



**Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) 2008**  
**Cape Town, South Africa**  
**June 8-10, 2007 (TBC)**

## **Call for Specific Session Proposals**

**Deadline for submissions: October 30, 2007**

The Steering Committee of the ABCDE Conference 2008 welcomes proposals for specific sessions from external partner organizations: universities, research institutes, think tanks, IFIs, civil society organizations, private sector etc.

## About the ABCDE conference

Designed to expand the flow of ideas between thinkers, practitioners and policy-makers within the field of international development, the ABCDE provides a forum for discussion on key international development issues. The conference brings together academics (about 60% of audience), policy makers, representatives of multilateral and bilateral agencies, research institutes, civil society organizations, students and journalists, and thus provides an excellent opportunity to foster exchange of knowledge and understanding of development issues. The ABCDE each time brings together between 500 and 800 participants: approx. 30% from the host country, 30% from the region and 30% from the rest of the world.

The concept of the ABCDE was developed by the World Bank in 1988 and the first conference was held at World Bank headquarters in Washington D.C in the same year. Since 2003, the World Bank was organizing two ABCDE conferences every year, one global ABCDE - the previous one was held in Slovenia, in May 2007 - and a regional ABCDE - the previous was held in Beijing, China in January 2007. In the year 2008 the regional and the global conference will be merged into one event.

Over the past few years, the conference has been closely linked to the international agenda, offering a platform of exchange and contributing ideas on the G8 Summit, the European Union Presidency and other global events. In 2008, the conference will be held back to back with South Africa's presidency of the G20 and the World Economic Forum on Africa, scheduled to take place in Cape Town on June 4-6, 2008.

## ABCDE 2008

The Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) 2008 will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, on June 8-10, 2008 (TBC). The conference will be co-organized by the World Bank and the National Treasury of South Africa.

The conference will be focused on three broad themes:

- Globalization, Investment and Growth
- Human Development for Equitable Growth
- Political Economy of Shared Growth

The conference will consist of **plenary and parallel sessions**. Plenary sessions will include keynote addresses and roundtable debates. The parallel sessions will be of three types:

- five **comparative sessions** - Global, Africa, South Asia - with academically-oriented topics, organized by individual academics (already identified)
- ten **specific sessions** considered from a number of specific perspectives, i.e. social, business... focusing on the three broad themes of the conference, and organized by external partners: international financial organizations, NGOs, foundations, academic institutions, think tanks, the South African academic community etc.
- **“Development in Practice”** – case study presentations by development practitioners in the field

## GUIDELINES FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF SPECIFIC SESSIONS IN THE ABCDE

### THEMES:

- Globalization, Investment and Growth
- Human Development for Equitable Growth
- Political Economy of Shared Growth

### A) FORMAT

The total duration of the session is **1.5 hrs.**

The two standard formats for workshop sessions at the ABCDE are the following:

<b>Format 1 ACADEMIC</b>	<b>Format 2 DEBATE</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Chairperson's introduction</li><li>2. 1-2 papers</li><li>3. 2-3 discussants</li><li>4. Floor discussion</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Chairperson's introduction</li><li>2. 3-4 panelists</li><li>3. Floor discussion</li></ol>

The final decision on the selection of a workshop will be made by the ABCDE Steering Committee (see ANNEX).

### B) ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

#### 1. Session organizer

The session organizer (or co-organizer) can either be an individual (one of the panelists) or an organization. The session organizer might serve as a speaker, discussant or chair in the session. S/he will also be entitled to participate as either speaker or discussant in the session s/he will be chairing.

The session organizer will:

- Identify and invite speakers and discussants so as to reflect the diversity of opinions on the topic;
- Ensure the workshop is jointly co-organized by one organization based in a developed country and one based in a developing country. Furthermore, among the members of the panel, there should be, at least, one representative from a developing country, and fair gender equilibrium;

- Include in the panel representatives from different backgrounds (academics; think tanks; NGOs; trade unions; policy makers; private sector; etc.);
- Provide a final written outline of the session, with the key topics and questions that will be raised during the session and the title of the session not later than March, 2008. This will be used for communication and outreach materials (e.g. conference website, etc.)

