



2013 Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics

Risk and Vulnerability

June 3-4, 2013

Call for Papers

The **Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE)**, organized by the World Bank Development Economics (DEC) Vice Presidency, is one of the world's best known series of conferences for the presentation and discussion of new knowledge on development. The conference aims to promote the exchange of cutting-edge research among researchers, policymakers, and development practitioners. The next conference will take place on June 3-4, 2013, at World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The theme of the conference will be **“Risk and Vulnerability”**.

The ABCDE Organizing Committee is issuing a call for papers that examine in innovative ways how **to manage risk and vulnerability at the individual, household, firm, financial sector, and country level**. The selected papers will be presented as main sessions of the conference agenda. Possible topics include:

- Sources of risk and vulnerability
- Risk management strategies
- Role that social and economic systems have in managing risk
- Government policies to manage risks
- Globalization and its impact on risk, vulnerability, and tools for managing risk

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

Those interested should submit a draft paper or a two-page proposal by **January 31, 2013** (email abcde@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. Authors of selected papers will have the option to submit their papers for a special issue of the *World Bank Economic Review*.

The Organizing Committee will evaluate all proposals in terms of originality, analytical rigor, and policy relevance. Authors of accepted proposals will be contacted by **February 28, 2013**. A work-in-progress draft will be required by **April 1, 2013**.

For authors of selected papers, travel and accommodation expenses for the conference will be covered. Additional information on the overall conference program will be posted on the [ABCDE website](#) over the coming months.

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