African Development Bank Group

Economic Commission for Africa

African Economic Conference

Opportunities and Challenges of Development for Africa in the Global Arena

CALL FOR PAPERS

15-17 November 2007
UN Conference Centre
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Background

It is now well known that the African region entered the new Millennium with a remarkable improvement in economic growth and performance. Nevertheless, the continent continues to face serious challenges in several key areas: trade, governance, conflicts, HIV/AIDS as well as tuberculosis and Malaria, food security, regional integration, poverty reduction etc. Against this background, the ECA and AfDB, will organize the second annual African Economic Conference (AEC) to provide a forum for exchange of ideas among economists and policymakers with a view to improving access to information and research on economic issues and, as a consequence, the quality of economic policy-making in the region.

Organization and Format of the Conference

The conference is organized by the African Development Bank Group and the Economic Commission for Africa. It will be held over three days and consist of plenary as well as break-out sessions. Plenary speakers will be outstanding scholars in various fields of economics invited as special guests. **B**reak-out sessions will be based on submitted papers.

Submission of Papers

The program committee invites submission of abstracts (or papers) by interested participants on any economic issue of relevance to African economies. Only one submission per individual will be considered. Submissions must be in English or French. Although the committee encourages submissions in all areas of economics, it is particularly interested in papers that fall into the following broad areas:

Regional Integration, Trade, Monetary and Financial Sector, Growth and Equity, Financing Development, Investment, Private Sector, Natural Resources, Asia and Africa.

Submissions should be made in either MS-Word or PDF format and sent by email to Abdellatif Bernoussi (Email: a.bernoussi@afdb.org) and Patrick Osakwe (Email: posakwe@uneca.org).

Timetable and Guidelines

30 March 2007: Call for Papers
30 April 2007: Abstracts due
15 May 2007: Notification of acceptance
1 Sept. 2007: Final version of paper due.
15-17 Nov. 2007: Conference takes place

Venue and Accommodation

The conference will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), which is conveniently located in central Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It is about fifteen minutes drive from the main airport and close to most hotels, restaurants and other tourist attractions. Costs of accommodation range from US$60 to US$140 per night.

Sponsorship

The organizers will sponsor participants whose papers have been accepted for presentation provided their completed papers are submitted by 1st of September 2007.

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