The final setting of the panel will be subject to a common agreement between the session organizer and the Steering Committee in charge of the organization of the conference.

## 2. Conference proceedings

A selection of workshop papers might be published in the conference proceedings (see next page for information about the papers which will facilitate post-conference editing and review). The session organizer will write a 2/3 page report highlighting key issues brought up during the floor discussion.

## 3. Finances

The organizers of the conference (World Bank and National Treasury) will cover travel costs in economy class and hotel expenses (normally up to 3 nights) for **up to 3 (three) individuals (including the chair and the panelists)**, unless otherwise pre-arranged. Staff from multi/bilateral organizations will not be covered, unless a different agreement has been previously determined with the organizers of the conference. There is no per diem allowance.

## 4. Communication

The official program and website of the conference will mention the name of the person (if applicable) and the organization of affiliation of the session organizer/co-organizer.

## C) Submission and Selection of Proposals

### 1. Submission of proposals

Please use the attached form to submit workshop proposal(s) by COB **October 30, 2007**.

Please return the completed form via email to the ABCDE 2008 secretariat (ATTN. Ms. Anna Kuznicka, [abcdeglobal@worldbank.org](mailto:abcdeglobal@worldbank.org)).

**It is highly recommended to describe clearly in the submission form (cfr. question #5 in the form) the main focus and issues addressed by the paper that will be presented in the workshop session as well as tentative speakers (question #6).**

## 2. Selection of Proposals

The ABCDE Steering Committee looks forward to receiving innovative, thoughtful proposals for workshops to be included in the agenda of the ABCDE 2008. Proposals will be selected in November/ December 2007.

## 3. Contact Information

We hope 2008 will be another successful year for the ABCDE. We look forward to working with you to achieve this goal. Should you or your colleagues have any questions, please contact

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**SPECIFIC SESSION PROPOSAL ABCDE 2008**

Please fill out the following form and return it to the ABCDE 2008 Secretariat by e-mail:

ATTN Ms. Anna Kuznicka (abcdeglobal@worldbank.org)

**Deadline: October 30, 2007**

(One proposal per form)

**1. Title of the proposed session**

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**2. Objective(s) of the Session**

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**3. Target audience**

- Private Sector       Government Policymakers     Civil Society  
 Academics

Expected “take aways” for the specific audiences:

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**4. Preferred format**

- Workshop (academic format)  
 Debate  
 Other (please specify)

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**5. Brief outline of the session (1-2 pages) /abstract of the main paper (please include title) that will be presented plus 3 “burning” questions that it will address.**

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**6. Tentative speakers for the proposed session**

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**7. Session organizers**

Main organizer (name, phone, email): .....

Alternate:(name, phone, email): .....

This proposal is submitted by (name, phone, email): .....

## **Papers**

### **(for speakers and discussants)**

**Length:** For speakers, the paper should be no longer than 40 pages, double spaced - in Times New Roman 12-point type - including any appendixes and references. For discussants, the paper should be around 10 pages.

**Accessibility:** Bear in mind when preparing your paper that the intended audience, both at the conference and in the readership of the conference volume, is fairly broad – non-specialists, policymakers, and professional economists - and is not confined to those involved in academic research. If your comments are too specialized, they will require significant revision.

**References:** The back-and-forth on references is time consuming - and avoidable. Please ensure that all references cited in the text are listed at the end of the paper and that all references are complete (see attached). References are cited in text by author and date, with no comma in between (Adams 1987).

**Format:** We can accommodate files created using Word for Windows 2.0 and above, graphs have to be done in Word or Excel (specific programs are not accepted). Please specify on the diskette which format you have used.

