



## Call for Papers: 2019 Jobs and Development Conference

### “Improving Jobs Outcomes in Developing Countries”

#### Organizers:

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#### Place:

Washington, DC

#### Date:

June 6-7, 2019

#### Deadline:

January 15, 2019

### About the Conference

Following the success of the 2016 and 2018 Jobs and Development Conferences in Washington DC and Bogotá, the World Bank in collaboration with IZA (the Institute of Labor Economics) and the Network on Jobs and Development are organizing a follow up conference focused on “Improving Jobs Outcomes in Developing Countries.”

The conference will take place on June 6th and 7th, 2019 in Washington DC. The two-day format will feature keynote speeches, a policy panel, and about 80 paper presentations in parallel sessions. The event will focus on policy-relevant research, applicable to identifying solutions to jobs challenges in low and middle income countries.

To expand the frontiers of global knowledge around jobs and advance the discussion on the most effective policies, we are interested in papers that focus on:

- Increasing wage labor demand;
- Creating jobs in the formal sector of the economy, including mobilizing capital for private sector development, SMEs, and value chains;
- Improving the quality of informal jobs and increasing earnings of self-employed and informal workers;
- Overcoming structural mismatches and facilitating market transitions through education, skills, and other active labor market programs;
- Developing social protection systems to increase security and promote income development (strategies for economic inclusion; the roles of transfers and job guarantee programs);
- Understanding the future of jobs in services (such as caring, health, education, cultural services and business process outsourcing) in low income countries (LICs);

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<sup>1</sup> A partnership of five research institutes from various regions of the world: Development Policy Research Unit at University of Cape Town (DPRU, South Africa), HKUST Institute for Emerging Market Studies (HKUST IEMS, Hong Kong), Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER, India), Institute for Structural Research (IBS, Poland) and Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA).

- Understanding the relationship between technological progress, technology adoption, and labor demand;
- Improving access to jobs for vulnerable or traditionally disadvantaged groups such as women, youth, refugees and IDPs, and people living in fragile, conflict and violent (FCV) contexts;
- Gender dimensions of jobs in LICs (including the challenge of increasing the rate of female labor force participation);
- Ways to reduce spatial mismatches and facilitate labor migration; and
- Theoretical models to understand the drivers of jobs outcomes in developing countries.

## Submission

Please submit full papers or extended abstracts by **January 15, 2019** using our online application form. Notifications on contributed papers will be sent by February 28, 2019.

Any queries can be emailed to Dominik Spitzka at [Spitzka@iza.org](mailto:Spitzka@iza.org).

We strongly encourage submission of full papers. For extended abstracts, full paper submission is due April 1, 2019.

## Travel and Accommodation

Authors of accepted papers are expected to participate in the whole two-day conference. The conference will provide hotel accommodation for up to 3 nights only (June 5-7, 2019) and meals during the event. Travel expenses (including flights, visas and airport transfers, etc.) will not be reimbursed by the organizers.

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