

The Labor Market in Africa: Reforms, Policies, and Practices

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The African economy is growing fast. The change is a result of the continents development, relocation of production, industrial development and service sectors expansion. The continent is facing a number of interrelated challenges. This includes the pressing issues related to the labor market, human capital, environment, urbanization, and population. The recent World Bank advances in standardized household, firm, industry and national level data collections have enabled a new interest in development economics research. The focus of this edited volume is: the mobility of labor; economic unions; formal/informal labor markets; the labor market reforms; work conditions; job market training programs and their evaluations; school-to-work transition; trends in income, assets and education inequality and poverty; discrimination; gender wage-gap and women's participation in the labor market; urban-rural migration; entrepreneurship and employment creation; environment and sustainable development; health, happiness, social policy and well-being; and implications of urbanization and growing population and ageing society for the labor market. This edited book includes studies using up-to-date theories, data and methods used in analysing policies and their evaluations applied to single and cross-country economies in Africa.

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