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Presentation Outline



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Introduction



- Demographic dividend refers to the growth in an [economy](#) that is the result of a change in the age structure of a country's population
- The change in age structure brought on by a decline in fertility and mortality rates
- Fewer births lead to a decline in the number of young dependents which in turn leads to an increase in the

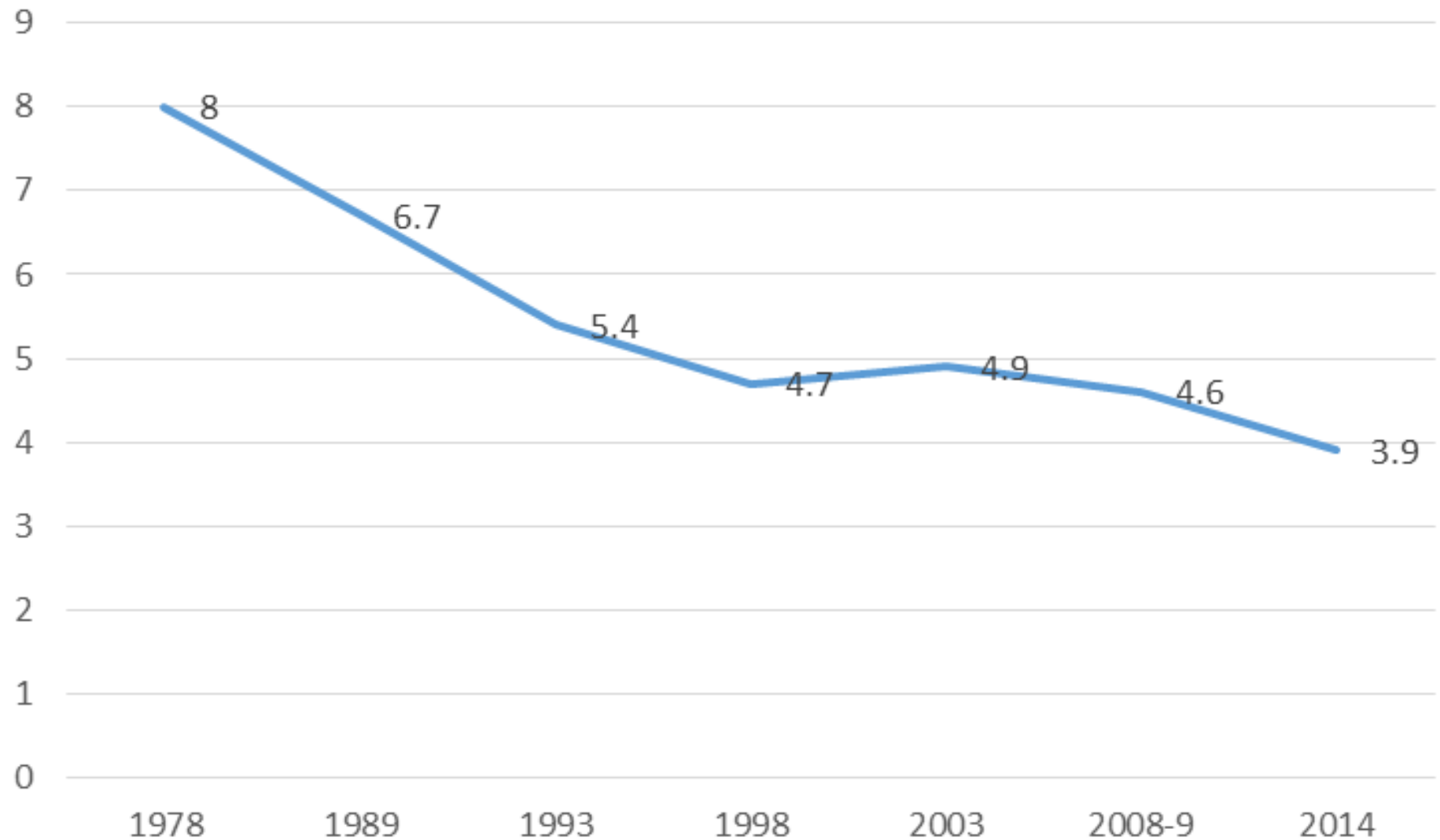
Trends in Population size and Growth, Kenya



