



# **African Economic Conference 2009**



**Theme: Fostering Development in an era of Financial and Economic Crises**

**November 11-13, 2009  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

## **I. Background**

1.1 The African Development Bank (AfDB, [www.afdb.org](http://www.afdb.org)) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA, [www.uneca.org](http://www.uneca.org)) have a critical role to play in helping Africa sustain the growth momentum through providing support and capacity-building assistance in research and policy formulation. Against this background, the AfDB launched the annual African Economic Conference (AEC) in November 2006. The AEC aims at providing a forum for the exchange of ideas among economists and policymakers with the view of improving access to information and research on economic issues and, as a consequence, the quality of economic policy-making in Africa.

1.2 The first AEC focused on the theme “Accelerating Africa’s Development Five Years into the 21st Century” and gathered 300 economists. Since 2007, the AEC has been jointly organized by the AfDB and the UNECA. The 2007 AEC was held under the theme “Opportunities and Challenges of Development for Africa in the Global Arena”. It brought together more than 400 economists, researchers, and policy-makers from around the world. More than 60 papers, which reflected on various challenges and opportunities facing Africa, were presented during 31 break-out sessions. The theme of the 2008 AEC was “Globalization, Institutions and Economic Development of Africa”. About 500 participants, from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas, drawn from government officials, the academia, the private sector and non-governmental organizations, the AfDB’s executive directors as well as staff and management, attended the Conference.

## **II. Organization and Format of the Conference**

2.1 The AEC 2009 will be held in Addis Ababa from November 11 to 13, 2009, and consists of plenary and parallel (break-out) sessions. The plenary speakers are outstanding scholars in various fields of economics as well as high-level policy makers in member state governments. Parallel sessions will be based on submitted papers.

## **III. Submission of Papers**

3.1 The program committee invites submission of abstracts, or papers, on economic issues of relevance to African economies. Submissions must be in English or French. Although the committee encourages submissions in all areas of economics, it is particularly interested in papers that fall into the following sub-themes: Financial Crisis; Trade and Regional Integration; Migration and Remittances; the Global Financial Architecture and African Development; Institutional Frameworks for Public-Private Partnership; Management of Natural Resources; Impact of Climate Change, Aid and Capital Flows; and Asia-Africa economic relations.

3.2 *Submission of Complete Parallel sessions:* As an innovation in the AEC format, the Committee invites proposals for complete parallel sessions. The papers must be of high level quality from a technical and policy relevance perspectives. The papers in a session must explore one issue in African development with the aim of proposing strategies for the way forward. Proposals for a complete session should

be submitted only by the session organizer and should not contain more than three papers.

3.3 Members wishing to give papers or organize special break-out sessions are invited to submit their proposals through the AEC Website ([www.afdb.org/aec](http://www.afdb.org/aec)) starting 7 March 2009. Please make sure your information is complete before submission and use the correct online form. No submissions by fax, mail, or e-mail will be accepted.

#### **IV. Important Dates**

Start of online submission:	12 March 2009
Last day for online submission:	30 April 2009
Acceptance Notification:	15 May 2009
Paper Submission Deadline:	1 September 2009
Conference:	11-13 November 2009

#### **V. Venue and Accommodation**

The 2009 AEC will be held at United Nations Conference Center (UNCC), in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It is about 15 minutes drive from the main airport and close to most hotels, restaurants and other tourist attractions. Costs of accommodation range from US\$60 to US\$200 per night in Addis Ababa.

#### **VI. Sponsorship**

Funding is available for a limited number of participants whose papers have been accepted for presentation provided such papers are received by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009. Participants will be able to apply for sponsorship when they submit their papers online.

#### **VII. Contact:**

If you have difficulties submitting your abstract online or have any questions regarding the conference please contact:

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