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**The 2016 PEP Annual Conference will be held in Manila, Philippines** on the theme "Growth and employment for shared prosperity and social resilience", on June 6-10, 2016. [Read more](#)

**The 12<sup>th</sup> CBMS-Philippines National Conference** has brought together 670 delegates, from across the country, to share and discuss best practices in the implementation and uses of CBMS. [Read more](#)

**PEP publishes the findings of more than 10 projects** supported under the PAGE initiative in over 12 developing countries. [Find them here](#)

**PEP researchers in developing countries organize national policy conferences** to communicate and discuss their research findings with policy actors and civil society at the local/national level. [Read more](#)

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PEP continually publishes the findings and outcomes of projects led by local research teams in developing countries, who have been selected and supported through its various research and capacity building initiatives. These projects address a wide range of policy and welfare issues.

A few examples from projects supported under the current PEP-PAGE initiative are provided below, and **several more** (Niger, Macedonia, Senegal, etc.) **can be found here: [Recent policy findings from PEP-supported projects in developing countries](#)**

**Cameroon**

**PAGE – Macro implications of female entrepreneurs facing financial frictions to access credit in Cameroon**



This study aims to assess the effects of financial frictions faced by female entrepreneurs on macroeconomic performance in Cameroon, using advanced techniques of CGE modeling. Their analysis shows that such frictions appear because, when borrowing from the banking sector, female entrepreneurs face restrictions related to collaterals. Their findings also suggest that, when the female sector (relatively more labor-intensive) is granted loans to the same extent as the male sector (more capital-intensive), it performs better in terms of value-added in GDP; meanwhile, both sectors have complementary roles in sustaining economic activity in the context of economic downturn. Find out more through the following PEP publications:

Reports and publications: [Project webpage and video](#) | [Working paper 2016-02](#) | [Policy brief 125](#)

Research team: [Thierry Kame Babilla](#) | [Sandra Kendo](#) | [Martin Jaurès Nzana Eloundou](#) | [Adele Micheline Ngo Bilong](#)

**Kyrgyz Republic**

**PAGE – Impact of remittances on youth labor supply: evidence from Kyrgyzstan**



The objective of this study is to investigate the impact of remittances from international migration on the occupational choice and working hours of left-behind youth in Kyrgyzstan. From the analysis of second-wave data from the "Life in Kyrgyz Republic" survey, the researchers find evidence that, when facing difficulties in finding employment, the left-behind tend to replace the migrant member's labor by increased work in/for the household, and that this "occupational choice" is mainly influenced by gender differences and education level. The study also highlights that, although remittances do not promote unemployment nor generate dependency amongst left-behind, they are primarily used to finance current consumption expenditures rather than business or entrepreneurial activities. Find out more through the following PEP publications:

Reports and publications: [Working paper 2016-05](#) | [Policy brief 130](#)

Research team: [Kamalbek Karymshakov](#) | [Burulcha Sulaimanova](#) | [Kadyrbek Sultakeev](#) | [Raziakhan Abdieva](#)

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**conferences**



**12<sup>th</sup> CBMS-Philippines National Conference**

**February 29 to March 2, 2016 – Manila, Philippines**

Around 670 delegates - policymakers and program implementers at the national and local levels, as well as officials and representatives of development partner agencies, private corporations, NGOs and the academe - from across the Philippines were gathered in Quezon City, from February 29 to March 2, to share and discuss best practices and strategies in the implementation and uses of CBMS for various development concerns.

In the context of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the implementation of the country's "local government code", this year's conference focused on the theme "[Pursuing meaningful devolution through CBMS](#)". The event mainly featured presentations and discussions on the achievements and challenges of governance devolution, and the role of CBMS in empowering local government units (LGUs) and communities in the process. The 3-day plenary also tackled emerging issues, best practices and strategies in generating jobs through entrepreneurship, particularly for the youth, and in providing social protection for the informal sector. [Find out more](#)

**PEP National Policy Conferences**

Between December 2015 and February 2016, three teams of local researchers in Nigeria, Chad and Senegal, who recently completed projects supported by PEP under the [PAGE initiative](#), organized conferences to present and discuss their PEP findings with key policy actors, including high-level officials from various ministries, and several other stakeholders at the local/national level.

