

## **Understanding the Demographic Dividend**

U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, D.C.

The Demographic Dividend refers to the accelerated economic growth that may result from a decline in a country's mortality and fertility as well as subsequent change in the age structure of the population. With relatively fewer people at dependent ages, a country has a window of opportunity for rapid economic growth and improved standards of living. However, that window is temporary and changing age structure does not guarantee a dividend. Good policies and governance are needed to maximize the potential benefits. This workshop will identify the key interconnected social and economic factors that produce this potential dividend. The workshop will consist of lectures, case studies, discussion, hands-on exercises, and the drafting of a demographic dividend model.

The goals of this workshop are to help participants:

- Deepen their appreciation of the concept of the demographic dividend and emphasize its value for grounding discussions of national development goals
- Understand the key social and economic factors that produce the demographic dividend and how they are interconnected (demographic transition, health, education, labor, gender, etc.)
- Increase familiarity with secondary data sources available online, as well as the National Transfer Accounts Database
- Explore the concept of the "second demographic dividend"
- Estimate, update, or refine a model of the demographic dividend in a country chosen by each participant (we encourage participants to bring relevant data to the workshop)

## **Audience and Prerequisites**

This workshop is designed for analysts, policymakers, and managers working in government agencies (statistics, labor, education, environment, gender, etc.), nongovernmental organizations, and other settings who wish to enhance their knowledge about the demographic dividend. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel is expected.

**Date:** July 22 – 26, 2019

Place: U.S. Census Bureau Headquarters

Suitland, Maryland (near Washington, D.C.)

**Tuition:** US \$2,500

Apply early. The workshop will be limited to 15 participants. Those who complete the application requirements will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information e-mail <a href="mailto:pop.international.workshops@census.gov">pop.international.workshops@census.gov</a>.