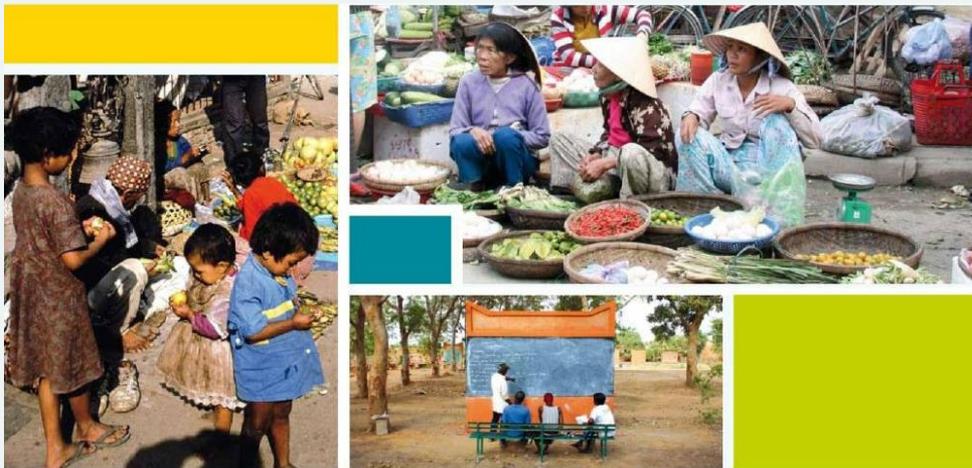


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**Can migrants be a vehicle of political changes in Africa?
Some insights from a Malian case study**



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Malian context

- Huge political challenges
 - North crisis and spread of radical Islam
 - Strengthening trust in Malian democratic institutions

- Important mobility and circulation of Malians
 - 11% of Malians have already had a migration experience abroad
 - more than 20% of Malians have a family member currently in migration
 - more than 40% of Malians live in a household with at least one return migrant



Migration is a vehicle for the transfer of new political norms.

- Malian migrants have different perceptions of Malian democratic institutions than non-migrants
- Migrants, returnees and their family are more interested in politics and are more involved in local democratic institutions than non-migrants



The process of political norm transfer depends on

- the institutional context of the host country
 - Malian from democratic countries are
 - more skeptical and less trustful than those coming from less democratic countries
 - and more involved in Malian political institutions

- the quantity and quality of the Migrants' interactions with the host society



Policy implications

- Reinforcing integration of migrants in European countries as well as in African democratic countries
 - Housing, literacy policies

- Facilitating circulation and communication of migrants with their origins countries
 - Decreasing financial costs
 - Encouraging temporary return
 - Simplifying visa procedure

- Drawing on returnees to consolidate Malian political institutions



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