



Mercator Dialogue on  
Asylum and Migration

## MEDAM Seminar

# Quantifying the Brain Drain: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa

**Date and time:** Wednesday, 10 April 2019, 16:00 - 17:30

**Venue:** CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

According to the latest results of the continent-wide Afrobarometer survey, more than a quarter of African citizens consider emigrating to Europe. This inclination to emigrate is particularly pronounced among the young, which translates into a risk of 'brain drain', the emigration of the highly-educated that depletes the stock of human capital in the sending countries. A vital question for the future of EU-Africa migration policies is therefore to understand whether migration is more likely to benefit or to harm the African countries of emigration. Is it however possible that migration prospects increase educational aspirations in Africa? If so, do migration opportunities to Europe always decrease the stock of human capital in the sending countries? Can policies be designed such that migration of the highly educated becomes a win-win situation for Africa and Europe?

Some answers will be provided during the next MEDAM Seminar with Romuald Méango, who is a post-doctoral researcher at the Munich Center for the Economics of Aging. Romuald will present [recent findings of his research](#) on the selection into emigration, the incentive of would-be migrants to obtain more education, and the net effects of emigration from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana and Senegal to Europe.

The presentation will be followed by a discussion of the results and possible implications for EU and national policymakers in the area of migration. A live stream will be available during the event.

### Agenda

15:30 – 16:00 Registration and coffee

16:00 – 16:30 Quantifying the Brain drain: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa

Presentation by Romuald Méango, Ph.D., Munich Center for the Economics of Aging

16:30 – 16:45 Discussion of the presentation and implications for policymaking

16:45 – 17:30 Questions and answers

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This MEDAM Seminar is organised by CEPS.

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## About MEDAM

The Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration is a practical research project aimed at producing informed economic perspectives on migration. With a view to strengthening Europe's ability to act in this field, MEDAM intends to fill the gaps in policy research on asylum and migration and to develop recommendations for decision-makers at the national and European levels. Funded by Stiftung Mercator, the project brings together researchers from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute in Florence and the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels. More information can be found at <http://www.medam-migration.eu/>.

## Latest publications produced under MEDAM

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