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## Jobs, Diagnostics and Solutions Community of Practice (JDS CoP) News Digest

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**Dear members,**

Welcome to the **sixth (6) Edition** of the Jobs, Diagnostics **News Digest**, an avenue to share and exchange knowledge practitioners. Many thanks to all of you who contributed and resources. We welcome your continuous engagement knowledge that you bring and share.

With warm regards,  
Dino, Ian and Teuta

**At a Glance:**

We have **132** members. If you have not yet registered please click at [JDS CoP Website](#)

### Reminder Action Call < Nominate a Friend or Colleague



Fall is the season of harvest and time to expand our community circle with new members. All are encouraged to nominate a member or two to join our community. Please submit member nominations to [Teuta](#) and [Dino](#) **via email**.

The **JDS CoP** is open to anyone working on Jobs Diagnostics or Jobs Strategies and those who have previously done so. Membership is also open to scholars and others with specialized expertise of relevance to this community.

**JDS CoP** Engages and connects community members to share information, insights and best practice to help solve the problems they face in the field. It provides members with knowledge, resources and access to leading experts for informal learning and capacity development.

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## Featured < Member Blogs



### Think Like A Doctor, But Remain An Economist: Use Economics Not Just Data In A Jobs Diagnostic by Dino L. Merotto

#### [Part 1 – Data and Symptoms](#)

This blog will come in two installments! The first will discuss how useful it is to think like a doctor when conducting a Jobs Diagnostic. The second will discuss how important it is to stay mindful of economics when interpreting symptoms and their cause. Read the blog: [Think Like A Doctor, But Remain An Economist: Use Economics Not Just Data In A Jobs Diagnostic](#) to learn more.

## In Focus < Blog Series



### Jobs and Structural Change Blog Series

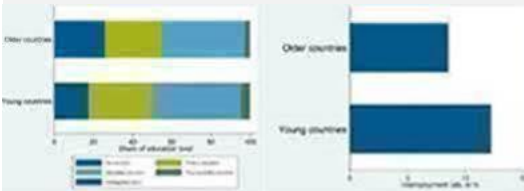
Our [Jobs and Structural Change blog series](#) started with stylized facts about how the type of Jobs created in the economy changes with economic transformation.

**Blogs 9 to 11** of our [Jobs and Structural Change blog](#) series start to look into global evidence on how **country type** affects the path of jobs with economic transformation. In [Jobs Diagnostics](#) we make a very important distinction between **country characteristics** (which don't change over time) and **country conditions** (which do).

#### [Blog 11](#)

### Youthful Countries Face Steeper Challenges Creating Better Jobs With Structural Change, by Dino Merotto, Jörg Langbein, & Michael Weber

In this blog, we explore how the challenges of delivering better jobs through structural change differ depending on where a country is in its demographic transition. We note that the average worker in youthful countries is becoming better educated. So if enough educated youth joining the workforce can find jobs commensurate with their education, youthful countries can accumulate human capital. However, many young people in youthful countries join the workforce in agriculture. We conclude



that pre-demographic dividend countries seeking better outcomes for jobs with structural change should accelerate food productivity, and develop and integrate their food markets for two reasons. First, because engineering a demographic transition in youthful countries requires reducing mortality, which studies show requires improvements in nutrition. Second, because the transition of workers out of agriculture also requires improvements in on-farm productivity (and the creation of better waged jobs in other sectors in towns and cities).

[Read the blog to learn more.](#)

## Member Spotlight

### Grace Mafo Waniko Abhulimen - National Bureau of Statistics, Nigeria



*Ms. Grace Mafo Waniko Abhulimen is a Senior Program Analyst with the National Bureau of Statistics in Nigeria. Her areas of focus include data collection for Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS 2011, UNICEF); analysis of the survey data in the following themes: Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2014 and 2017 using STATA to generate poverty figures for Nigeria; Nutrition for Women and children 2018 (UNICEF) using ENA software to generate stunting, wasting figures for under five children; Corruption in Nigeria: Pattern and Trend 2019 (UNODC); Nutrition survey for Grid 3 analysis 2020 using SPSS and STATA. Furthermore she has worked on: Data cleaning (Social Economic survey 2019) and table generation of Living Standards measurement study (LSMS-*

*Integrated Surveys on Agriculture) using SPSS and Stata software; Field data monitoring, Real time data checking for the National Business Sample Survey 2020 and more.*

*Grace holds a master's in information technology from the National Open University of Nigeria.*

## Useful Articles and Resources

- ✚ Recent Reports on Jobs Diagnostics
  - [Sri Lanka – Jobs Diagnostic](#) (2020)
  - [Nepal – Jobs Diagnostic](#) (2020)
  - [Nicaragua – Jobs Diagnostic](#) (2020)
- ✚ World Bank Jobs Group Publications: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/jobsanddevelopment/publication/jobs-and-development-list-of-publications>
- ✚ Five ways to make skills training work for women:  
<https://blogs.worldbank.org/jobs/five-ways-make-skills-training-work-women>
- ✚ Forced displacement and human capital: evidence from post-WWII Poland  
<https://blogs.worldbank.org/jobs/forced-displacement-and-human-capital-evidence-post-wwii-poland>

## Online Events

- ✚ **Recovery from the Pandemic across the World: Balancing Short-term and Long-term Concerns** < *November 11; 9:00 - 10:15AM* (Eastern Time, U.S.) [WATCH LIVE ON YOUTUBE](#)

- ✚ **Wrap up from Annual Meetings 2020**

WBG-IMF Annual Meetings brought together a diverse group of government officials, business leaders, international organizations and civil society for insightful discussions on the path ahead for developing countries. You may watch the replay of these events [here](#).

- ✚ **Featured Event: [Governor Talk: Structural Transformation After the Pandemic—We Have a Choice!](#)**

Christine Lagarde discusses future of jobs in EU post COVID. She emphasizes domestic changes and globalization as positive developments whereas sees hysteresis in labor market and policies for labor market stimulus as negative

Other events can be accessed at: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/events>

## Contact Us

Should s Should you have any interesting and relevant resources, suggestions or activities to share in the **next *JDS CoP Monthly Digest***, please contact [Teuta Gashi](#) (CoP facilitator) and, [Dino Merotto](#) (CoP chair). Please feel free to share this digest and invite new practitioners in the field to join [JDS CoP](#).

#### **About the JDS CoP**

**The Jobs Diagnostics and Solutions Community of Practice (JDS CoP)** is a knowledge sharing and learning platform for officials, development practitioners, researchers and World Bank Group staff involved in developing cross-sector Jobs Strategies for countries, regions, and municipalities within countries.

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