

Short Biography

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Dr. Cheikh Mbacké is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Research on Applied Economics and Finance of Thiès (CREFAT), University of Thiès, Senegal. As senior fellow, he helps mobilize resources to strengthen and sustain the center and provides mentoring to staff and students at this young research center. He helped the center develop a pan-African research, training and technical assistance agenda on generational economics and the demographic dividend.

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Previously, Dr. Mbacké spent six years at the Sahel Institute in Bamako (1986-92) and fourteen years (1992-2006) at the Rockefeller Foundation where he headed the Foundation's program for Africa and served as Vice President for Administration and Regional Programs. At the Rockefeller Foundation, among other leading international organizations, he helped propel a new generation of researchers and research institutions, and has led advances in regional thinking connecting demographics and economic growth.

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