

UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF POPULATION STUDIES
DEM 2210 POPULATION COMPOSITION, CHANGE AND THEORIES
ASSIGNMENT ONE

Instructions:

- **All assignments should be word processed and should be submitted by 16:00 Friday, June 7, 2024.**
 - **The assignment should not be more than 9 pages including cover page and Bibliography.**
 - **Use Times New Roman font type, size 12 and 1.5 line spacing.**
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Question

The 2017 theme for the African Union was “Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through investment in youth. Dr Abdallah Hamdoks- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Executive Secretary had this to say in his 2017 address to the African Union Executive Council “ During the course of demographic dividend there are four mechanisms through which benefits are derived, these are: increased labor supply; increased savings as a result of low dependency rate; increasing domestic demand due to higher GDP per capita; and human capital development which all require specific investments in education and skills development; health and well-being, including Family planning.

As Zambia’s Permanent Representative to the African Union you have to prepare a paper to react to this address explaining how population structure will work through the 3 key investments to change age structure and increase the proportion of people who are able to participate in the labour force. Whilst making reference to Thailand which has experiences a change in age structure over decades

Hint

- i. Compare the population age structures of Thailand 1960 and 2010 with the population age structure of Zambia in 2010*
- ii. Explain the what you observe in the age structures of Thailand between 1960 and 2010 and Zambia in 2010*
- iii. Make reference to the World population prospect and Zambia Population and Housing Census*