



African Development Bank



United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

African Economic Conference



Globalization, Institutions and Economic Development of Africa

**12 – 14 November 2008
Tunis, Tunisia**

Background

In recent years there has been a relative improvement in the economic performance of African countries. However, the continent continues to face serious challenges in several key areas: trade, governance, conflicts, HIV/AIDS as well as tuberculosis and Malaria, food security, regional integration, poverty reduction, globalization etc. Crude oil prices have increased significantly creating severe macroeconomic policy challenges for oil-exporting countries and threatening growth in oil-importing countries. In addition, major world economies continue to battle the consequences of recent turmoil in credit markets which is likely to have consequences for economic growth in Africa. If African policymakers are to deal effectively with these challenges, they need to pay more attention to research as a basis for policy formulation and implementation. Against this background, the ECA and AfDB, will organize the third annual African Economic Conference (AEC) to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among economists and policymakers with a view to improving access to information and research on economic issues and, as a consequence, the quality of economic policy-making in the region.

Organization and Format of the Conference

The conference is organized by the African Development Bank Group and the Economic Commission for Africa. It will be held over three days and consist of plenary as well as break-out sessions. Plenary speakers will be outstanding scholars in various fields of economics invited as special guests. Break-out sessions will be based on submitted papers.

Submission of Papers

The program committee invites economists, policy makers and other researchers to submit abstracts (or papers) on economic issues of relevance to African economies. Only one submission per individual will be considered. Submissions must be in English or French. Although the committee encourages submissions in all areas of economics with focus on the conference theme, it is particularly interested in papers that fall into the following sub-themes:

Trade and Regional Integration, Migration and Remittances, Financial Development, Africa's Economic Growth, Institutional Frameworks for Public-Private Partnership, Natural Resources, Climate Change Impact, Aid and Private Capital Flows, Asia and Africa.

Submissions, with title, author(s) and corresponding author's e-mail clearly stated, should be made in either MS-Word or PDF format and sent by e-mail to Abdellatif Bernoussi (a.bernoussi@afdb.org) and Patrick Osakwe (posakwe@uneca.org) with a copy to Rasheed Oyaromade (r.oyaromade@afdb.org). Abstracts are expected to be **about 300 words**.

Important Dates

Call for Papers:	5 March 2008
Abstract Submission Deadline:	15 April 2008
Acceptance Notification:	1 May 2008
Paper Submission Deadline:	31 July 2008
Conference:	12–14 November 2008

Venue and Accommodation

The conference will be held in Tunis, Tunisia. Costs of accommodation range from US\$80 to US\$150 per night in Tunis.

Sponsorship

The organizers will sponsor Africa-based researchers and Africans in the diaspora whose papers have been accepted for presentation provided such papers are received by **31st July 2008**.

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