



Call for papers

Theme: Population and development challenges in sub-Saharan Africa

Countries in sub-Saharan African (SSA) face three major challenges: poor reproductive health – rapid population growth - and extreme poverty. SSA has the highest fertility in the world. In 2011, SSA's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) was estimated at 5.2 children per woman on average, whereas only 19 percent of married women were using modern contraceptive methods.

Consequently, two out three residents of the region are less than 25 years old, and the region experiences the highest population growth rate. According to recent United Nations projections, the sub-Saharan population will grow from 860 million in 2010 to around 2 billion by 2050, and to between 2.3 and 4.8 billion by the year 2100.

At the same time, a comprehensive review of the Millennium Development Goals program cycle (2015) shows that it is unlikely that the SSA region will achieve all the MDG targets by 2015. About 72 percent of populations in SSA live on less than 2 US dollars per day; infant and maternal mortality are estimated at 80 per thousand and 625 per 100,000, respectively. The health and educational system as well as the food situation are under considerable strain. The HIV/AIDS epidemic is erasing decades of progress in increasing the life expectancy of the people of sub-Saharan Africa. Furthermore, SSA confronts environmental crisis (desertification, deforestation, floods), brain drain as well as rapid and spontaneous urbanization due to the population pressure, armed conflicts and persistent poverty. A number of factors explain this multifaceted problem: among them are pronatalist cultures from traditions and religious doctrines; colonial inheritance, globalization and poor governance and leadership.

Against this background, the “*Centre d'intelligence stratégique et des relations internationales*” (CISRI) proposes to publish a special issue of the Journal Dounia (<http://www.dounia-risri.net/>), on Population and Development Challenges in SSA. This will allow identifying demographic patterns, similarities and differences in SSA, and recommending local, regional and country-specific and effective policies for improving the overall welfare of Africans.

Interested authors should submit their papers in French or English to: (1) Prof. David Shapiro: dshapiro@psu.edu; and (2) Doctor Jacques Emina: jacques.emina@gmail.com, (3) with copy to Prof. Andre Nyembwe: andre.nyembwe@uclouvain.be. The issue is organized around the following sub themes, but is not restricted to these:

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| 1. Fertility, Family Planning, Sexual Behavior, and Reproductive Health | 9. Children, Youth, & Transition to Adulthood |
| 2. Population, Labor force and Economy | 10. Unions, Family and Households |
| 3. Population and Food Security | 11. Population, Education and Development |
| 4. Population Policy and Programmes | 12. HIV/AIDS, STIs, & Sexual Behavior |
| 5. Migration and African Diaspora Remittance Flows | 13. Population Ageing and Intergenerational Relationships |
| 6. Determinants and Consequences of Urbanization | 14. Adult Health and Mortality |
| 7. Population, Development, Environment and Climate Change | 15. Maternal, Newborn and Child Health |
| 8. Religion, Culture and Gender. | 16. Population, Data and Methods issues |
| | 17. Demography, Democracy and Good Governance. |

Important Dates

- July 15, 2012: Deadline for submitting papers and abstracts.
- September 15, 2012: Authors are notified of reviewers' decision on their paper.
- October 15, 2015: Deadline for submitting revised version of papers.
- December 15, 2012: Authors are notified of final decision. Papers sent for printing.



Instructions for Authors

All submissions should include:

(1) **Title page** including authors and their affiliation;

(2) **Abstract**: It should be between 100-250 words and should include 5 keywords;

(3) **Main text**: The paper should not exceed 30,000 characters. All pages must be typed and double-spaced (including notes and references) using 12-point Times New Roman (or OpenOffice Writer) font.

- Footnotes should be used instead of endnotes. Footnotes should be numbered consecutively.
- Number tables consecutively throughout the text.
- Number figures consecutively throughout the text. Each figure should include a title or caption, and please make sure to identify all elements found in the figure in the caption.
- **Equations** to be typed in Word Equation Editor where possible.
- **Abbreviations** and **Acronyms** should be defined at first mention and used consistently thereafter.

(4) **References**

- **Citations** in the text should provide the last name of the author(s) and the year of publication. Include page numbers for direct quotes or specific passages. Cite only those works needed to provide evidence for your assertions and to refer to important sources on the topic.
- **References** follow the text in a separate section headed "REFERENCES." Publication information for each must be complete and correct. Using APA citation style, list the references in alphabetical order by authors' last names; include first and middle initials for all authors. If there are two or more items by the same author(s), list them in order of year of publication. If the cited material is unpublished but has been accepted for publication, use "Forthcoming" in place of the date, and give the name of the journal or publishing house. If two or more works are by the same author(s) within the same year, list them in alphabetical order by title and distinguish them by adding the letters a, b, c, and so on, to the year (or to "Forthcoming" or "n.d."). List all authors; using "et al." in the reference section is not acceptable. Do not use footnotes or endnotes as a substitute for a reference list. A few examples follow below:
- Journal Article- Osborne, C., Berger L.M., & Katherine Magnuson K.(2012). Family Structure Transitions and Changes in Maternal Resources and Well-being. *Demography*, 49 (1): 23-47.
- Book (authored)- Calfee, R. C., & Valencia, R. R. (1991). APA guide to preparing manuscripts for journal publication. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Book (edited)- Felner, R. D., Jason, L. A., Moritsugu, J. N., & Farber, S. S. (Eds.) (1983). Preventive psychology: Theory, research and practice. New York: Pergamon Press.
- Book Chapter- Vimard, P. & Fassassi, R. (2006) The family at the heart of the household : evolution and differentiation of household structure in Côte d'Ivoire, 1975-98.s. In : Van de Walle E. (ed.) *African households censuses and surveys*. New York (USA) ; Londres : M.E. Sharpe,102-125.
- Paper presented at a conference- Phelan, J. C., Link, B. G., Stueve, A., & Pescosolido, B. A. (1996). Have public conceptions of mental health changed in the past half century? Does it matter? Paper presented at the 124th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New York.
- Newspaper Article- Gabriel, T.G. (2012, February 10). Égypte : un an après la chute de Moubarak, la révolution impossible. *Jeune Afrique*, p.1.