



## Call for Papers

# IMF Gender and Macroeconomics Conference

**International Monetary Fund (IMF) and  
United Kingdom Department for International Development (UK DFID)  
Washington, DC, March 23-24, 2017**

The IMF will hold a gender and macroeconomics conference on March 24, 2017. The conference is intended to provide a forum for discussing innovative empirical and theoretical research on gender and macroeconomics, with specific application to the challenges of low-income developing countries.

Empirical and theoretical studies on a wide range of issues related to gender and macroeconomics are welcome. Interested contributors should submit by **August 31, 2016** a draft paper or a short proposal (which should reach the draft paper stage by January 2017).

Please respond to [bjoshi2@imf.org](mailto:bjoshi2@imf.org) or [jstotsky@imf.org](mailto:jstotsky@imf.org) indicating “IMF Gender and Macroeconomics Conference” in the subject of the email.

### Conference Agenda

The conference, under the auspices of the IMF/UK DFID partnership on macroeconomic research in low-income countries, intends to provide a forum for discussing innovative theoretical and empirical research on gender and macroeconomics, with specific application to the challenges of low-income developing countries. One of the key goals of the conference is to advance the integration of macroeconomic analysis into issues related to gender and economics. The research papers would be expected to highlight policy implications. This would help inform the IMF's own research, operational work with countries on macroeconomic issues, and technical assistance on fiscal, monetary/financial/exchange rate, statistical, and legal issues.

### Key areas for research include the following topics:

- 1) The constraints or barriers to women's economic empowerment.
  - a. Gender gaps in wages, labor demand and supply, and productivity.
  - b. Gender gaps in asset ownership.
  - c. The care economy and gender gaps in women's unpaid work burdens.
- 2) Patterns of economic growth and structural change and the relationship to women's economic role and gender equality.

- a. The influence of economic growth and structural change, either in industrial composition or structure, or in the composition and structure of international trade on women's economic role.
  - b. The influence of women's economic role on economic growth.
- 3) The use of fiscal, monetary/financial/exchange rate, and structural policies to address gender inequality and women's empowerment.
- a. Fiscal policies and approaches, including gender budgeting.
  - b. Monetary/financial/exchange rate policies that examine the differential effect of interest rate, exchange rate, and inflation policies on women and men and the impact of financial market developments on women's ability to borrow, save, and invest.
  - c. Structural policies including those that lead to changes in women's role or ability to participate in the economy.
  - d. Fiscal and monetary policies during periods of austerity or exchange rate adjustment.

Papers that do not fit into these topics, but are related to the main theme of the conference, are also welcome.

#### **Timeline:**

The conference is expected to be held in Washington, DC, on March 24, 2017. Researchers would be expected to present their paper at the conference. Completed papers will be considered for publication as IMF Working Papers and we will be seeking publication of selected papers in a special issue of a journal.

**August 31, 2016:** Interested contributors should submit a draft paper or a detailed two-page proposal by August 31, 2016 (email to [bjoshi2@imf.org](mailto:bjoshi2@imf.org) and [istotsky@imf.org](mailto:istotsky@imf.org)).

The Program Committee will evaluate all proposals in terms of originality, analytical or empirical rigor, and policy relevance and will contact the authors whose papers have been selected by September 21, 2016.

**December 31, 2016:** A 10-15-page work-in-progress draft will be expected by December 31, 2016.

**Expenses:** Travel and hotel expenses of presenting authors will be covered by the conference organizers. Further information on the conference program will be posted on the IMF website ([www.imf.org](http://www.imf.org)).

#### **Format of proposals:**

Title.

Research problem and background.

Methodology.

Data source and ability of the author to access, if empirical.

Expected research findings and policy implications.

Annexes that include the CV of the members of the research team and relevant research already published or completed, if not published.

**Program Committee:**

Catherine Pattillo, Janet Stotsky, Lisa Kolovich, and Grace Li.

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