



## PEGNet Newsletter Volume 32

Welcome to the 32nd Newsletter. In this issue we would like to provide you with information on the latest developments at PEGNet and at our partner institutes. This and past editions are available online: [PEGNet Newsletter Archive](#).

### PEGNet Conference 2018 in Cotonou, Benin

We are pleased to announce the **PEGNet Conference 2018** with the title “**Improving the quality of education and learning outcomes in developing countries**”. It will be held on the 11th and 12th of October 2018 in Cotonou, Benin. The Conference will be organized in partnership with the **African School of Economics (ASE)**.



The Keynote will be delivered by Professor **Felipe Barrera-Osorio** who is a Professor of Education and Economics at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Professor **Modibo Sidibe** who is a Professor of Economics at Duke University will deliver the Young Professional Keynote.

We have opened the **Call for Papers** for the Conference 2018 and would like to invite you to submit your abstracts and Best Practice Award project contributions by email to [pegnet@ifw-kiel.de](mailto:pegnet@ifw-kiel.de) in a PDF or Word file with “PEGNet 2018” as the subject heading. Abstracts should have more than 400 words but should not exceed three pages. The submission deadline of abstracts and Best Practice Award projects is the **1st of May 2018**. Priority will be given to projects with clear implications for policy design and implementation. The **deadline** for full papers and additional material for the Best Practice Award is the **1st of August 2018**. Upon request, lump sum travel grants of 500 US Dollars will be provided to participants based in developing countries. We look forward to seeing you in Cotonou.

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### New PEGNet Policy Brief

The twelfth PEGNet Policy Brief titled “**Assessing Youth Development in Sub-Saharan Africa with a Multidimensional Index**” has been authored by **Uchenna Efobi** from Covenant University and **Emmanuel Orkoh** from North-West University.



The authors propose that a multidimensional measure of youth development and its relationship with household income with particular attention to gender and spatial distribution of youths is critical for addressing the potential negative socioeconomic consequences of Africa’s growing youth population

Previous editions of the PEGNet Policy Brief are available [here](#). Authors who are interested in contributing to the PEGNet Policy Brief Series are invited to contact the PEGNet Team: [pegnet@ifw-kiel.de](mailto:pegnet@ifw-kiel.de)

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## News from GIZ

Every two years, GIZ publishes an **evaluation report** summarising the findings and conclusions from its evaluations. It provides clear and detailed information with the help of facts, figures and specific examples. The new report – '**KNOWING WHAT WORKS**' – is now available and focuses on answering the following questions:



- Evaluation in international cooperation – where is it heading?
- What rating do our projects for BMZ receive?
- What is the quality of our project evaluations?
- Why is GIZ building on corporate strategic evaluations?
- What were the findings and conclusions of the corporate strategic evaluations in the following areas?
  - o Security and risk management system for foreign assignments
  - o Human capacity development measures
  - o GIZ's gender strategy
  - o International cooperation with Thailand
  - o Cofinancing arrangements

The Evaluation Report 2017 'Knowing what works' is available online in **German** and **English**.

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## News from DIE



The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) has produced a research report in co-operation with the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), a joint initiative of UN Environment, UNIDO, UNDP, ILO and UNITAR, on **Green Industrial Policy: Concept, Policies, Country Experiences**. In 13 Chapters written by renowned researchers and practitioners, this publication highlights why green industrial policies are a key component of this transition [towards to a more inclusive, green economy], and how countries across the world are already using them to promote higher productivity and competitiveness, while increasing resource efficiency and decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation" (Achim Steiner).

Moreover, two DIE staff members have published with colleagues from the World Bank a World Bank Policy Research Working Paper on the **Geographic Targeting of World Bank Projects to the Bottom 40 Percent**. The adoption of the Sustainable Development Goal 10, on inequality, by the United Nations in 2015 calls for strengthening the focus of development interventions and co-operation on the income growth of the bottom 40 percent of the income distribution. However, little is known about within-country allocation patterns among the projects of development institutions. This research working paper proposes a new geographic targeting indicator and related methodology to assess the within-country aid allocations of donors by correlating the distribution of funding within countries with the geographical distribution of the bottom 40.



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## News from UNU-WIDER

Aalto University School of Business, University of Tampere, and United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) in collaboration with the Nordic Network in Development Economics will organize the **17th Nordic Conference in Development Economics** on **11-12 June 2018** in Helsinki, Finland.