Population Trend, 1969 to 2019



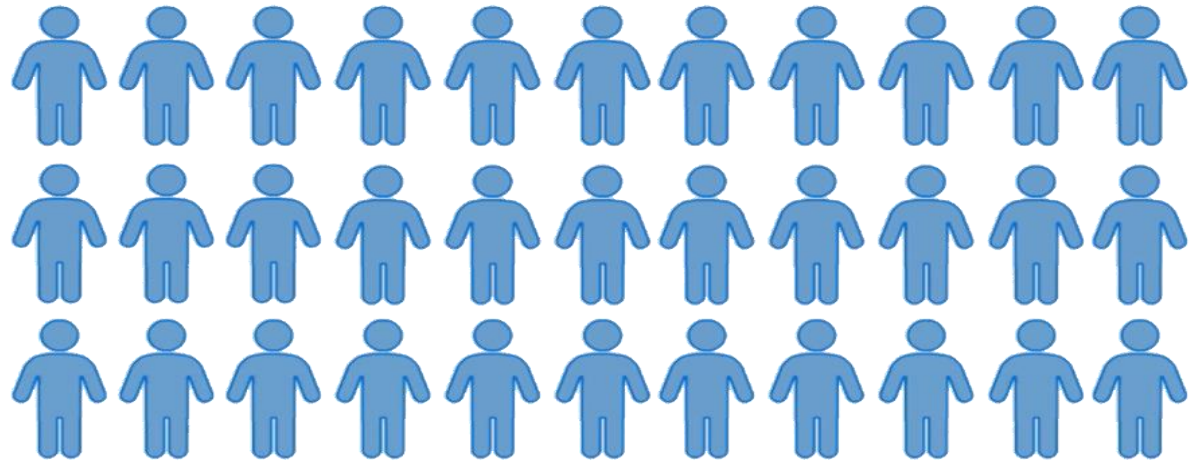
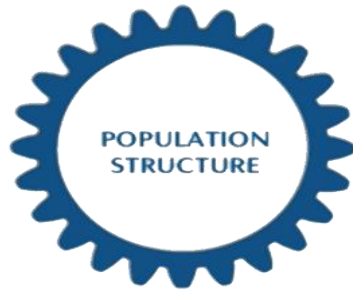
Fertility Transition in Kenya



