In October 2013, the World Bank through its Competitive Industries (CI) Global Practice is organizing a high-level conference on "Making Growth Happen: Implementing Policies for Competitive Industries". This will follow the occasion of the IMF-World Bank 2013 Annual Meetings (October 11-13, 2013), and take place on October 16-17, 2013.

The goal is to consolidate the state of the art in knowledge about structural transformation for growth, both from research and from praxis; to disseminate this among officials and practitioners, particularly those working on relevant World Bank projects; and to seed new directions for future research and knowledge creation in the field.

Call for Papers

Submissions are invited in order to make available to World Bank staff, government counterparts and our international partners, comprehensive literature that would set the grounds for policy discussions on the topic of the implementation of structural transformation.

Selected papers will be discussed at the Conference, which will be attended by senior clients and thought leaders.

We welcome papers in the following themes:

- Results of quantitative evaluations of specific policy reforms aimed at increasing competitiveness, implemented in developing and emerging economies.
- Thick case studies employing robust qualitative research methodologies on such policies (successes or failures), focusing on links between the policy design and local political economy.
- Structured comparisons of implementation successes and failures for specific policies, especially industry-specific policies.
- Elucidations of potential design methodologies for improving the success rate of policies and investments.
- Examinations of institutional forms of rapid experimentation and policy learning.
• Other studies surfacing tacit knowledge about implementation or fitting it within patterns that provide new insights into success and failure.

Submission of papers

Only one submission per person/team is accepted. Contributions by multiple authors will be accepted and are encouraged. Please submit your paper/abstract by email before August 30, 2013 at competitiveindustries@worldbank.org.

The proposal should include the title of the paper, author(s), affiliation, and contact information, and should address the main question(s) to be examined, relevant literature, unique contribution to the literature, and methodology to be employed. The selection committee will evaluate all proposals in terms of originality, analytical rigor, and policy relevance.

Detailed abstracts will also be considered, but full papers, in particular empirical ones, will strongly be favored.

Selected papers may be considered to be featured in three tiers:
1. Paper to be uploaded onto World Bank websites
2. Paper to be included in the Special Issue World Bank publication as a policy note/working paper
3. Paper to be presented and discussed in a day of seminars, following the conference

The selection committee will review all papers and make a decision by September 30.

Selection Committee

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We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Best,

Ivan and team