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Short Biographies of Presenters

Prof. Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue



Professor, Department of Global Development, Cornell University

Parfait Martial Eloundou-Enyegue's research agenda broadly addresses the interrelationships between population, social change, and sustainable development. Under this general theme, his current projects study the effects of today's demographic changes on global inequality, education, youth employment, health, food security, and internal conflicts. Parfait's methodological work advances the use of decomposition methods to reconcile micro and macro-traditions in quantitative sociological research and to understand the sources of social change.

Before coming to Cornell, he was affiliated with the RAND Corporation (Los Angeles) and obtained a Doctorate Degree in Demography and Sociology from the Pennsylvania State University and an Advanced Degree in Agricultural Economics and Development Sociology from Cameroon. He has taught across multiple continents; mostly Africa, North America, and Asia, and has extensive experience with field research and policy communication. He has won teaching and prestigious research awards from the Population Association of America and the Comparative International Education Society. He also received the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Awards from the College of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State University. Between 2008 and 2017, and with support from the Hewlett Foundation and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, he led a large effort to advance demographic training in Francophone Africa, including the study of Demographic Dividends. He has consulted with the United Nations, the World Bank, and USAID, and has worked on the Board of Directors of several professional associations and institutions including the Population Association of America, the Population Reference Bureau, the Guttmacher Institute, and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. He recently was a member of an independent group of 15 scientists nominated by the UN's Secretary-General Panel to draft the first quadrennial report on Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr. Simeon Koffi



Head of the Research and Development Division, ECOWAS Commission

Dr. Simeon Koffi is Head of the Research and Development Division of the ECOWAS Commission since 2008. Before that, he worked as a researcher at the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) and at the Ivorian Center for Economic and Social Research (CIRES), particularly in the Economic Policy Analysis Unit (CAPEC). He provided technical support to Ministers in Côte d'Ivoire, especially in monitoring and evaluating national policies.

Dr. Simeon Koffi was also a lecturer in Economics, Statistics, and Econometrics at FHB University and the National School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA) of Abidjan. His current job consists of formulating and coordinating regional programs and projects, particularly the implementation of the ECOWAS Research Policy. In this regard, he prepares, in collaboration with national and regional stakeholders, various reports on the ECOWAS economy and the

regional integration process, and works in developing simulation and forecasting tools for the region.

Olo Sib



Head of Research Assessment and Monitoring at the World Food Program (WFP), Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa

Before occupying this position, Sib headed the Research Assessment and Monitoring Unit in various countries including DRC, Chad, and Burkina Faso since July 2009. He has spearheaded multiple studies for evidence-based programs on the emergency as well as for long-term hunger solutions.

Before joining the WFP, Sib served as Head of Mission for Caritas, France (2008-2009) and as Director associated with a research firm in Côte d'Ivoire and Morocco from 2003 to 2008.

In his career, Sib has provided institutional support to shape strategic partnerships and to develop a food security policy, including strategic documents in the countries he has served. Sib is an Agricultural Economist and holds a Master's Degree in International Trade and Emerging Economy.

Prof. Olanrewaju Olaniyan



Coordinator of the Development Practice Program and Sub-Dean at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria

He is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics at the University of Ibadan, where he teaches Economics of Human Resources and Macroeconomics. He graduated with First Class Honours in Educational Management before obtaining an MSc and a PhD in Economics from the University of Ibadan. His research interests include Economics of Education, Poverty and Inequality, Social Protection, and Health

Economics. He has experience in social policy work in developing countries for more than 15 years, during which he has been able to interact and work with senior-level technocrats and officials. He led the team that prepared the Social Protection Policy note for Nigeria in 2005 and was also part of the team that prepared the National Health Accounts of Nigeria from 2003 to 2005. He has, at various times, been a Visiting Fellow at the Cornell Food and Nutrition Policy Program, Cornell University, and the Centre for the Study of African Economies in Oxford University, United Kingdom.

