CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND GROWTH

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OVERVIEW:

Entrepreneurship is important for the continued dynamism of the modern economy and economic growth. The aim of this conference is to explore government regulations and reforms, private sector initiatives, and financial sector developments that affect the creation of new firms, the average size of firms, and the dynamism of incumbent firms.

The conference will give priority to papers that further our understanding of the factors that contribute to greater high-growth entrepreneurship and formal sector participation. We are also interested in papers using "experimental" field work to study the impact of reforms on firm entry, performance, and survival. While submissions from a wide range of perspectives and topics are welcome, we specifically invite papers on the following:

- The causal effects of institutional, regulatory, and fiscal reforms on entrepreneurial activity;
- The impact of reforms to encourage greater transitioning from the informal to the formal sector and the impact of formal sector registration on firm borrowing and growth;
- The effects of financial, operational, and management constraints on entrepreneurship and policies that help alleviate these constraints;
- The role of entrepreneurship in economic growth and development.
- The impact of the recent financial crisis on new business creation.

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Paper Submission Deadline: June 1, 2009

Decision on acceptance: August 1, 2009

Economy class travel expenses and lodging for one presenter for each paper will be reimbursed by the organizing institutions.

Preference is given to completed papers, although in exceptional circumstances work in progress will be considered.

Please submit papers electronically (in either a .pdf or Word file) to Mani Jandu at: mjandu@worldbank.org

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