**Sonia Bhalotra** (University of Essex) will deliver a keynote on women legislators, and a second keynote will be given by the Chair of the UNU-WIDER Board, **Ravi Kanbur** (Cornell University). Submissions of individual papers are welcome in any field of development economics from researchers based in the Nordic countries and elsewhere.

Interested applicants wishing to present their original research should complete the **online application form**. They encourage submissions from early-career and female researchers. The deadline for submitting proposals is **18 March 2018** 23:59 EET.

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## News from International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)

Applications from organizations or consortia are invited to conduct a scoping study for the West Africa Capacity-building and Impact Evaluation (WACIE) program. This multi-year regional initiative aims to promote the institutionalization of evaluation in government systems across eight francophone countries, including; Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo. This scoping study will be used to improve the understanding of the supply of and demand for rigorous evidence in francophone West Africa. Only legally registered organisations or consortia of registered organisations can apply.



For more on the scope of work, eligibility criteria and how to apply, please visit 3ie's [website](#). The deadline for the applications is **March 27, 2018**.

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## News from the Institute of Development Policy (IOB)



IOB is looking for a **full-time** Tenure track academic staff in the area of **"International Trade, Migration and Inclusive Development"**

Under the requirements is wanted somebody that has Trade and / or migration experience and Quantitative research methods as strong background.

Applications may only be submitted online, on **22 March 2018** at the latest.

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## News from the World Bank Development Economics (DEC)

The next Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) will take place on **June 25-26, 2018** at World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The theme of the conference will be "Political Incentives and Development Outcomes." to submit a paper by the **extended deadline** Sunday, **March 11, 2018** midnight EST.



For authors of selected papers, travel and accommodation expenses for the conference will be covered. Additional information on the overall conference program will be posted on the website over the coming months. The ABCDE secretariat can be contacted via email at [abcde@worldbank.org](mailto:abcde@worldbank.org).

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## News from the Overseas Development Institute (ODI)



### Publication:

- **Women's economic empowerment at the international level:** focuses on 'Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work' prepared for the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) (2017).
- **10 things to know about the global labour force:** This examines the number of people inside and outside the global labour force, illustrating who they are, where they are and the scale of the global jobs challenge.
- **Four actions to drive and deliver SDG progress: lessons from ODI research:** These policy briefs provide an overview on the SDGs and the role of HICs in achieving the goals both domestically and internationally.
- **Aid allocation within countries: does it go to areas left behind?:** This short note presents new analysis on the relationship between aid allocation and sub-national estimates of poverty in four countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Honduras and Nigeria.
- **Syrian women refugees: opportunity in the gig economy?:** This study explores whether the gig economy, also known as 'crowd work' or 'on-demand' work, has the potential to create new economic opportunities for Syrian refugee women.
- **Defining 'leave no one behind' and 10 things to know about 'leave no one behind':** This briefing note does not seek to pin down a prescriptive definition of 'leave no one behind', a commitment central to the SDGs. The rallying cry of the Sustainable Development Goals is to 'leave no one behind' by 2030 – and to reach those who are furthest behind first.
- **Africa's opportunity: reaping the early harvest of the demographic transition and ensuring no one is left behind:** This report aims to make the case for governments and private sector leaders to

develop ambitious policy agendas geared toward kick-starting and supporting the nascent demographic transition in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Blogs:**

- **Monitoring momentum on 'leave no one behind'**
- **Sustainable Development Goals: two years in, we need the right incentives**
- **Ending poverty to leave no one behind: three new research papers from ODI**

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## News from the African School of Economics (ASE)

The **2018 Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society (AFES 2018)**, hosted by the African School of Economics (ASE) will be held at the Golden Tulip Hotel and the Novotel Hotel in Cotonou, Benin from **12th to 14th July, 2018**. Tim Besley (LSE) will deliver the Presidential Address, and there will be six invited lecturers in addition to paper presentations (to be confirmed at a later date).



Prior to the Meeting, the 2018 Summer Institute of the Econometric Society (SIES) will take place at Chant d'Oiseau in Cotonou from **July 5 to July 11, 2018** and will gather students and junior faculty from universities around the African continent as well as overseas. The Summer Institute will cover topics including Advances in Development Economics, Theory of Organizations, and Structural Econometrics.

The deadline for submissions is **February 16, 2018**. Papers can only be submitted electronically up to the 1st of December, 2017 on the [website](#). At least one of the authors must be a member of the **Econometric Society**, and all participants must register for the conference. Each person may submit and present only one paper; however, each person is allowed to be a co-author of several papers submitted to the conference.

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