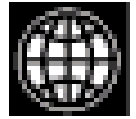




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**Call for Papers – Fifth IZA/World Bank Conference on
‘Employment and Development’
May 3-4, 2010, Cape Town, South Africa
Deadline: November 15, 2009.**

and

**Call for Papers – Special issue of LABOUR ECONOMICS on
‘Labour economics and labour markets in developing countries’
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Dear colleagues,

While most research in labor economics focuses on the US and Western Europe, the majority of the world’s population and particularly of the poor and the youth live in countries where labor markets often work quite differently. To stimulate and promote research on employment and labor economics in developing countries, the World Bank and IZA initiated in 2006 a work program on “Employment and Development”. Since 2006, the annual conference on Employment and Development provides a platform for researchers and policy experts to discuss new research findings and identify areas where further work is needed. IZA and the World Bank will organize the 5th annual conference **in Cape Town, South Africa on May 3-4, 2010.**

The current global economic downturn has revealed again the key importance of well functioning labor markets for helping workers and their families to weather through the storm of job losses and declines in incomes. Many workers have lost their job around the world and many others have seen their incomes dropping substantially. While in industrialized countries income support schemes and effective re-employment policies help job losers and their families, in most developing countries such policies and institutions are under-developed or non-existent, though, leaving workers and their families fully exposed to the hardship of unemployment or working poverty. Further efforts at improving the coverage and support of labor market and social policies are needed in many developing countries. In addition, improvements in the functioning of the labor market can also go a long way in ensuring a quicker and better pathway out of the downturns and into sustainable growth by contributing to an environment where new firms are created and private agents find the proper incentives to invest and innovate.

Parallel sessions in all areas of labor economics will be organized, and **we invite you to submit your contribution by November 15, 2009.** We invite submissions of papers on labor markets, job creation and labor market policies in developing countries. Contributions on Africa and/or by Africans are particularly welcome. Decisions will be made in January 2010. We will consider detailed abstracts, but will favor full papers, particularly empirical ones.

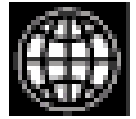
All presenters at the parallel sessions must arrange and fund their trip to South Africa but are offered three nights accommodation in Cape Town as well as meals during the conference, including the participation at the conference dinner. There are no conference fees. For enquiries, please contact Aslan Akay or Markus Frölich at development@iza.org

Previous IZA / World Bank conferences have been held in Berlin, Bonn and Morocco and have attracted prestigious researchers and policymakers from a wide variety of developed and developing countries, including keynote speeches of Francois Bourguignon, Gary Fields, Richard Freeman, Santiago Levy, Jan Svejnar and Tarik Yousef. The theme of next year’s conference is ‘Recovering with good jobs’.

The programs from these past events may be found online at:



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Please submit online before the **15 of November 2009** at: www.iza.org/development

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Labour Economics, the Journal of the European Association of Labour Economists, wants to signal its interest in publishing more high-quality research on labor economics and labor markets in developing countries. While most labor economic research focuses on the US and Western Europe, the majority of the world's population, and particularly of the poor, live in countries where labor markets often work quite differently. The journal wishes to promote and stimulate research on employment and, more generally, on labor economics in developing countries. To this end, a special issue on developing countries' labour markets will be published by *Labour Economics* by the end of 2010. Lead articles will be provided by **Gary Fields** (Cornell) and **Francis Teal** (Oxford).

Papers can be submitted to this special issue until November 15, 2009. (Please note that submission to this special issue is independent of the submission to the IZA/World Bank conference.)

Go to <http://ees.elsevier.com/labeco/default.asp> and click on "submit paper", enter your userid and password (or register to get these), click on "author login", and then choose "**Special issue: labour markets in LDC**" from the drop-down list.

After November 15, any papers on developing countries labour markets can be submitted through the regular online submission using the instructions above and choosing "Full length article" in the drop-down list.