

Call for participation

UNU-WIDER Conference

Country Role Models for Development Success

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A number of countries are cited more often than others as examples of development success. These countries are believed to have policies and institutions that could be instructive to less successful countries both within their own regions, and elsewhere in the developing world. As such they might be said to constitute 'role models of development'. This is not to imply that these countries have been successful across every dimension (growth, poverty reduction, democratization, etc.), or that they have not had periods of failure and crisis. Indeed, their ability to overcome crises and to move successfully forward constitutes part of their overall development record. Based on a global sample of countries, the conference examines individual cases of development success to understand better its root causes. It then seeks to assess what experiences might be instructive, and in what ways, to today's less successful countries.

The conference is intended for researchers and technical advisors/policymakers. Participants attending UNU-WIDER conferences typically come from universities, research institutes, government departments, or international organizations. The conference is also open to advanced PhD students in economics or other social science disciplines.

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Papers for the above conference have already been commissioned. The main purpose of this call is to attract other conference participants who may usefully contribute to the discussions as well as benefit from the proceedings of the conference.

Submissions for participation are invited. Each application must have: (1) a brief written statement of interest (no more than one half page); and (2) a short CV, including: (a) full contact address, (b) institutional affiliation, (c) educational background, (d) relevant publications and professional experience, (e) nationality, (f) age, and (g) gender. The submission should be sent to crmds@wider.unu.edu. The deadline is: **29 February 2008**.

Preference will be given to participants from developing countries.

Funding

There is no conference fee. Subject to UN procedures, WIDER will cover accommodation and meals during the conference period. Travel expenses will also be covered for some participants, with preference given to those from developing countries.