Harnessing Africa’s Growth for Faster Poverty Reduction

CALL FOR PAPERS

The first Annual Bank Conference on Africa (ABCA) will be held in Paris, France, on June 23-24, 2014. It covers various topics pertinent to the measurement and understanding of poverty in sub-Saharan Africa. It is being organized jointly by the Paris School of Economics and the World Bank (Office of the Chief Economist for the Africa Region).

The conference will include a Keynote Address by Prof. Stefan Dercon (Oxford University and Chief Economist, DFID), and opening remarks by Makhtar Diop (World Bank Vice-President for the Africa Region) and Pierre-Yves Geoffard (Director of the Paris School of Economics), as well as invited contributions by Gareth Austin, Stephan Klasen, Bekele Shiferaw, Leonard Wantchekon, and other senior scholars.

Submitted papers with a focus on Africa are now welcome on any of the following topics:

- data and measurement issues pertinent to poverty analysis
- inequality and distributional analysis of income, wealth and/or consumption
- multidimensional poverty
- poverty traps
- the impacts of government policies on poverty
- the political economy of poverty reduction

As well as papers that link poverty to:

- economic growth, urbanization, structural transformation, agriculture, education, health, labor, natural resources, trade, gender, conflict

Papers should be submitted in pdf format by April 30, 2014. Submissions should be e-mailed to abca@worldbank.org, and will be considered by a program committee consisting of Kathleen Beegle, Luc Christiaensen and Francisco Ferreira (World Bank) and Denis Cogneau, Léa Rouanet and Liam Wren-Lewis (PSE). Decisions will be made by May 15. Limited funds to support travel for successful presenters residing in Africa may be available.