

Call for Paper for the ICT 2012 Ethiopia Conference

“ICT: a Gateway for Growth & Transformation”

Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) have long been recognized by the United Nations as essential tools for socio-economic development. Similarly, Ethiopia recognizes the important and key role that ICT plays for delivering a rich set of Citizen Services that in turn contribute to sustainable development, and make breakthrough progress towards building an Information Society.

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The **Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT)**, in collaboration with **ICT Center of Excellence, ICT-ET, EITPA** is organizing a major conference with a theme of ***“ICT: a Gateway for Growth & Transformation”***. This “ICT Ethiopia Conference” 2012 which is scheduled on June 08, 2012 will be held in parallel with the 5th ICT Exhibition, scheduled for June 06 to June 10, 2012, in Addis Ababa Ethiopia.

The goal of the conference is to provide an outstanding forum for academic and industrial communities, and ICT related companies that are working and/or doing businesses in applying ICT to development. This conference will bring together practitioners, professionals, academicians, researchers, policy advisors and policy makers in the area of ICT, and provide an interactive forum for them to explore the contributions that ICT can make towards the achievement of sustainable socio-economic development in Ethiopia.

The Conference is soliciting relevant papers that cover and report on: original case studies, researches, new ideas, innovations, work-in-progress, examples of good practices and experiences, and advances in all areas of ICT that help and promote economic development.

We encourage all stakeholders to participate proactively in this important conference.

Conference Topics

Topics of interest include, but are not strictly limited to:

- ICT Applications for Citizen Services
- ICT for Poverty Reduction and Development
- ICT for Rural Development
- Information Security and Legal matters
- E-Business
- ICT for Education
- ICT and Healthcare- E-Health
- E-Government
- ICT and Gender Empowerment
- Measuring ICT impact, and Return on Investment
- ICT for Community Development
- ICT for Private Sector Development (Business modeling, Incentive modeling, ICT Business outsourcing, etc)
- Emerging Web Technologies: Wikis, blogs, LinkedIn, podcasting and other online social networking system for learning, teaching, knowledge management, etc...
- ICT Infrastructure
- ICT Private Public Partnership(PPPs)
- ICT Localization and/or Standardization
- Emerging Technologies and Trends
- Challenges and Opportunities of ICT in Ethiopia

Submission Guidelines

Participants wishing to present a paper at the Conference are invited to submit an abstract on the topic they have chosen that has to be related to the Conference's areas of interest. The abstract should be typewritten in English (preferably in MS Word or **PDF** format), not exceeding 500 words. (If a printed copy is submitted the abstract shall fit on one A4 Size paper.)

Abstracts/papers should also include the following in the document:

- The Ministry of CIT's 5th Conference - ICT Ethiopia Conference 2012 ***"ICT: a Gateway for Growth & Transformation"***
- Title of the abstract (max. 100 characters)
- Author's full names, affiliations, addresses, fax and phone numbers and email addresses
- Specific topic to which the abstract is submitted
- Key words of the abstract

The deadline for submitting the abstract is April 20, 2012. Please submit your abstract electronically by e-mail: ict_Exhibition2012@mcit.gov.et or info@ictcoe.org.et or at www.mcit.gov.et or submit the document in person to the office of the Ministry Mexico Square, Alta Bldg 5th floor, in front of Philips Bldg.

Selection Criteria

All submissions are subject to peer review and accepted by the program committee. The full paper will be requested from all the authors whose abstract has been accepted. Accepted full papers will be published in the conference proceedings. Printed proceedings will be distributed during the conference.

Important Dates

- April 20, 2012.....Deadline for Submission of Abstracts
- April 26, 2012.....Notification of Accepted Abstracts
- May 10, 2012..... Deadline for Submitting Full Papers
- May 15, 2012..... Notification of Acceptance of Full Papers
- May 20,2012 Final Paper Submission
- June 08, 2012 Conference Date

Best Paper Award

Five best papers will be selected by the program committee among regular papers presented.

Best Paper Award will be given to five papers with prizes.

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