Follow these links to find out more about each of these events:

- [December 18, 2015: Microcredit and poverty alleviation in Nigeria](#)
- [December 22, 2015: Education language choice and youth entrepreneurship in Chad](#)
- [February 18, 2016: Female entrepreneurship, access to credit and firms' performance in Senegal](#)

In all three cases, the PEP presentations were followed by active discussions with the attendants, including government representatives who eventually confirmed that the findings would serve to inform future policy initiatives. All three events benefited from wide media coverage at the national level, and researchers were later invited to participate in further consultations with key policy actors and organizations.



**PEP participates in the first conference of the STAARS initiative**

**December 4-5, 2015 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

The first event held in the context of the STAARS initiative – which aims to support high-quality research and capacity building on [Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces](#) – brought together top-tier researchers and high-level policymakers from around the world to advance the dialogue on structural transformation in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The conference was organized by Cornell University, technical leader of the STAARS consortium, of which PEP is also a member. As such, PEP also contributed to the event by extending support to three young researchers from Benin, Ethiopia and Niger, selected through a competitive process, to present papers in the conference, which featured a total of 24 presentations. The selected Niger paper resulted from research carried out under the PEP-PAGE initiative. [Find out more](#)

## PEP findings were also presented at the following international events:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of African Economists "Industrial Policy and Economic Performance in Africa" in Accra, Ghana, on November 16
- International Association for Research in Income and Wealth - Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (IARIW-CAPMAS) Conference in Egypt, on November 23-25
- Evaluation Conclave 2015 in Nepal, on November 23-27
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on "Sustainable Development in Africa", organized by UNU-Merit and CRES in Dakar, Senegal, on November 26-27
- UNCTAD Expert Meetings "Microfinance, Development and Debt" in Lima, Peru, on December 16
- 2016 Annual Meeting of the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA), organized by the American Economic Association in San Francisco, USA, on January 3-5

## Upcoming events

**June 6-10, 2016 - Manila, Philippines**

### 2016 PEP Annual Conference and 13<sup>th</sup> general meeting

Development researchers and practitioners, eminent scholars, representatives of international organizations and policy actors, from at least 30 different countries, will gather to discuss a variety of research and policy issues under the broad theme of "Growth and employment for shared prosperity and social resilience".

The event will feature a series of technical sessions to review evidence from research supported under the PEP-PAGE initiative, training in research communications, and a high-level policy forum for researchers and policy actors to share views on key issues related to "Policies for inclusive growth and reducing inequality and vulnerability in Asia". [Find out more](#)



### PEP findings will also soon be presented at the following international events:

- Land and Poverty Conference 2016: Responsible Land Governance, organized by the World Bank in Washington, DC, on March 14-18
- 2016 Annual Meeting of the Center for Study of African Economies (CSEA) in Oxford, UK on March 20-22, 2016.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Euro-African Conference in Finance and Economics (CEAFE) in Marseille, France on March 31, 2016
- Global Research Symposium on "Labour Market Transitions of Young Women and Men: Innovative research from 30 'school-to-work transition survey' (SWTS) datasets" (ILO, IZA and the Youth Employment Programme) in Geneva, Switzerland, on March 23, 2016

## other pep news

**Updated lists of recommended readings and training materials**, prepared by PEP-affiliated experts in various research areas and made available on the PEP website for the benefit of development researchers worldwide. [Find them here](#)

**A new PEP-supported "Chair in Education Leadership in Development Economics" is created at Université Laval.** [Read more](#)

**SUBSIM: A new Stata toolkit for the study of subsidy reforms.** [Read more](#)

**PEP Executive Director, Dr. Bekele Shiferaw, reflects on PEP achievements in 2015.**

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**Congratulations to Luca Tiberti on 5 years with PEP!** [Read more](#)

