

18th WORLD CONGRESS—INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
Call for Papers: IEA Young African Scholars Program

**International Economic Association Eighteenth World Congress
 June 19 to June 23, 2017**

Santa Fe, Mexico City

The Event

The International Economic Association (IEA) is the association of the economic associations from around the world, and is the unique international organization that brings together economists from developed and developing countries across a broad range of fields. The **Eighteenth World Congress** will be held in **Santa Fe, Mexico City** between **Monday 19 and Friday 23 June 2017**. The congress is jointly organized with the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, CIDE, Mexico. The theme of the congress is Globalization, Growth and Sustainability.

The World Congress is held once every three years (the fifteen and sixteenth Triennial World Congresses were held in Istanbul and Beijing respectively.) We expect more than 500 economists to attend. Over 400 papers will be presented in parallel academic sessions. In addition, there will be a number of policy sessions and keynote lectures. Confirmed speakers include many of the world's leading economists.

The world congress is a global event, it is the sole world meeting embracing all fields of economics, including all areas and all approaches, from theory to empirics. Because of its broadness, it attracts not only scholars but also distinguished economists from non-academic institutions such as central banks and other public institutions from a very wide range of countries, permitting a rich exchange of views.

IEA Young African Scholars Program

This special session aims to provide a forum for discussing innovative theoretical and empirical research on the key challenges facing Africa, and to facilitate the exchange of views among researchers and policymakers as the continent search its path towards economic emergence.

The IEA would especially like to attract young economists from Africa to participate, and towards that end has secured funding from the African Innovation Foundation, to assist in transportation costs, meals, and accommodations. We will pay up to \$1500 for transportation to Santa Fe, Mexico City, and provide for meals and hotel accommodation, and waive registration fees for approximately 20 economists. They will have an opportunity to present their research, and attend a special set of sessions with leading development scholars on issues pertaining to African development.

We are interested in research related to one of the following broad topics: (a) Structural transformation, industrial policies, and strategies for infrastructure financing in the context of a

changing global landscape; (b) Human development; and (c) Regional integration, focusing on the lessons learned from past experiences and outstanding issues that remain to be addressed. The papers should shed light on how such economic challenges operate in practice, and how they interact with each other, especially in terms of their effect on growth, macroeconomic stability and resilience to shocks, and employment creation.

Application Process

Interested scholars should submit either a draft paper or a detailed abstract (up to 1,500 words), **by March 31, 2017**, to:

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The proposal should include the title of the paper, the author(s)' affiliation and contact information, the main questions to be examined, the most relevant literature, the intended contribution of the paper to the literature, and the possible data sets and methodology to be employed. Authors should also provide a copy of their curriculum vitae, a short statement of interest (up to 1 page), and at least one letter of recommendation. The selection committee would also welcome a copy of a recent working or published paper by the applicant, though this is not mandatory.

The Program Committee will evaluate all proposals in terms of originality, analytical rigor, and policy relevance and will contact the authors whose papers have been selected by April 14, 2017. (Registration deadline for presenters of papers at the 18th IEA World Congress and to have papers included in final program is April 30, 2017). Final drafts are due by June 10, 2017. Further information on the conference program will be posted on the IEA website <http://www.iea-world.org/>