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Working age
population



The dependent population grows smaller
in relation to the working age population

Young dependent
population

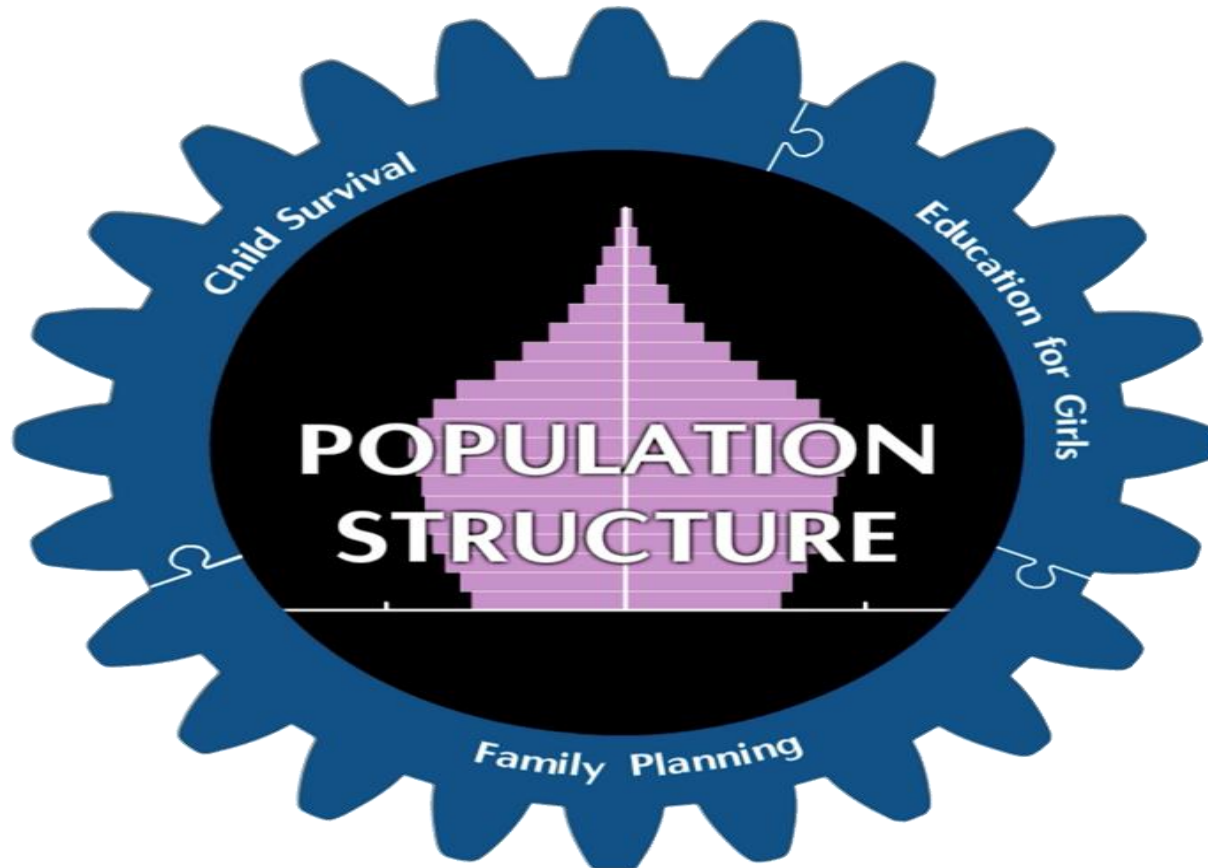


Key Elements To Harness DD



- Favorable population age structure
 - Large working-age population (15+ years old)
 - Small dependent population (0–14 years old)
- Investments in education
 - Completion of primary and secondary education, especially for girls
- Sound economic policies
- Good governance

Key Investments for DD



Where is Kenya today?



Family planning (FP)

58% contraceptive prevalence rate (all methods)

