



## Operationalization of Demographic Dividend in Africa in relation to the SDGs

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### **Background/Short Description of the Event:**

Since 3 years, several research results have been published and many actions have been undertaken at the highest level of the African Union in the framework of harnessing the Demographic Dividend. Today, methods and tools have been developed to enable African states to take advantage of windows of opportunity and to acquire sustainable development in the same way as the objectives of the SDGs. The main objective of this side event is to provide a platform for showcasing and discussing work and current projects for the measuring, the monitoring and the operationalization of Demographic Dividend in Africa in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During this event countries cases will be shown and may be discussed.

### **Objectives:**

The aim of this side event is to share with the audience of The Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) the many results obtained as part of the research work carried out on the harness of Demographic Dividend, the settings of its measurement and its operationalization in African countries, as well as the contribution of its follow-up in the quest for achieving the objectives of Sustainable Development in 2030.

### **Main contributions of the side event:**

- i. Participants will understand the challenges of the demographic dividend for sustainable development
- ii. Participants will understand how the demographic dividend is measured
- iii. Participants will be introduced to the methodologies for monitoring and operationalizing the demographic Dividend
- iv. Contribution of the follow-up of the DD on the monitoring of the SDGs will be clearly explained
- v. DD issues related to SDGs will be clearly established for all participant

**Target audience:**

To attract a good cross section of people from UN, government Representatives of Member States and all relevant stakeholder in the SDG review, INGOs, think tanks, private sector, research centers etc. We also hope to have a multidisciplinary audience (economists, demographers, planners, gender specialist, statisticians... This side event will allow all participants to have a better understanding of the role of everyone so that the optimization of the Demographic Dividend becomes an African reality.

**Date, Venue and Time:**

4 May 2018; King Fahd Palace Hotel; 13:00-14:30

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