

CALL FOR PAPERS

Information Systems research and education in developing countries

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IMPORTANT DATES

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OVERVIEW

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) are a fundamental infrastructure for economical development and growth. Their adoption is recognized to be a strong factor for social and cultural change and evolution. However, the digital divide between developing countries and developed ones is a strong barrier for ICT adoption and usage. This digital divide concern not only infrastructure limitations (computers, networks, software) but also essential facilities inadequacy for taking full advantages of ICT (language barriers, illiteracy, etc.). Developed countries have a crucial need for ICT experts in companies and public institutions, and ICT usage need to be widely diffused at all levels of the society. Education plays a fundamental role in helping the diffusion and the adoption of ICT in schools and universities.

The objective of this workshop is to gather researchers and scholars to discuss and exchange experiences and ideas concerning ICT and information systems education in developing countries. The workshop is organized in the context of the ICIS 2008 conference and is supported by the UNESCO. A **specific funding scheme** is available for participants from low and middle income countries (*according to the World Bank classification¹*) at the following rates:

- Low-income countries: funding will cover registration fees for the workshop and the conference + hotel expenses; a specific negotiated low rate will be available for the travel.
- Lower-middle-income countries: funding will cover registration fees for the workshop and the conference + hotel expenses.
- Upper-middle-income countries: funding will cover only registration fees for the workshop and the conference.

Eligible candidates are invited to contact directly the organizers of the workshop for further information.

AREAS OF INTEREST

The following indicates the general focus of the workshop. However, related contributions are welcome as well:

- Experiences and case studies in IS education and research in developing countries
- IS curriculum design for developing countries
- Digital divide impact on IS education in developing countries
- Success factors and best practices for IS education in developing countries
- E-learning experiences and perspectives in IS education in developing countries
- Open source issues in IS education in developing countries
- IS research topics and methods in developing countries
- Cultural, linguistic and social factors impact on IS research methods in developing countries
- Institutional requirement and support to IS education in developing countries

SUBMISSIONS

The aim of the workshop is discussions, rather than formal presentations. To this end, contributions can be of two types: position papers and short papers. A position paper is up to 5000 words and does not necessarily need to include answers or solutions to the mentioned problems. Position papers that raise relevant questions, or describe successful or unsuccessful practices, or describe experiences and case studies will be welcome. Short papers are up to 2000 words, and will be assigned a 15 minutes presentation. Papers should be submitted by email as Word or PDF documents to workshop chairs (email addresses indicated below). The workshop language is English; however submissions can be made in English or in French.

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¹ Available at <http://www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/classgroups.htm>