRB)
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	Organizing Team
14:05-16:00	<p>Facilitated workshop: Research communication for policy</p> <p>Oumou Keita, Regional Advisor for West and Central Africa,</p>	Population Reference Bureau (PRB)
16 :00-16 :05	Announcements/Closing	
16:00-16:30	Tea/Coffee break	Organizing Team
<p>Day 3: Resource mobilization for research and research translation</p> <p>Chair: Prof. N'ZUE Felix Fofana, ECOWAS Commission</p> <p>Reporters: University of Lome and University of Sierra Leone</p>		
09 :00-09-09 :30	Presentation of the report of Day 2 and discussions	University of Ibadan and University of Cocody
09:30-10:30	<p>Paper 1: Resource mobilization for research in the new age</p> <p>Policy perspectives:</p> <p>Abdoulahi Garba, Advisor to the Prime Minister, Niger</p> <p>Simeon Koffi, Executive Director of ECOWAS Regional Competition Authority</p> <p>Mary Mpere, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana</p> <p>Sadou Doumbo, Director General, National Observatory of Demographic Dividend, Mali</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Prof. Latif Dramani</p> <p>Centre of Excellence of Research in Generational Economy (CREG)</p> <p>All participants</p>
10:30-11:00	Tea/Coffee break	Organizing Team

11:00-13:00	Facilitated workshop on Resource mobilization for research in the new age Naa Dodua Dodoo, Senior Research and Policy Analyst, AFIDEP Maame Peterson, Research and Policy Analyst, AFIDEP	African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP)
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	Organising Team
14:00-15:30	Best practices from the field: Experience sharing on resource mobilization	All participants
15:30-16:00	Announcements/Closing	All participants
16:00-16:30	Tea/Coffee break	Organizing Team
Day 4: Collaborative engagement and way forward		
Chair: Amadou Diouf, Chief of Subregional Initiatives Section, ECA		
Reporters: ECA and RIPS		
09 :00-09-09 :30	Presentation of the report of Day 3 and discussions	University of Lome and University of Sierra Leone
09:00-10:30	Discussion: Innovative platforms of engagement between researchers and policy makers: Lessons from EVIPNET and other networks to learn from Collaborative engagement between universities and think tanks Prof. Hugues Kouadio, ENSEA Prof. Biao Barthelemy, UADC Dr. John Ganle, School of Public Health, Ghana Dr. Henrietta Asante Sarpong, National Commission on Civic Education, Ghana	All participants
10:30-11:00	Tea/Coffee break	Organizing Team
11:00-12:00	Networking session /compilation of final of report	All participants
12:00-12:30	Presentation and adoption of recommendations and next steps	Organizing Team
12:30-13:00	Closing Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PRB ○ RIPS ○ ECA 	Prof. Ayaga A. Bawah, Director RIPS Oumou Keita, Regional Advisor for West and Central Africa, PRB Ngone Diop, Director, ECA SRO-WA
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	Organizing Team
End of Seminar		