Prof. Latif DRAMANI

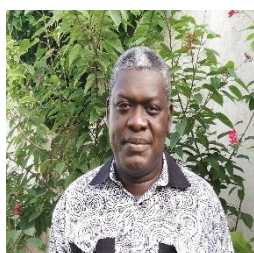


Coordinator of the Regional Center of Excellence for Research in Generational Economy (CREG)

Coordinator of the Thiès Center for Applied Economics and Finance Research (CREFAT)

Prof. Latif Dramani is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Thiès and Coordinator of the Thiès Center for Applied Economics and Finance Research (CREFAT). He is also the Coordinator of the Regional Center of Excellence for Research in Generational Economy (CREG). He is the African representative of the NTA network. He is affiliated with several universities worldwide (the University of Manchester, University of Parakou, University of Cape Town, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa). Prof. Latif Dramani conducts his research in the following main areas: sustainable development through the prism of the demographic dividend and generational economy; poverty dynamics; unpaid domestic work and women's contribution to GDP; and finally, the national and local integration of economies.

Prof. Jean-François Kobiané



Professor of Demography at the Higher Institute of Population Sciences (ISSP) in Joseph Ki-Zerbo University, Burkina Faso

He is an Associate Professor at the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Université Laval (Québec, Canada), has been an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow (2003-2006), and Associate Professor (2008-2020) in the Department of Demography, Université de Montréal (Canada). Prof. Kobiané has been the Director of ISSP (2012-2018), Vice President (2008-2011), and President (2012-2015) of the Union for African Population Study (UAPS). He is an elected member of the 2018-2021 Council of the International Union for the Scientific Study of the Population (IUSSP). His research interests lie in childhood, adolescence, youth transition to adulthood, poverty, inequalities, and the evaluation of public policies.

Prof. Abdramane Soura



Director of the Higher Institute of Population Sciences (Institut Supérieur des Sciences de la Population), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Prof. Abdramane Soura is the Director of ISSP since mid-October 2018. He joined the Ouagadougou HDSS in Burkina Faso as HDSS Manager during its pilot phase in 2001 after earning a Bachelor's Degree in Statistics from the National School of Statistics in Dakar, Senegal. From October 2003 to June 2009, he completed a Master and PhD program in Demography at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. Prof. Soura became the Head of

the Ouagadougou HDSS Center in December 2012. He is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso.

Bakary DOSSO



Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Head of the Demographic Dynamics for Development Center of UNECA SRO/WA

Bakary DOSSO is a Senior Economic Affairs Officer and Head of the Demographic Dynamics for Development Center of the UNECA Sub-Regional Office for West Africa, based in Niamey, Niger. He oversees the work of UNECA to strengthen the capacity of Member States to mainstream demographic dynamics challenges into policy and development planning. He is a member of the Scientific Council of the Regional Consortium for Research in Generational Economics (CREG).

Bakary has worked on issues related to regional integration and cooperation. He coordinated UNECA's work on the Sahel, including its support to the United Nations Integrated Strategy for the Sahel (UNISS). He coordinated UNECA's support for the ECOWAS single-currency project. He has over twenty years of strategic management experience in public policy-making and the private sector. He has had increasing responsibilities in managing complex development portfolios on behalf of the United Nations Development Program, UNECA, the Ivorian Government, and in the banking industry. He has practical experience as a Macroeconomist, Development Economist, Statistician, Treasury Manager, and University Lecturer.

Bakary is a Statistician Economist Engineer who graduated from ENSEA, Côte d'Ivoire, and holds a Master of Sciences in Finance from SKEMA Business School, France. He is proficient in French and English.

Dr. Silvère KONAN



Senior Lecturer in the Economics and Management Department at the University of Felix Houphouët-Boigny (Cocody-Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire), and Visiting Researcher at United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Niamey, Niger

He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Cocody-Abidjan and Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium). He is also a Research Fellow with the "Ivorian Center for Socio-Economic Research (CIRES)" and Associate Researcher at Regional Center of Excellence for Research in Generational Economy (CREG). His research focuses on the Economics of Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs), economic growth, labor and forced migration, women's economic empowerment, demographic dividend, gender in the labor market, and demographic dividend.

