

Call for Papers

Submission Deadline: **October 15, 2009**

ICT for Development and Economic Prosperity

Track of the

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TRACK COVERAGE

This track welcomes papers addressing research ideas and studies in the area of information and communication technology for Development (ICTD). The ICTD field considers ICT policy and commerce infrastructures as well as sourcing strategies, policymaking, international legal frameworks, the effects of online communities and research methods for measuring and/or explaining the effects of ICT on people's lives.

The rapid growth of the Internet has opened up new opportunities for governments and business organizations in the developed world to work with developing countries and developing regions in their own economies. Such areas include the provision of critical services such as health care and education, facilitating access to relevant information for underserved communities, sourcing strategies enabling access to skill and expertise and better management of natural resources. These topics are addressed using the ICTD knowledge within countries and regions that stand to benefit from ICT-driven development. The challenge facing researchers, practitioners and policy makers is how to achieve measurable improvements in people's lives through deployment of ICT and measure this impact. This track seeks to address these issues and make a contribution to how ICT can be used to bring about economic and social development. Submissions are invited that are theoretically and empirically sound.

RECOMMENDED TOPICS

The *Information Technology for Development and Economic Prosperity* track encourages the submission of research papers in the following areas (but not limited to):

ICT Development Concepts and Frameworks. This includes topics such as ICT ethics and development, ICT legal frameworks, measurement of the impact of investment in ICT for development, international ICT dialogues and discourses, research into the digital divide, implications for developed and transition economies and technology transfer between developing countries.

ICT Infrastructures for Development. This includes topics such as alternative backbone strategies for a nationwide rural network – e.g. terrestrial wireless, high altitude platform and low-earth orbit satellite constellation; ICT innovation meeting the needs of individuals and small collectives in developing areas and ICT adoption in areas with limited resources and skills.

ICT Policy. This includes topics such as ICT infrastructures for public administration and reform, public policy for the ICT Industry, innovations in capacity building for ICT enhancement and ICT strategies for development – national and sectoral.

ICT for Business Development. This includes topics such as the use of ICT in micro-entrepreneurship in underserved communities in developed and developing economies. Applications may include geographic information systems (GIS), spatial data infrastructures (SDI), off-shore sourcing strategies as well as small and medium enterprise (SME) access to public procurement systems.

ICT for Health This includes topics such as the use of ICT in the health sector (public and private), how ICT tools can contribute to improve the health of individuals and communities as well as strengthening

existing health systems, disease detection and prevention. Applications may include electronic medical records (EMR), electronic health records (EHR), telemedicine and health information systems (HIS).

For complete conference information, visit the Conf-IRM Web Site at:

www.conf-irm.org

Submission Types and Guidelines

Full Length Submissions

Submissions of no more than 5000 words, including references, appendices and title page, with a maximum of 5 figures/tables. Submissions have to be original, and previously unpublished, conceptual or empirical research manuscript for review. All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings in their entirety upon payment of registration fees. Papers accepted and presented at the conference will also be placed in the AIS e-Library. Papers not presented at the conference, for any reason, will not be included in the AIS e-Library. Highly rated papers by the reviewers will be considered for publications in selected Journals. Moreover, the paper that best represents, in terms of quality and suitability to the theme, the ideals of the conference will be awarded the "Best Paper" Award during the conference.

Research-in-Progress Submissions

Submissions of no more than 2000 words with a maximum of 3 figures/tables. All research-in-progress submissions will be published in the proceedings as short papers.

Teaching Cases

We welcome submissions of teaching cases. The cases should be based on real situations and targeted at specific learning objectives. Cases should be no more than 5000 words and must be accompanied by instructor teaching notes (not included in the 5000 words). The teaching notes will not be published.

Panel and Tutorial Submissions

Submissions of not more than 1000 words. Proposals should include the objectives, issues to be covered and full details of all presenters. Method of presentation is at the submitter's discretion; however, the submitter has the responsibility for providing his/her own panel members. All accepted proposals will appear in the conference proceedings (*please note that all panelists and tutorial presenters must register for the conference*).

Important Announcements

- The number of submissions by an author (including joint authorship) is strictly limited to a maximum of two submissions.
- Authors of accepted papers (at least one person per submission) and all panel members **MUST** register and attend the conference.

All conference submissions will be double-blind and peer reviewed. The review process will be handled by the track chairs and co-chairs. Submissions of all types must be received by October 15, 2009.

Important Dates

Submission date: **October 15, 2009**

Notification of Acceptance/Rejection: **January 8, 2010**

Final Submission and Early Registration due date: **February 25, 2010**

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