**The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network (IEN)**, led by one of PEP's lead researchers, Maria Laura Alzua, will be organized and hosted by CEDLAS, PEP long-time collaborator, in La Plata, Argentina, on March 10-11. [Read more](#)

**PEP partner in Latin America, GRADE, ranks among the best social policy think tanks in the world**, in the 2015 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report. [Read more](#)



**The December 2015 issue of the CBMS Network Update is now available online**, featuring the following articles:

- Social protection to the informal sector in Burkina Faso
- Second round of CBMS survey conducted in Tandil, Argentina
- CBMS Network organized RuMEPP technical workshop
- The CBMS-Bangladesh research team completes training of local enumerators
- Evaluation of UNICEF's UCT program

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All members of the PEP team would also like to offer their deepest sympathies to the families, friends and colleagues of PEP researchers Dr. Fernando Groisman, and Dr. Divine Ikenwilo, who both recently passed away.

## publications

The following section lists all new papers and briefs published by PEP since the last issue of the PEP-talk in November 2015

## working papers

### Développement minier et pétrolier et politiques de dépenses publiques au Niger : une analyse en équilibre général calculable dynamique

Development of the oil and mining sector and public spending in Niger: a dynamic CGE analysis (in French)

By Saadatou Sangare Alkassoum, Hamadou Daouda Youssoufou and Helene Maisonnave (WP 2016-09)

### Spillovers from off-farm self-employment opportunities in rural Niger

By Senakpon Dedehouanou, Aichatou Ousseini, Abdoulaziz Laouali Harouna and Maimounata Jabir (WP 2016-08)

### Dutch disease, informality and employment intensity in Colombia

By Ricardo Arguello, Dora Elena Jiménez Giraldo, Edwin Esteban Torres and Monica Gasca (WP 2016-07)

### Is microfinance truly useless for poverty reduction and women empowerment? A Bayesian spatial-propensity score matching evaluation in Bolivia

By Rolando Gonzales, Joel Mendizabal and Patricia Aranda (WP 2016-06)

### Remittances impact on youth labour supply: evidence from Kyrgyzstan

By Kamalbek Karymshakov, Burulcha Sulaimanova, Kadyrbek Sultakeev and Raziakhan Abdieva (WP 2016-05)

### Impact des politiques fiscales et d'emploi sur le secteur informel et la pauvreté au Cameroun

Impact of fiscal and employment policies on the informal sector and poverty in Cameroon (in French)

By Jules Médard Nana Djomo, Carine Flore N. Nzouckio, Claudiane Yanick Moukam and Serges Rodrigue Nguouana Koudjou (WP 2016-04)

### A static CGE model of the Mongolian economy

By Ragchaasuren Galindev, Munkh-Ireedui Bayarjargal, Nasantogtokh Nyamdorj, Telmen Tur, Tsolmon Baatarzorig and Tuvshintugs Batdelger (WP 2016-03)

### Macroeconomic implications of female entrepreneurs facing financial frictions to access to credit: A DSGE model approach in Cameroon

By Thierry Kame Babilla, Adele Micheline Ngo Bilong, Sandra Kendo and Martin Jaurès Nzana Eloundou (WP 2016-02)

### The impact of a rural microcredit scheme targeting women on household vulnerability and empowerment: evidence from South West Nigeria

By Damilola Olajide, Divine Ikenwilo, Kehinde Omotosho, Ngozi Ibeji and Olufemi Obembe (WP 2016-01)

### Engel's equivalence scales: Theory and practice

By Luca Tiberti, Abdelkrim Araar and Jean claude Nsabimana (WP 2015-15)

Find all PEP working papers [here](#)