Dr. Silvère KONAN also assumed administrative responsibilities in the Ivorian administration as Director of Research Study, Training and Policy Analysis of the National Population Office under of the supervision of the Ministry of State, Ministry of Planning and Development.

Silvère KONAN is an Economist with 16 years (eight at the Senior Policy level) of experience supporting international organizations and Governments in defining public policies with high impacts on the population and development. He specializes in population economics, developing and evaluating poverty alleviation strategies and programs, has strong leadership skills in data collection, management, and modeling using STATA, R, GAMS, EVIEWS packages. He has a proven track record on leadership and capacity building of policy-makers to improve evidence-based systems. Has full proficiency in English and French and limited working knowledge of German.

Dr. Ismael Issifou



Associate Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

Research Affiliate at Laboratoire d'Économie d'Orléans ([LEO](#))

He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Orléans and 2 Master's Degrees: a Research Master's Degree in Economics and International Development from CERDI (Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur le Développement International) and a Professional Master's Degree in Project Analysis from the University of Clermont Ferrand 1 Auvergne, France. Before joining the United Nations Young Professional Program, Ismael Issifou worked as a Research Associate at Laboratoire d'Economie d'Orléans in France and published academic papers in the realm of international migration, natural resources, civil conflicts, governance, and institutions. After a couple of months at the International Monetary Fund, he served as a consultant at the World Bank in Washington and joined the DFID-World Bank Africa Fellows Program. Ismael Issifou has more than 8 years of experience in Development Economics.

Prof. Yves CHARBIT



Trained in Sociology, Economics, and Political Sciences in Paris, Prof. Charbit got a Doctorat d'Etat ès-Lettres from Sorbonne in 1986 and a PhD from Oxford University in 1972, both summa cum laude. He is currently Professor Emeritus of Demography and Development at the University of Paris (2014-) and Associate Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University (2013- what?).

In 1989, he created and headed a large research unit called Centre Population et Développement (40 permanent researchers and faculties, 54 PhD students, several associates). He published the peer-reviewed *Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales* in two series. The French series titled *Populations* (L'Harmattan Paris, 1995- ...; 44 books) and the English, *Demographic Transformation and Socio-Economic Development* (Springer, Dordrecht, 2011- ...; 12 books). Prof. Charbit was a Senior Expert and PI in numerous specialized domains in several African, South Asian, and Caribbean countries. These specialized domains are: (i) design and management of multi-bilaterally funded research projects in the field of population and development; (ii) design and implementation of training programs; and (iii) evaluation of national population policies.

Prof. Eugenia Amporfu



Associate Professor in the Economics Department, KNUST.

She holds a PhD in Economics from Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada. She teaches Health Economics, Econometrics, and Advanced Microeconomics, both at the graduate and undergraduate levels. She has also taught a graduate course in Macroeconomics. Her areas of research broadly cover Health Economics and she has peer-reviewed theoretical and empirical research articles. Her research interests in Health Economics revolve around strategic purchasing with a focus on healthcare financing and physician reimbursement, equity, and policy evaluation. She has also done some research on maternal health, health system strengthening, and healthcare utilization. Furthermore, she has equally carried out other research works on gender issues and demographic dividend by using the National Transfer Accounts approach. Her research effort has now extended to Economic Growth and Finance. She is currently working on (i) maternal care utilization in Ghana and India; (ii) mobile phone and enrolment in National Health Insurance; (iii) effects of monetary policy on output and prices in Ghana; among others.

She has served as a consultant for organizations such as UNFPA, Results for Development, Contracta UK Ltd, African Health Economics Association, and many others.

Prof. Stephen O. Kwankye

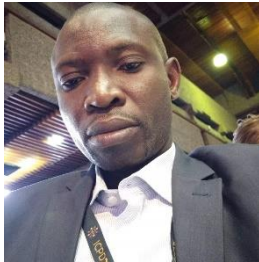


Associate Professor of the Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS) at the University of Ghana, Legon

