

Conference Announcement



Development Policy Research Unit



Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies, in association with,



Cornell University

are hosting a conference on

“African Development and Poverty Reduction: The Macro-Micro Linkage”

13 - 15 October 2004 at the
Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West, South Africa

Call for Papers

The current global environment poses both a threat and an opportunity for Africa. Taking advantage of the openings afforded by trade and investment, while managing the risks and focusing on benefits for the poorest, is the central African challenge in economic policy making. The policies needed to manage this challenge will be both macro and micro in nature and, especially, the macro-micro linkage will be crucial. The past and current disappointments with macro-level policies are gradually being understood by analysts in terms of insufficient linkage to the micro-level realities of the African economy and society. At the same time, there is a realization that micro-level policies are bound to fail if implemented in an unstable macro- or global-level environment. And the few success stories seem to be those where macro- and micro-policies have been combined appropriately, by design or by luck.

To address these challenges, policy makers will need evidence based policy recommendations that stem from an analysis of the macro-micro linkages in the African context. DPRU, TIPS and Cornell University are sponsoring an international conference to bring the best global research on these issues to the attention of African policy makers. The conference has a broad remit, covering theory, empirics and policy, and addressing individual countries, groups of countries, or the continent as a whole.

Submissions of completed papers, or extended abstracts (3-5 pages), should be sent to the organizers electronically by April 15, 2004.

Decisions will be communicated by June 15, 2004. The conference will pay the local accommodation costs of one author per paper selected. The conference also has limited funds to support the travel of authors based in developing countries.

Papers selected for the conference will in turn be considered for publication in a journal special issue or academic press volume, edited by Haroon Borat (DPRU), Stephen Hanival (TIPS) and Ravi Kanbur (Cornell).

Please submit your abstracts to the following e-mail address :

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