Fertility rate of 3.9 children per woman

Education

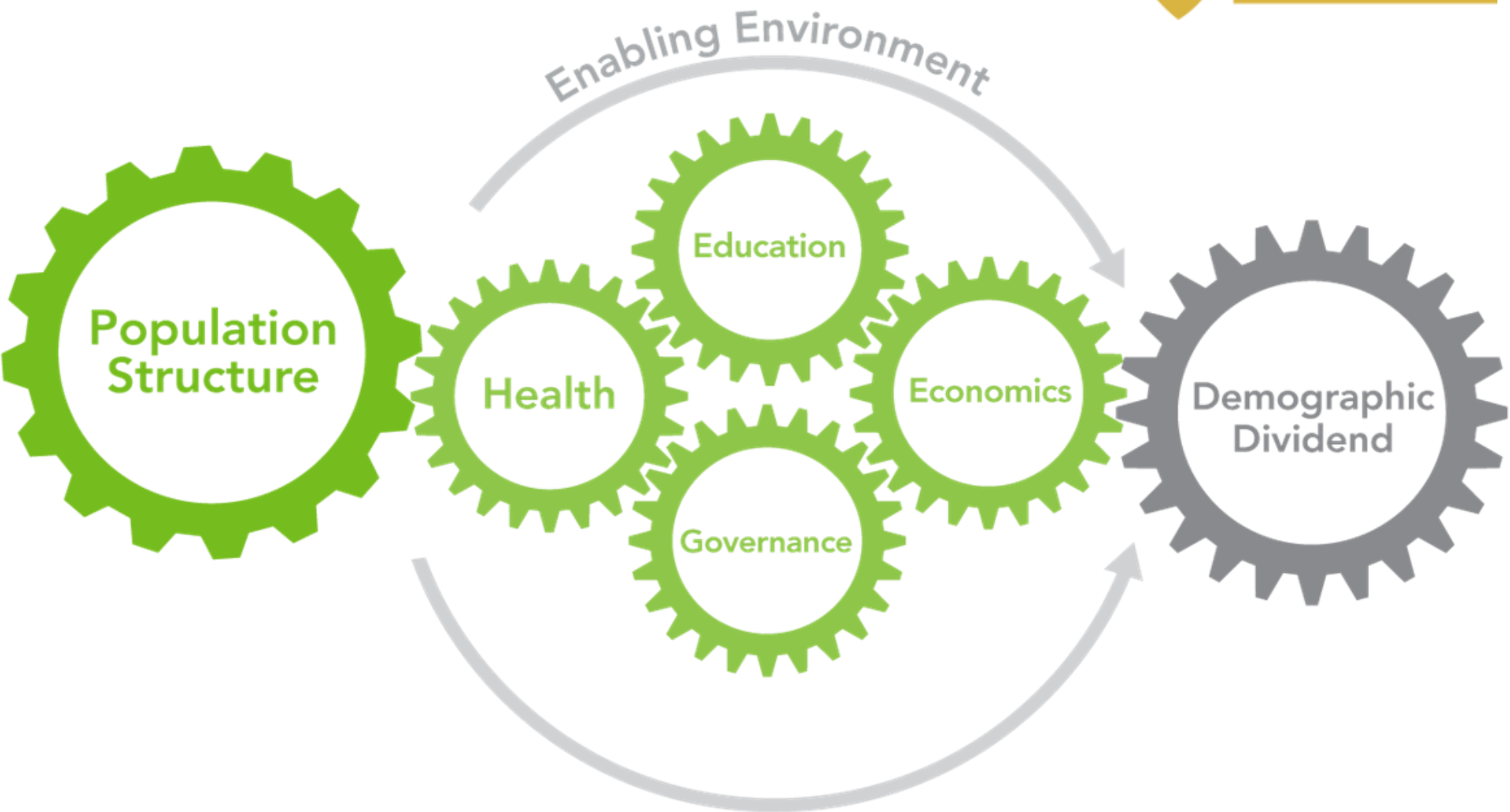
Adults have completed an average of 6.3 years of education

Economic development

Ranked 96 of 148 countries for global competitiveness

GDP per capita: US\$907

Policy Interventions Facilitating a Demographic Dividend



Effects of Investment in Health



HEALTH



- Improving Children's Health sets the stage for healthy Adulthood
- Adolescents delay child bearing until they are ready
- Youth transition to health productive adults
- Keep adults participating in the work force and economic growth

