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CALL FOR PAPERS

Submission deadline: 30 June 2016

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) - in partnership with the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and in cooperation with the Landegger Program in International Business Diplomacy at the Georgetown University - is organizing a 2-day conference on "Quality FDI, Growth and Development: Discussing the Impact and Policy Options" in Vienna from 14 to 15 September 2016.

Foreign direct investment (FDI), driven by activities of multinational enterprises (MNEs), have been increasingly regarded as one of the defining characteristics of the world economy and an engine of economic growth. FDI related-externalities have been attracting increased interest from emerging and developing countries because of perceived benefits in terms of the injection of capital, technology and knowledge as well as the potential generation of economic growth. Most recently, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have further highlighted the importance of such investments as crucial welfare-improving mechanisms, for instance in infrastructure development, industrialization and innovation.

The aim of this conference is to contribute to a better understanding of these topics by reviewing and shedding new light on the contribution of FDI to economic growth and development in emerging and developing countries. With that objective, the conference will bring together academics, researchers and policy experts and provide a forum to discuss innovative research and policy tools.

CONFERENCE CONTENT

The conference will feature interactive keynote and panel discussions with notable international academics and policy experts as well as sessions with contributed papers. We welcome submissions of full-length papers using micro and macro analyses, with strong preference given to applied empirical research. Conference proceedings may be published in form of an edited volume or special issue of a journal. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Policy factors affecting entry mode, location and operations of FDI in developing countries
- Inward FDI and upgrading within global value chains: assessing the evidence
- Inter-firm linkages and spillovers from FDI: describing the transmission channels
- Growing dynamism in South-South cooperation: role of emerging market MNEs

- Maximizing development impact of migration-related FDI: patterns and prospects
- New paths towards (re-) investment promotion: moving beyond improvement in business environment indicators

KEYNOTES / PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Session I: "Perspectives on the New World of FDI and the Globalization of Supply Chains"

Moderator: Theodore Moran (Georgetown University)
Conference plenary session featuring invited speakers from major international organizations

Session II: "Transforming Comparative Advantage: Using FDI to Upgrade and Diversify Exports"

Speakers: Laura Alfaro (Harvard Business School), Anthony Black (University of Cape Town), Beata Javorcik (University of Oxford)

Session III: "Migration-related FDI and South-South Investments: Assessing the Contribution to Economic Development"

Speakers: Holger Görg (IFW Kiel), Hillel Rapoport (Paris School of Economics, CEPPII), Frederik Sjöholm (Lund University)

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Interested applicants wishing to present original research should send their application to: fdi-conference@unido.org
Any queries on the call for papers should be sent to Adnan Seric at: a.seric@unido.org

The application will require an up-to-date CV; an abstract not exceeding 300 words, which should summarize the research question, the main methods and data, and key findings of the paper; a full-length paper (6,000-10,000 words long), including all author names, affiliations and contact details, in PDF format written in English.

Submissions from mid-career, female and developing country researchers are particularly encouraged.

IMPORTANT DATES

30 June 2016: paper submission deadline

15 July 2016: acceptance/rejection notification

15 August 2016: final papers due to be submitted to UNIDO

14-15 September 2016: conference

CONFERENCE PACKAGE

There is no conference fee. If required, UNIDO can provide visa support. UNIDO is not in a position to reimburse costs of travel and accommodation.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The conference proceedings will be in English.