He holds a PhD in Population Studies with a specialization in adolescent sexual and reproductive health issues. He has also researched on independent child migration in Ghana and has facilitated several advocacy workshops and training seminars on population and development of interrelationships, adolescent reproductive health and demographic data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and adjustment. He has tremendous experience in conducting both quantitative and qualitative research related to population and reproductive health. He worked with a team to produce a National Migration Policy and a strategic plan for Ghana (2012-2014). From 2011 to 2014, he worked on secondment to the National Population Council as the Executive Director. He also coordinated a Ghana Sustainable Change Project (GSCP), which researched on reproductive health in seven regions in Ghana. He again worked as the Principal Investigator in "The Oxytocin Initiative: Exploring the use of uterotonic substances at or around birth in three regions in Ghana". He was also the Lead Investigator of the "Barriers to Condom Use in Ghana Study" in 2011. He was the Lead Researcher on the preparation of the "Children, Adolescents and Young People in Ghana" and "Urbanization in Ghana" Monographs for the Ghana Statistical Service based on the 2010 Population and Housing Census. He developed the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan of the Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG) and the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection on Adolescent Pregnancy in Ghana.

His research interests focus on adolescent sexual and reproductive health, migration especially independent child migration, fertility, population and development of interrelationships, population dynamics and demographic dividend, and demographic data collection. He is a member of the Union of Africa Population Studies, the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population and the WUN on Child Migrants and Refugee Studies.

DOUMBO Sadou



Director-General of the National Demographic Dividend Observatory in Mali and Coordinator of the National Transfer Accounts (NTA) Team

He is also involved in Doctoral studies, which are grounded on the lifecycle of deficit financing (Generational Economy Regional Research Centre and Centre de recherche en Economie et Finance Appliquée / Université de Thiès).

With about 15 years of experience in development planning activities in several structures such as the Ministry of Development Planning and UNFPA, Mr. Doumbo developed great competencies in advocacy and communication for the integration of population and demographic issues in national policies and strategies, and demographic dividend. Since 2015, he plays a role in the definition and monitoring of the Sahel Women Empowerment and Demographic Dividend Project (SWEDD). He is very involved, as a resource person, in national frameworks concerning development planning agendas and prospective. He is now working on how to operationalize demographic dividend in strategic planning processes.

Dr. FASSASSI Raïmi



Senior Lecturer at Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée (ENSEA)

He graduated from Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée (ENSEA) in 1997 and from the University of Versailles, Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines in 2005. He is currently a lecturer and researcher at Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée (ENSEA) in Abidjan. Dr. Raïmi teaches survey techniques, which he also applies, including statistics and probability calculations. In terms of research, he focuses on fertility and the resilience of institutions and individuals.

He has over 25 years of extensive experience in the design and organization of surveys. He has organized and supervised many statistical, health, economic, and social data collection and processing operations. He also participated in the design and organization of health and demographic surveys and the design of sampling plans in many African countries including Benin, Niger, Chad, DRC, Sao Tome and Principe, Liberia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Ghana, CAR, Mali, Mauritania, among others.

Short Biographies of Chairs and Discussants

Mrs. Ngone DIOP



Director of the ECA Sub-Regional Office for West Africa (SRO-WA), based in Niamey, Niger, covering 15 West African countries

Mrs. Ngone DIOP is an Economist, a Policy Development Expert, a Gender and Economics Expert with over 20 years of experience with a proven track record in results-based policy formulation and advice on poverty reduction, inclusive development, gender equality and the empowerment of women, and demographic dividend.

Before she was appointed Director of ECA SRO-WA, Mrs. Diop was Chief of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment at ECA, during which she led the formulation and implementation of innovative tools, policy researches, and results-based tailored advisory services to the African Member States,

Prior to joining ECA, she served as The UK Department of International Development Senior Advisor to the Government of Rwanda, after the genocide. During this time, she led the conceptualization and effective implementation of transformative policies and programs for Rwanda's socio-economic reconstruction; gender equality and women's empowerment, which have been recognized by the Government as an enormous contribution to Rwanda's transformative results, particularly on gender equality.

While heading the Poverty, Growth and MDGs work at UNDP, New York, Mrs. Diop spearheaded innovative policy work on economic growth, development, and inequality as well as the nexus between this trilogy and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with technical support and capacity building components that benefitted 56 countries, the majority of which were African.