If the speakers or discussants need any special equipment during their presentation (such as an overhead projector, transparencies, or whiteboard), please let us know in advance.

For speakers, the deadline to hand in the paper is April 20, 2008. For discussants, we need to receive your draft comments immediately after your presentation. Please make sure you leave a paper copy and an electronic document with your comments with our staff at the World Bank secretariat in the conference venue.

The organizer has to make sure that the World Bank receives the speakers' and discussants' revised paper by September 4, 2008.

For any clarification and/or further inquiries regarding proceedings, please contact:

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## Style Guidelines for References

### Order:

Full name(s) of author(s).

Year of publication.

Complete title.

Journal articles should list journal title, volume, issue, and page numbers.

Books should list city of publication and name of publisher.

Chapters or contributions to an edited volume should say "In" followed by the name(s) of the editor(s), noted as "ed(s)." The title of the work, city of publication, and name of the publisher should follow.

Institutional reports, unpublished works, and dissertations should list identifying number of publication (if applicable), issuing institution, and city of issue.

### Examples:

Article:

Auty, Richard M., and Alan H. Gelb. 1986. "Oil Windfalls in a Small Parliamentary Democracy: Their Impact on Trinidad and Tobago." *World Development* 14(9): 1161-75.

Book:

Hoover, Edgar M., and Raymond Vernon. 1959. *Anatomy of a Metropolis*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press.

Chapter:

Katz, Michael. 1987. "Pricing Publicly Supplied Goods and Services." In David Newbery and Nicholas Stern, eds., *The Theory of Taxation for Developing Countries*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Published report:

Trairatvorakul, Prasarn. 1984. *The Effects of Income Distribution and Nutrition on Alternative Rice Price Policies in Thailand*. International Food Policy Research Institute Research Report 46. Washington, D.C.

Processed paper:

Nehru, Vikram. 1993. "How International Economic Links Affect East Asia." Policy Research Working Paper 1127. World Bank, Office of the Regional Vice President, East Asia and Pacific Region, Washington, D.C.

## ANNEX

### ABCDE Steering Committee

The ABCDE Steering Committee gathers a group of representatives from the World Bank (including the Chief Economist), the host institution (South African Treasury) and the academic community. The Steering Committee is responsible for drafting the agenda of the conference and more specifically, it is responsible for:

- Deciding on names for plenary session and keynote speakers;
- Deciding on topics and design of plenary roundtables;
- Deciding on topics for the program of comparative and specific sessions (workshops, roundtable, etc.) and possibly organize some of these sessions;
- Deciding on communication/outreach plan and media strategy.

During the period of preparation of the conference (from September to May) the Steering Committee meets on monthly basis to review and discuss proposals for speakers and topics put forward by its members and external partners. Meetings normally take place via videoconference using the World Bank's videoconference network.

Composition of the ABCDE Steering Committee 2008:

#### World Bank:

**Francois Bourguignon**, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President; Chair of the ABCDE Steering Committee

**Alan Gelb**, Director, Development Policy

**Shantayanan Devarajan**, Chief Economist, South Asia

**John Page**, Chief Economist, Africa

**Boris Pleskovic**, Research Manager, Development Economics

**Jean-Christophe Bas**, Development Policy Dialogue Manager, External Affairs; General Coordinator of the ABCDE

**Zeinab Partow**, Senior Economist, South Africa

#### National Treasury:

**Christopher Loewald**, Deputy General Director

#### Academia:

**Ingrid Woolard**, University of Cape Town

**Olu Ajakaiye**, Director of Research, Africa Economic Research Consortium, Kenya

**Odd-Helge Fjeldstad**, Research Director, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway

**Trudi Hartzenberg**, Executive Director, Trade Law Center for South Africa (TBC)

**Rajiv Kumar**, Director and Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi

#### Secretariat of the Steering Committee:

**Anna Kuznicka**, Consultant, World Bank