



WORK AND INCOME FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN IN NORTH AFRICA GROWTH SECTORS PROJECT

DISSEMINATION EVENT OF THE RESEARCH PAPER: "STRUCTURAL CHANGE, PRODUCTIVITY AND JOBS CREATION: EVIDENCE FROM TUNISIA"

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2022

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OBJECTIVES AND SETTING

Poverty and inequality are among the root causes of armed conflict, instability, and irregular migration from Africa. In the context of high population growth rates, enhancing decent employment for young men and women is a key policy priority to reduce poverty and inequality because youth are three times as likely to be un(der)employed relative to adults. Furthermore, while many interventions that promote employability of young men and women focus on skills training, the question on where these trained youth will find work and income remains unexplored, particularly considering that some economies lack structural transformation and are characterized by fragility. Although there are various studies that have been conducted to understand the trends and drivers of youth employment, there is limited robust evidence on which sectors can have the greatest potential to create jobs for young people.

Within this context, in early 2021, the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), the Economic Research Forum (ERF) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) embarked on a collaborative research project that seeks to identify the economic sectors with the greatest potential to increase youth employment. This project has been commissioned by the INCLUE Platform. This collaborative research project, therefore, aims to strengthen the evidence base on youth employment, drawing on research that will be carried out to examine the growth sectors with the highest multipliers and potential to create employment opportunities.

A call for proposals for research projects that are in line with the collaborative research project's objectives was launched and two research projects were eventually selected as MENA case studies. The first country case study was on Egypt with a research paper on "Identifying activities for greater employment generation in Egypt: An input-output analysis" authored by Dr. Iman Al-Ayouty and the second country case study was on Tunisia with a research paper on "Structural change, productivity and jobs creation: Evidence from Tunisia" authored by Drs. Mohamed Amara, Faycel Zidi and Hela Jeddi.

The aim of this dissemination event is to present country case study on Tunisia and give an overview of the paper's objective, methodology and findings.



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Moderator: Adel Ben Youssef, *University of Côte d'Azur and ERF*

03:00-03:10 Introduction and Welcome Remarks (10 min)

Ibrahim Elbadawi (*Economic Research Forum*)
Abebe Shimeles (*AERC*)

03:10-04:25 "Structural change, productivity and jobs creation: Evidence from Tunisia" (75 min)

Speakers: Mohamed Amara, Faycel Zidi and Hela Jeddi (30 min)

Lead commentators: Mohamed Ali Marouani (*Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University and ERF*) (10 min)

Mongi Boughzala (*University of Tunis El Manar and ERF*) (10 min)

Abdel Rahmen El Lahga, (*University of Tunis and ERF*) (10 min)

Q&A (15 min)

04:25-04:30 Closing Remarks

Ibrahim Elbadawi (*Economic Research Forum*)
Abebe Shimeles (*AERC*)