Mrs. Diop served as Regional Technical Advisor of the World Bank Public Finance, Gender Budgeting Outreach Program for West and Central Africa. Her other major positions include researcher, economic analyst, and Lecturer in Economics at the Institute of Economics and Management in Dakar, Senegal. She also served as Course Director for Gender and Economics at IDEP.

Her publications are based on gender budgeting and public finance in the Commonwealth and IDRC. She published a book titled "Gender Budgeting Makes More Cents" with the Commonwealth, the Zed book called "Women and Land in Africa Culture; Rights and Realizing Women's Rights" with Emory University, USA. She has another book on engendering justice (forthcoming in April 2020). She is carrying out policy research works on "Inclusive Economic Growth and Development"; "Measuring the Economic Cost of Violence against Women"; and other development issues.

Mrs. Diop was the Vice President of Akina Mama Wa Africa (AWWA), and a Board Member of the Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development. Her professional networks include the Feminist Economist Network; All Women Leagues; Donors Working Group on FGM.

Mrs. Diop has a Master's Degree in Economics at the University of Aix Marseille 3, France; completed the 3rd Cycle in Economic Research/In-deep Research Studies in Economics at Aix-Marseille 2 University, France.

Mrs. Diop is from Senegal.

Chris Nikoi



Regional Director, West and Central Africa, World Food Program (WFP)

Mr. Chris Nikoi, from Ghana, was appointed Regional Director for West Africa, which is based in Dakar on April 1, 2019.

Mr. Chris Nikoi brings to this role extensive experience in leading and overseeing diverse and complex operations as well as developing strategic partnerships with National Governments, Regional Institutions, and Donors.

As Regional Director for West Africa, he provides strategic leadership and operational oversight to WFP operations that address humanitarian and development needs in 19 countries across West and Central Africa, with an annual budget of over USD 1 billion.

Mr. Nikoi's 24 years of experience at WFP started in Uganda and Angola where he led a wide range of logistics activities up until his most recent post as a Special Advisor on UN Reform, based in New York; a position he held from August of 2017.

Other senior roles filled by Mr. Nikoi include Regional Director for WFP's Southern Africa Regional Bureau, based in Johannesburg, with operations in 11 countries; Country Director and Representative for South Sudan where he leads one of WFP's largest and most multifaceted humanitarian operations; Chief of Logistics and Transport Services; Director of Wings II Project in charge of developing WFP's Global Corporate Information System.

Before joining WFP, Mr. Nikoi worked with various companies in the commercial shipping and ocean tanker industries in the USA.

Dr. HUGUES KOUADIO



Director of the Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics (Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée, ENSEA) / Coordinator of the African Centre of Excellence in Statistical Training

Dr. Hugues KOUADIO is a Statistician and Economist, Director of the Training Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics, ENSEA (*Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée, editor's note*), Coordinator of the African Centre of Excellence in Statistical Training, President of AGROST (African Group of Statistical Training), member of various scientific councils including the African Statistics Newsletter and the Statistical Journal of the International Association of Official Statistics (IAOS).

He is an expert in economic policy evaluation and specializes in local economy, agricultural economy, informal economy, and labor market. He has coordinated various studies and research in the areas of inequality, sustainability in the agricultural economy, transport, employment, women's empowerment, energy, among others.

He holds a PhD in Economics and a Diploma of Advanced Study in Macroeconomics, Modelling and Economic Environment from the University of Paris 1, Panthéon, Sorbonne; an Engineering

Degree in Statistics and Economics (ISE) from ENSEA as well as a Diploma in Public Advanced Management Programme (Public-AMP) from MDE Business School.

Prof. Barthélémy BIAO



Head of the Economics and Management Research Unit at the University of Parakou (LAREG), Benin
Team Leader of the National Transfer Accounts Network in Benin and member of the Regional Consortium for Generational Economics (CREG)

Prof. Barthélémy BIAO is currently serving at the University of Parakou, the Republic of Benin.

