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Call for papers

# Workshop on Illicit Financial Flows, Copenhagen, 25-26 October 2022

Under its Domestic Revenue Mobilization programme, United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) together with the Development Economics Research Group at the University of Copenhagen (UCPH-DERG) will organize an in-person workshop on Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) at the University of Copenhagen on 25-26 October 2022.

We hereby invite submissions of papers for presentation at the workshop. We welcome papers on all aspects of illicit financial flows including tax evasion, profit shifting, money laundering, high-level corruption and offshore financial centers. We will give priority to papers relevant for developing countries.

## Background

Under its [Domestic Revenue Mobilization programme](#), UNU-WIDER together with [UCPH-DERG](#), with support from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation ([Norad](#)), implements the [Detecting and Countering Illicit Financial Flows](#) project.

The project seeks to address the challenge of IFFs by investigating the magnitude of these flows, the channels through which they flow, and the policy responses that may decrease the flows. The aim is to expand the research frontier and provide knowledge for the governments of developing countries in support of policies that will increase revenue collection. Interested participants are encouraged to study the [project website](#) and the following WIDER working paper on [Illicit financial flows and the Global South](#).

All relevant topics with the IFF-area will be considered for presentation at the workshop, including but not limited to those listed on the [project website](#). The same goes for issues such as the role tax evasion plays in IFFs, the effectiveness of enforcement of the Common Reporting Standards (CRS), and the role of crypto-currency in IFFs.

## Workshop format

The core group managing the IFF project, including Professors [Finn Tarp](#) and [Niels Johannesen](#), in collaboration with other members of the [UCPH-DERG](#) group will host this workshop. It will include presentations by selected participants and invited specialists over two days on 25 and 26 October 2022. The format requires that participants assume responsibility to discuss other presentations, and ample space to discuss the state of the literature and promising avenues for future research. Based on the outcome of the workshop the IFF project may commission follow-up studies on topics that are particularly promising or pertinent to the formulation of anti-IFF policies.

## Submission procedure

Interested applicants wishing to present original research at the workshop on the topics relevant to the Illicit Financial Flows project, should complete the [online application form](#). We particularly encourage submissions from researchers in the Global South, as well as early-career and female researchers.

Each submission written in English should be in two PDF files:

1. An up-to-date CV, not exceeding two pages.
2. A full-length draft paper OR alternatively an extended abstract not exceeding 200 words, which should summarize the research question, working argument, main methods and data, and results.
  - The first page of the full-length draft paper or extended abstract should include all author names, affiliations, and the above-mentioned 200-word abstract.
  - Full-length papers should be no longer than 10,000 words, inclusive of references, footnotes, tables, and figures.
  - Extended abstracts should be approximately 800-1,000 words long (1-2 pages). Extended abstracts should demonstrate that results will be available in time for presentation at the workshop.

Any queries on the call for papers should be sent to [callforpapers2@wider.unu.edu](mailto:callforpapers2@wider.unu.edu) by 31 August 2022.

Previously unpublished papers presented at the workshop may be considered for publication in the WIDER Working Paper series.

Only the final decision on whether the paper has been accepted will be communicated to applicants. Applicants must not expect feedback on individual submissions.

## Important dates

31 August 2022	deadline for questions 23:59 UTC+3
10 September 2022	submission of papers
25 September 2022	target date for acceptance/rejection notification
25-26 October 2022	workshop in Copenhagen

## Other considerations

Selected authors are expected to present their paper and participate in the workshop organized on 25-26 October 2022 in person in Copenhagen.

For those attending the workshop, flights (economy-class) and accommodation for up to three nights will be covered (for no more than one author per paper) and arrangements will be made by University of Copenhagen.

Researchers/institutions will retain copyright of the workshop papers, unless otherwise explicitly agreed upon with authors for those papers that will become part of a UNU-WIDER publication.