



INVESTING IN PEOPLE TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

HUMAN CAPITAL RESULTS IN AFRICA

Event Program | October 6, 2022 | 9:00-11:00 AM Washington (EST); 3:00-5:00 PM Paris (CET)

Background

According to the 2020 Human Capital Index (HCI), which measures how much countries are investing in their peoples' knowledge, skills, and health, Sub-Saharan Africa was making human capital gains in the decade preceding the COVID-19 pandemic, but progress was uneven and large deficits remain. The region had an average score of **40%** pre-pandemic (compared to **56%** worldwide), meaning African children born that year could expect to achieve only **40 percent of their potential productivity** by their 18th birthday, compared to what they could achieve with complete education and full health. The Africa Human Capital Plan (HCP) has been at the forefront of the World Bank's efforts to accelerate human capital development in the region, enhance economic productivity, and improve development outcomes for future generations.

Event Overview

Investing in People, Transforming Communities: Human Capital Results in Africa will launch the Africa Human Capital Plan Year 3 Progress Report, which provides an update on progress towards achieving Africa human capital targets and goals by 2023 that were set when the Plan was launched in 2019. The event will highlight results stories and interventions from World Bank crises response and recovery efforts, including the unveiling of a virtual field visit showcasing four human capital projects in three countries (Kenya, Madagascar and Rwanda), as well as the Western and Central Africa Education Strategy, both demonstrating examples of successful programs that can be duplicated, helping countries and governments prioritize people and build a more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient future.

Participants will have the chance to hear from local actors, including stakeholders such as parliamentarians, CSO representatives, and faith leaders, about their contributions to the projects and the realization of improved human capital results in their countries.



Program

9:00 – 9:02 AM

Welcome

Moderator: Edith Jibunoh, Manager, External Affairs, Eastern & Southern Africa, World Bank

9:02 – 9:07 AM

Opening remarks from the Parliamentary Network

Marlene Malahoo Forte QC, MP and Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Jamaica; Vice Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF

9:07 – 9:12 AM

Protecting the Gains in Human Capital

Alberto Rodriguez, Director of Strategy and Operations, Human Development, World Bank Group

9:12 – 9:22 AM

Virtual Field Visit to Kenya Youth Employment and Opportunities Project (KYEOP)

Kevin Heraniah, KYEOP Task Team Leader

9:22 – 9:37 AM

Project Results Panel Discussion

Kevin Heraniah, KYEOP Task Team Leader

Peter Muthini, Deputy Director, Ministry of ICT Innovation and Youth Affairs, Kenya; Deputy National Project Coordinator for KYEOP

9:37 – 9:57 AM

Stakeholder Perspectives

Neema Lugangira MP, Tanzania

Purity Nzuki, Founder of Emergency Medical Trainers

9:57 – 10:37 AM

Q&A Session

Participants and speakers

10:37 – 10:52 AM

Partnering for Human Capital Outcomes

Xochitl Sanchez, Senior Advisor, ACTION

Clara Mira, Inequality Network, Africa Department, IMF

Njume Peter Ambang MP and Rapporteur to the Education Committee, Cameroon on behalf of the International Parliamentary Network for Education

10:52 – 10:58 AM

Call to Action

Victoria Kwakwa, Regional Vice President, Eastern and Southern Africa, World Bank Group

Ousmane Diagana, Regional Vice President, Western and Central Africa, World Bank Group

10:58 – 11:00 AM

Conclusion

Moderator: Edith Jibunoh, Manager, External Affairs, Eastern & Southern Africa, World Bank