From 1981 to 2001, Prof. BIAO performed his teaching and research activities in Cameroon at the Faculty of Law and Economics at the University of Yaoundé and the Faculty of Economics and Management at the University of Yaoundé II, Soa. Alongside his academic activities at the University of Yaoundé II, Prof. BIAO occupied administrative and supervisory positions as Head of the Research Unit for Economic and Social Policy Analysis (GRAPES) (1992- 2001), National Director of the Interuniversity Post-Graduate Program in Economics (PTCI) (1999-2001), and Head of the Public Economics Department (2000-2001).

In October 2001, Prof. BIAO joined the newly created University of Parakou to launch academic activities. He held different positions as Dean of the Economics and Management Faculty (2001-2006); Director of the University Institute of Technology (2001-2003); Director of Research (2005-2007); Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Interuniversity Cooperation and External Relations (2006-2008); and Vice-Chancellor (2012-2015). He is currently the President of the Scientific Committee of African Integration and Development Review, edited by the African Union of Economics Affairs. Prof. BIAO is the author of many publications, which mainly focus on International Economics. His research also focuses on Generational Economics and Demographic Dividend. He is the Benin Team Leader for the "National Transfer Accounts" Network and member of the Regional Consortium for Generational Economics (CREG), based in Thiès, Senegal.

Prof. Zié BALLO



Full Professor, Dean of the Economics and Management Department at the University of Felix Houphouët-Boigny, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Member of the National Commission of Competition in charge of Economic Affairs

Prof. BALLO holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Toulouse I, France, after getting a Master's Degree in Economic Theory and Econometrics (Diplôme Européen D'Economie Quantitative Appliquée) at Midi Pyrénées School of Economics (MPSE), Toulouse I.

He teaches Microeconomics Theory, Game Theory, Industrial Economics and Development Economics to undergraduate and PhD students. Prof. Ballo has also been a Senior Researcher at CAPEC (Economic Policy Unit of CIRES).

His research cover key domains such as governance, the economics of conflicts, institutional economics, environmental economics, and development economics in which he published several papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Didier NGANAWARA



**Director of Studies and Training, Lecturer at the Demography Institute of Demographic Training and Research (IFORD)
Institut de Formation et de Recherche Démographiques (IFORD)**

Didier NGANAWARA received a core training in Statistics and is a holder of a Doctorate Degree in Demography from the Paris 1 University at Panthéon, Sorbonne – obtained in 2005. He did his post-doctoral research at the Center of Expertise in Methods and Data Analyses (CEMAD) of Liege University (Belgium). He is currently a Lecturer and Researcher at the Institute of Demographic Training and Research (IFORD) since 2008 and is the Director of Studies and Training of the same institution since 2018.

He has also given several lectures in Demography at the Faculty of Economics and Management at the University of Yaoundé II and the Catholic University of Central Africa (UCAC).

His areas of research and competence are socio-demographic information systems (censuses, surveys, civil status, administrative sources), migration and development, monitoring and evaluation of population and development projects and programs, sexual and reproductive health, and education/schooling. He is equally interested in methodological issues, particularly in multi-level analysis methods.

Didier NGANAWARA has offered numerous consultation services to international organizations (UNFPA, World Bank, IMO, HCR, ECA, UN WOMEN, etc.), development partners (GIZ, Expertise France, etc.) and National Statistical Offices in IFORD member countries. He has published many papers in internationally renowned journals.

Prof. Vissého Adjiwanou



Associate Professor in Demography and Quantitative Methods at Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Demography at Université de Montréal (Canada), and the University of Cape Town (where he was Senior Lecturer for five years, before joining UQAM). His areas of research include maternal and child health, family dynamics, female employment in Sub-Saharan Africa, and computational social science. Vissého is the Chair of the Panel on Computational Social Science at the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) and a member of the "IUSSP Scientific Panel on Couples' Reproductive Health and Fertility". Prof. Adjiwanou holds a PhD in Demography (Université de Montréal) and a Master's Degree in Development Economics (CERDI, France), and Statistics (ENSEA, Côte d'Ivoire).

