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WIDER Development Conference

Think development – Think WIDER

13-15 September 2018, Helsinki, Finland

Information note for participants

1. Transportation from the airport to the conference venue

Helsinki Airport, located in Vantaa, is approximately 20 km from the conference venue and the center of Helsinki. Transportation alternatives:

- **Taxi** to Marina Congress Center (approx. price: €45)
- **Finnair City Bus** (Pohjolan Liikenne) to the main railway station (ticket price €6.80) and then a taxi from there to Marina Congress Center (approx. price €15)
- **Ring Rail Line train** to the main railway station (ticket price €5) and then a taxi from there to Marina Congress Center (approx. price €15)
- **Shared airport taxi** to Marina Congress Center (approx. price €29/person)
- Bus number 615 or 620 to the main railway station (ticket price €5), then tram number 4 or 4T (using the same bus ticket if used within 80 minutes from initial purchase) to Marina Congress Center.

2. Hotel accommodation

The conference venue is located in Katajanokka, Helsinki. Within near proximity to the conference venue, four options are available:

- **Scandic Grand Marina** (fully booked)
- **Hotel Katajanokka**
- **Hellsten Hotel Apartments**
- **Eurohostel**

If you prefer, you are welcome to book any other hotel in Helsinki and we refer you to the various search engines available (e.g. [booking.com](https://www.booking.com), [trivago.com](https://www.trivago.com), [hotels.com](https://www.hotels.com)) to find an alternative that suits your preference.

3. Venue, registration, and network café

The conference takes place at the **Marina Congress Center**, located at Katajanokanlaituri 6, Helsinki.

Registration for the conference will open on Thursday 13 September from 08:00 onwards at the registration desk on the ground floor of the Marina Congress Center. The conference will start at 09:00 hrs in meeting room Europaea, also on the ground floor.

On registration participants will be given a name badge, which must be worn for security reasons throughout the conference during the sessions and lunches.

UNU-WIDER's premises are on the 3rd floor of the Marina Congress Center building. A network café will be hosted in the Institute's common area throughout the conference days. Coffee and tea will be available all day for participants to enjoy in social surroundings.

4. Meals and events

All conference participants will be provided with lunch on the conference days. In addition, please take note of the following evening events:

- **Thursday 13 September:** Opening dinner at Vanha Ylioppilastalo from 18:30

Mannerheimintie 3, 00100 Helsinki

Note: Participants are kindly asked to arrange for their own transport to and from the venue. It is a 1.5 km walk through the center of Helsinki; see map at the end of this document.

- **Friday 14 September:** Networking and evening entertainment at Key West Pub from 19:00

Katajanokanlaituri 7, 00160 Helsinki (part of the Scandic Grand Marina Hotel building)

Note: Key West Pub is reserved for conference participants to network in social surroundings. Drinks are at the participants own expense.

- **Saturday 15 September:** Closing dinner at Marina Congress Center (ground floor)

Katajanokanlaituri 6, 00160 Helsinki

Participants not planning to attend any of these meals are requested to inform the Conference Team Assistants in advance.

5. Conference programme and papers

The latest edition of the conference programme is available [online](#). All PowerPoint presentations, made available by presenters, will also be posted on the website. There will be no paper copies available at the conference.

6. Weather

September is early autumn in Finland and the [weather in Helsinki](#) around the time of the conference can be changeable, with cool temperatures around 10-15°C and a possibility of rain.

7. Dress code

Smart casual. National costume highly encouraged.

8. Social Media

We will be live tweeting throughout the conference. Join us!

UNU-WIDER Account: [@UNUWIDER](#)

Conference hashtag: #ThinkDevelopmentThinkWIDER

Annual Lecture hashtag: #AL22

Photos from the event will also be shared on Facebook throughout and after the event. Follow us on Facebook [@UNUWIDER](#) to stay up to date.

9. UNU-WIDER Conference Team Assistants

For any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us:

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