



Researchers Alliance for Development

RAD Newsletter, February 2007

NEWS

Call for applications: PhD Seminar on the World Bank, May 15-16, 2007

Paper proposals are invited from current doctoral students and early career postdoctoral researchers (2 years after PhD) conducting research on the World Bank Group in any social science field. The workshop will be scheduled to coincide with the Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), which will take place in Bled, Slovenia, on May 17-18, 2007, under the theme of "Private Sector and Development".

Deadline: March 29, 2007. [More...](#)

Join the Steering Committee of the RAD!

The RAD Steering Committee will be happy to welcome new members in May 2007.

[Read](#) about the current RAD Steering Committee.

Expressions of interest (short bio and a one-pager motivation) are accepted by email and fax sent to the [RAD Secretariat](#) by **March 9, 2007**.

Development Marketplace announces 105 finalists

One hundred and five project teams from around the world are invited to World Bank headquarters May 22-23 to display their projects and vie for grant funding in the final round of the 2007 Global Development Marketplace competition. This year's DM - which paired up with the World Bank Health, Nutrition and Population (HNP) units to focus on improving health, nutrition and population services for the poor - attracted a record high of nearly 2,900 applicants.

EVENTS



Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE)

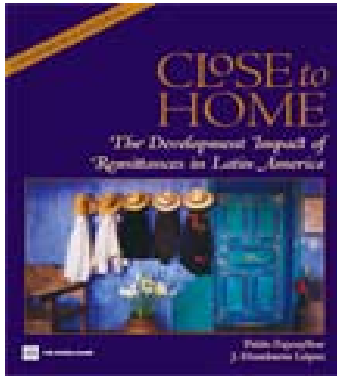
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[Register now!](#) Travel funding is available (deadline: March 15).

PUBLICATIONS

[NEW REPORT: Close to home: the development Impact of Remittances in Latin America](#)

In 2005 migrant workers from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) sent a total of \$48.3 billion back to their home countries. In 2004, remittances represented about 70 percent of foreign direct investment (FDI) in LAC and were 500 percent larger than Official Development Assistance to the region.



[NEW REPORT: Africa Development Indicators 2006](#)

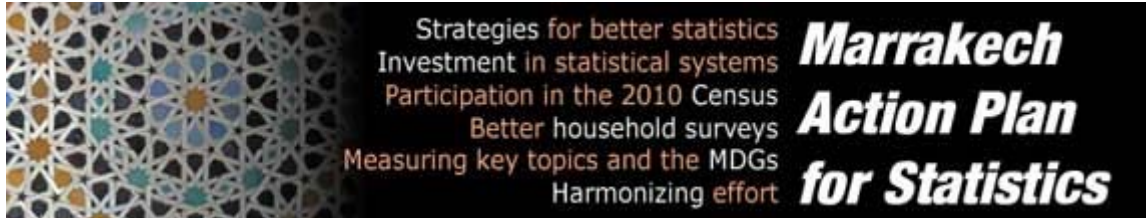
Africa Development Indicators 2006 provides the most detailed collection of data on Africa available in one volume. It contains about 450 macroeconomic, sectoral, and social indicators, covering 53 African countries.



[New working paper: Climate change and its impact on coastal countries](#)

The impact of sea level rise from global warming could be catastrophic for many developing countries – the World Bank estimates that even a one meter rise would turn at least 60 million people in the developing world into environmental refugees.

Marrakesh Action Plan for Statistics



Aid effectiveness, which is a major concern for donors, development agencies, and developing countries, is the central agenda at an international roundtable in Hanoi in February 2007. The Third International Roundtable on Managing for Development Results focuses on building countries' capacity (including statistical capacity) to manage for results.

CONSULTATIONS



[Governance and Anti-Corruption \(GAC\) consultations - update](#)

On January 30, World Bank Managing Director Juan Jose Daboub briefed the Bank's Board of Executive Directors on the preliminary findings from 51 sets of consultations in 47 countries on the [Bank's strategy for enhancing its work on Governance and Anticorruption](#), which had been presented to the Development Committee at the Annual Meetings last September. The consultations, which involved over 3,200 participants worldwide, were held between November 2006 – January 26, 2007 and sought feedback through face-to-face meetings, videoconferencing, and the web. Summary reports of the consultation inputs and web feedback, as well as Mr. Daboub's presentation to the Board, are now posted on the Bank's [governance feedback website](#).
[Read the written submission of the RAD.](#)

VACANCIES, GRANTS AND COMEPTITIONS

[World Challenge 2007](#)

Now in its third year, **World Challenge 2007**, in association with Shell, is a global competition that seeks out projects and businesses that not only make a profit, but also put something back into the community. Deadline for nominations: May 6, 2007.

[Last call – ABCDE Support Grant](#)

Apply and win a travel and accommodation grant to attend the ABCDE Slovenia conference!

[Call for Papers: Conference on "Reasserting the Public in Delivery of Public Services"](#), Singapore, 27-28 September 2007.

A limited number of travel grants is available on a competitive basis. The deadline for submitting an abstract is 2 April 2007. [More...](#)

Joint Israeli – Palestinian Summer Programme on: Political Science and Middle East Studies. Galilee College, Israel, July 3rd - August 14th , 2007

The program is intended for students of History, Political Science, Middle East Studies and professionals interested in the Middle East. The course is aimed at extending the participants knowledge of conditions, developments and trends in Israel, Palestine and the environs. A limited number of tuition scholarships will be available to qualified candidates. Students who are interested should contact the Program Director – Ms. Shoshi Norman, e-mail: snorman@galilcol.ac.il .

Do you have something you would like us to include in the Newsletter? Please email the [RAD Secretariat](#) before the 25th of March!