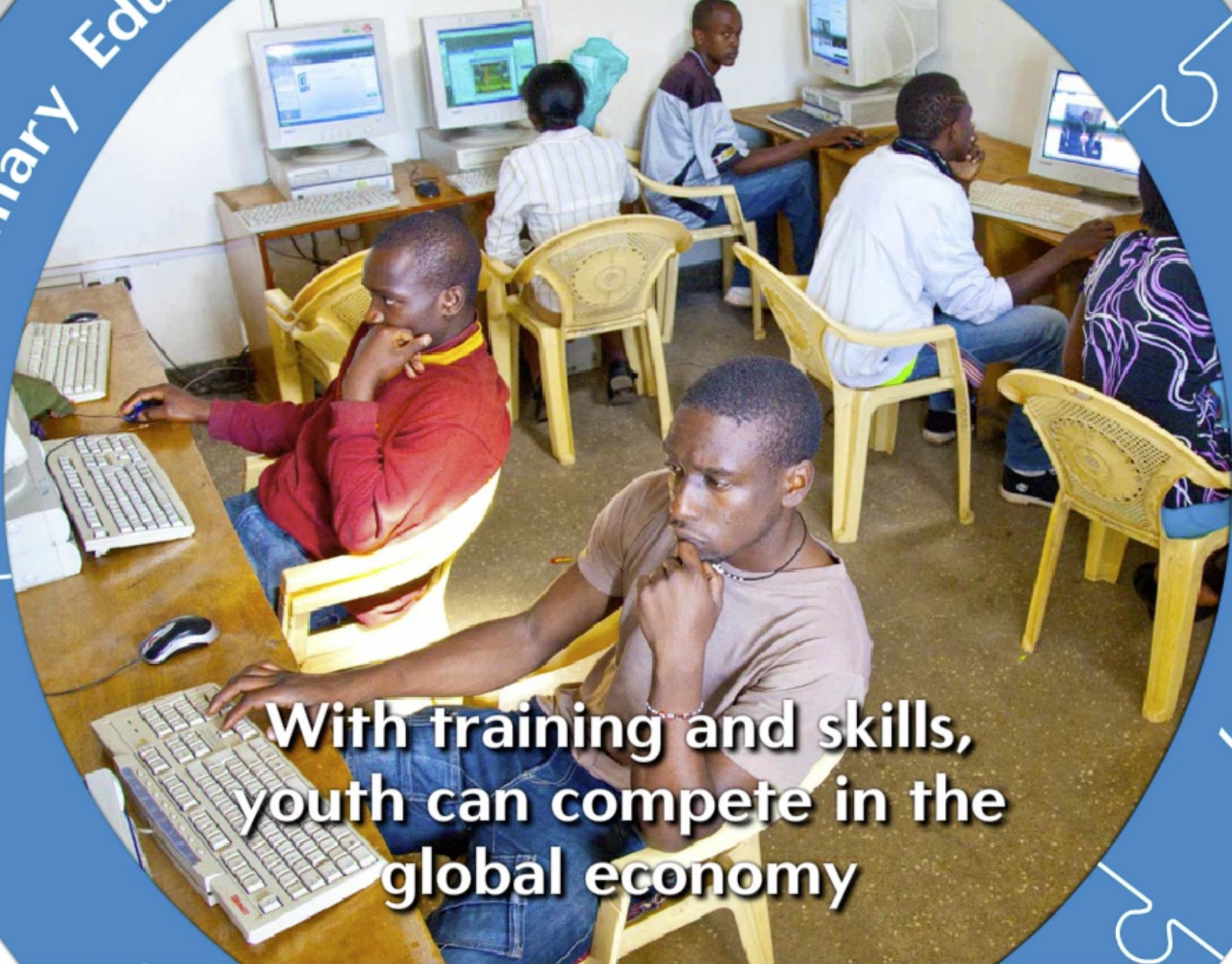
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**Expanding education will ensure that
a country has a skilled workforce**

Primary Education



**With training and skills,
youth can compete in the
global economy**

Quality

ECONOMY





**Foster growth in the
skilled workforce**

Skills
Markets, and
Micro
ment

Economy

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**Foster domestic savings and
expand access to economic
opportunity**

Governance



Transparent Institutions

Public Participation

**Good governance includes
laws, efficiency, and
accountability**

Conclusion



- *The entry point for harnessing the demographic dividend for Kenya is accelerating fertility decline*
- *To harness the demographic dividend, Kenya should focus on both today and tomorrow's youth*
- *Low fertility Kenya can salvage the demographic dividend by enhancing quality of human capital and job creation efforts*
- *Kenya like other African countries urgently needs country-specific evidence and technical assistance to move the demographic agenda from rhetoric to action*

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- *Ultimately, what will make the difference is strong political will, determination and action to steer transformative development*

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