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Call for Papers:

6th IZA/World Bank/NJD/UNU-WIDER Jobs and Development Conference

“The Challenge of Creating Better Jobs in Developing Countries”

Organizers:

[IZA - Institute of Labor Economics](#) - Gary Fields and Ahmed Elsayed

[The World Bank](#) - Ian Walker and Maddalena Honorati

[The Network on Jobs and Development \(NJD\)*](#) - Haroon Borhat and Piotr Lewandowski

[UNU-WIDER](#) - Kunal Sen

Place:

Cape Town, South Africa

Date:

December 14 & 15, 2022

Deadline:

July 1, 2022

About the Conference

Following the successes of the 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Jobs and Development Conferences, the World Bank, IZA (Institute of Labor Economics), the Network on Jobs and Development*, and UNU-WIDER are organizing a follow up conference focused on [“The challenge of creating better jobs in developing countries”](#).

The conference will take place on December 14-15, 2022, in Cape Town, South Africa. The two-day format will feature keynote speeches, a policy panel, special sessions and about 50 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 policy-relevant papers on all topics in labor and development economics, but especially in papers that focus on:

- New platform economy jobs
- Labour market programmes and regulation
- Gender and labour markets
- COVID-19 pandemic, jobs and development
- Immigration, migration and skills
- Structural change
- Climate change, energy and jobs



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We are particularly interested in these themes, but don't discourage any relevant topic on jobs and development policy and issues.

Please visit our website for more details and content on previous conferences:

<http://jobsanddevelopmentconference.org/>

Key-note speakers

The key-notes will be delivered by:

- **Oriana Bandiera**, Professor of Economics | Sir Anthony Atkinson Chair in Economics at the London School of Economics
- **Ragui Assaad**, Professor of Planning and Public Affairs at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

Submission

Please submit full papers or extended abstracts by **Friday July 1, 2022** using the [online application form](#).

Notifications on contributed papers will be sent by September 5, 2022. Any queries can be emailed to conference managers at j4d@jobsanddevelopmentconference.org

We strongly encourage submission of full papers. For extended abstracts, full paper submission is due September 30, 2022.

Conference managers:

Kezia Lilenstein & Sarah Marriott (DPRU), Yolaina Montoya (World Bank), and Viola Hartmann (IZA).

* *The NJD is a partnership of research institutes from various regions of the world:*

- *Development Policy Research Unit (DPRU), at University of Cape Town - South Africa,*
- *HKUST Institute for Emerging Market Studies (HKUST IEMS) - Hong Kong,*
- *Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) - India, and*
- *Institute for Structural Research (IBS) - Poland.*

** *Note that restricted funding can be made available for accepted applicants who are citizens of (and are residing in) LICs, should assistance be required to cover travel costs. NB: Decisions will be made at the discretion of the organising committee and will be undertaken in all fairness and due consideration for the number of motivations received and for the candidates who are in the most need.*

