



## Economic Research Forum (ERF)

**15th Annual Conference: Equity and Economic Development**  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008, Sanaa, Yemen

### CALL FOR PAPERS

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum (ERF) will be held in Sanaa, Yemen from 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November 2008. The organizing committee is pleased to invite submissions of proposals according to the outline given below. Invitees are researchers from the ERF region (the Arab countries, Iran and Turkey), whether they are affiliates of ERF or not. **The deadline for submitting proposals is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.**

An honorarium of \$2,000 will be paid for selected papers, of which \$1,000 will be claimed within two years upon the acceptance of the paper in a refereed journal. In addition, ERF will cover the cost of travel and lodging in Sanaa for one presenter of each paper. Five papers will be selected by the refereeing committees, one per theme, for the "Best Paper Award". The winning papers are evaluated on the basis of their contribution to knowledge about the region, rigor and policy relevance. The Awards will be announced at the Closing Plenary of the conference.

#### CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Like previous ERF annual conferences, the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference provides a unique opportunity for researchers from the region to interact with one another and with international experts. It also provides a venue for the presentation of multiple research papers, both in the plenary and parallel sessions, followed by stimulating discussions and feedback. In addition, the conference features selected research projects and celebrates excellence in research.

#### MAIN THEME AND SUB-THEMES

The main theme of the plenary sessions this year is **Equity and Economic Development**. The sub-themes of the parallel sessions are varied and broad to accommodate diverse research interests. As before, submissions for presentations in the parallel sessions this year can be made under the following areas:

1. Macroeconomics/Finance
2. International Economics
3. Labor and Human Development
4. Microeconomic and Sectoral studies
5. Institutional Economics/Governance

#### TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

The deadline for submitting proposals is **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**. Selected applicants will be informed by July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. **The written papers are due by September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008**. A detailed timetable is given below.

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for submissions in response to Call for Papers
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Notification of selected applicants
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for receiving written papers
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Notification of acceptance of papers for presentation
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pre-conference activities
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Conference begins
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Conference ends

### Conference URL:

[http://www.erf.org.eg/CMS/getFile.php?id=ERF\\_15th\\_Call\\_Proposals](http://www.erf.org.eg/CMS/getFile.php?id=ERF_15th_Call_Proposals)

## GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSALS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Submitted proposals should not exceed two pages, or 700 words. They should consist of three sections, as detailed below. ERF reserves the right to exclude proposals that are not consistent with these guidelines.

### 1. Motivation and Outline:

This section should provide a clear statement of the problem at hand, the knowledge gap the paper will address in light of existing literature, and how the proposed research will contribute to advancing our knowledge about the subject. It should also provide an outline of the final paper.

### 2. Methodology and Analysis:

This section should clearly identify the question or hypothesis to be tested, as well as the research methodology that will be employed. It should describe the data that will be used in the analysis, as well as its sources and time span for each variable. It should describe the analytical technique (case studies and/or econometrics) and explain the rationale for using the said methodology.

**3. Policy Implications:** Researchers are encouraged to describe preliminary results and policy implications if possible. If not, they should explain how the findings will contribute to the understanding of the topic under investigation as well as any relevant policy implications.

All proposals must specify the theme under which they are submitted. In addition, submissions should include:

- Author(s)' last and first names, affiliation and position, address, telephone and fax numbers, as well as an email address.
- Author(s)' CV(s) and one published paper, if any.

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR SUBMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL: [erf@erf.org.eg](mailto:erf@erf.org.eg)

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