## policy briefs

<b>Policy brief 130</b>	Impact of remittances on youth labor supply: evidence from <b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	By Burulcha Sulaimanova, Kadyrbek Sultakeev, Kamalbek Karymshakov and Raziakhan Abdieva
<b>Policy brief 129</b>	Simulation of a voucher policy for improving the social conditions of individual remittance receivers in <b>Macedonia</b>	By Blagica Petreski, Darko Tumanoski, Despina Petreska and Natasa Jagurinoska
<b>Policy brief 128</b>	Spillovers from off-farm self-employment opportunities in rural <b>Niger</b>	By Senakpon Dedehouanou, Aichatou Ousseini, Abdoulaziz Laouali Harouna and Maimounata Jabir
<b>Policy brief 127</b>	Female entrepreneurship, access to credit and firms' performance in <b>Senegal</b>	By Abdelkrim Araar, Abdoulaye Seck, Fatoumata Lamarana Diallo, Founty Alassane Fall, Karamoko Camara and Ndeye Khadidiatou Mouhamed Diop
<b>Policy brief 126</b>	Migration interne et entrepreneuriat des jeunes en République démocratique du <b>Congo</b>	By Christian Kamala Kaghoma, Kikandi Kiama, Allegra Kabamba Mbuyi and Joelle Mukenyi
<b>Policy brief 125</b>	Macroeconomic implications of female entrepreneurs facing financial frictions in credit access: a DSGE model approach in <b>Cameroon</b>	By Thierry Kame Babilla, Adele Micheline Ngo Bilong, Sandra Kendo and Martin Jaurès Ndzana Eloundou
<b>Policy brief 124</b>	Développement minier et pétrolier et politiques de dépenses publiques au <b>Niger</b> : une analyse en EGC dynamique	By Saadatou Sangare Alkassoum and Hamadou Daouda Yousoufou

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## external publications

**Recent journal publications by PEP grantees** – i.e. based on research conducted with PEP support in developing countries

Title of article	Journal and references (links)	Authors
Youth self-employment in households receiving remittances in Macedonia	Czech Journal of Economics and Finance Volume 65, Issue 6 (December 2015) pp. 499-523 <a href="#">Online</a>	Nikica Mojsoska-Blazevski and Marjan Petreski
Access to formal credit and enterprise performance in Nigeria: a gender perspective	Argumenta Oeconomica <i>Forthcoming</i>	Emmanuel Nwosu

**Recent journal publications by PEP resource persons and staff**

Title of article	Journal/publication and references (links)	Authors
Estimating the Impact on Poverty of Ghana's Fuel Subsidy Reform and a Mitigating Response	Journal of Development Effectiveness Volume 8 (2016), Issue 1, pp. 105-128 <a href="#">Online</a>	Edgard Cooke, Sarah Hague, <a href="#">Luca Tiberti</a> , <a href="#">John Cockburn</a> and Abdel Rahmen El-Lahga
Multidimensional poverty indices: A critical assessment	Forthcoming in "Oxford Handbook of Well-Being and Public Policy". Eds. M.D. Adler and M. Fleurbaey	<a href="#">Jean-Yves Duclos</a> and <a href="#">Luca Tiberti</a>
Big Constraints or Small Returns? Explaining Nonadoption of Hybrid Maize in Tanzania	Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy Volume 38, Issue 1 (2016) pp. 113-131 <a href="#">Online</a>	Jonas Kathage, Menale Kassie, <a href="#">Bekele Shiferaw</a> , and Matin Qaim
Market access and agricultural productivity growth in developing countries: challenges and opportunities for producer organizations	In Cooperatives, Economic Democratization and Rural Development. Eds. J. Bijman., R. Muradian and J. Schuurman Edward Elgar Publishing <a href="#">Online</a>	<a href="#">Bekele Shiferaw</a> , Jon Hellin, and Geoffrey Muricho,
Weather index insurance for managing drought risk in smallholder agriculture: lessons and policy implications for sub-Saharan Africa	Agricultural and Food Economics Volume 3, Issue 26 (2015), pp.1-21 <a href="#">Online</a>	Million A. Tadesse, <a href="#">Bekele Shiferaw</a> , and Olaf Erenstein



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