Dr. Amadou DIOUF



Economic Affairs Officer, Chief of the Sub-Regional Initiatives Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Sub-Regional Office for West Africa (SRO-WA), based in Niamey, Niger

His areas of expertise include Economics, Statistics, Monetary Policy, and Regional Integration. Before joining ECA, he worked as a Senior Statistician Economist for the National Statistics Institute in Senegal, as Head of the Economics Studies and Statistics Division at the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO-Senegal) and as Coordinator of the ECOWAS Community Development Program at ECOWAS Commission, Abuja, Nigeria. His recent publications, studies, and research discuss topics such as statistical development in West Africa; socio-economic impacts of Ebola and COVID-19 in Africa and West Africa; infrastructure and growth in West Africa; socio-economic profile and structural transformation in various countries and the West African Sub-Region; assessment of progress made in civil registration and vital statistics improvement across African countries; the West African single currency initiative, and demographic dynamics in West Africa.

Dr. Diouf holds a Master's Degree in Statistics and Economics from ENSEA- Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire; a Master's Degree in Banking, Finance and Risk Management from the University of Paris XIII, France, and a PhD in Economics from the University of Gaston Berger- Saint Louis, Senegal.

Dr. Nadia S. OUEDRAOGO



Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Dr. Nadia S. Ouedraogo is an Economist who specializes in Quantitative Economics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Modelling, Extractives, Energy and Climate with over 10 years of experience in designing and implementing interdisciplinary research projects,

performing in-depth and high-quality research and analysis, and teaching Economics-graduate students.

She is currently an Economic Affairs Officer at the UN-Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). She holds a PhD in Economics and a Master's Degree in International Finance and Development Economics from the University of Paris-Dauphine.

Before joining UNECA, Nadia S. Ouedraogo was a Research Fellow at the UN-University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) in Finland where she also lectured at a Master level in Development Economics at the Helsinki Center of Economic Research (HECER). She also worked as a teaching assistant in Macroeconomics at the University of Paris-Dauphine. Her works have appeared in *Applied Energy*, *Energy Economics* and *Climate Policy*. She also contributed to producing different reports of International Organizations such as the "Economic Report on Africa" by UNECA, the "World Economic Situation and Prospects" report by UN DESA, and the "Perspectives on Global Development" report by the OECD.

Tahirou GOURO



Communication Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Tahirou Gouro is a journalist and Communications graduate with more than 15 years of experience in Communication and Journalism, particularly with the United Nations and international NGOs. Over the years, he has held positions namely Communication Officer at UNICEF Niger; Public Information Officer at the United Nations Mission for the Stabilization in Haiti (MINUSTAH), Port Au Prince, Haiti; Information/Communication Specialist at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Burkina Faso; Communication and Public Relations Specialist at the Office of the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations in Cape Verde; Information/Communication Specialist of the multifunctional platform, for the second time, at UNDP Burkina Faso and Public Relations Coordinator for the Multi-Year Assistance Program (MYAP) at Helen Keller International (HKI) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Niger Office.

He is currently working as Communication Officer at the Sub-Regional Office for West Africa of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) based in Niamey, Niger. He is very familiar with UN Agencies and international NGOs.

Before joining the UN, he successively worked as a Journalist at the Nigerian Agency of Press, Communication Officer at the National Program of Struggle against AIDS in Niamey (Niger), Communication Officer at the Regional Center AGRHYMET of Niamey, and Deputy Manager of Radio HORIZON FM of Niamey.

He participated in several training workshops in Communication, brought his support to the development of many communication strategies and communication plans, and carried out resource mobilization by ensuring the visibility of the actions of organizations.

He is fluent in French and English, fair in Spanish, a beginner in Portuguese.

Mamoudou Sebeogo



Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

He formerly served as Coordinator of the TROIKA of Development Partners at UNDP Burkina Faso. Before joining the United Nations, he was Director of Public Policy Formulation and Evaluation and Chief of the Division of Macroeconomic Analysis of Burkina Faso. He has published in refereed journals with a special interest in economic growth and structural transformation, agricultural sector performances, external economic and financial shocks, and poverty and inequality. He holds an MA Degree in Macroeconomic and Development Planning from the Institute for Economic Development and Planning and a Master's Degree in Macroeconomics from the University of Ouagadougou.

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