



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### International Conference

Development Research and Training (DRT)<sup>1</sup>, the Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC)<sup>2</sup> and the Brooks World Poverty Institute<sup>3</sup> are pleased to announce a co-hosted international conference on **Social Protection for the Poorest in Africa – Learning from Experience, to take place from the 8-10th September 2008 in Kampala, Uganda.**

The conference will bring together practitioners, researchers and policy-makers involved in the development, design, and implementation of social protection programmes, particularly those addressing extreme and chronic poverty, with the aim of learning from existing programmes and informing the extension of social protection in Africa.

*The conference will focus on five main questions:*

1. What are constraints and opportunities involved in developing sustainable political support for social protection in Africa?
2. What might be considered an effective mix of instruments in any given situation of extreme or chronic poverty?
3. How can we achieve the right scale of implementation of social protection interventions?
4. What is required to secure a shift from the current emphasis on single instruments to integrated social protection programs fully embedded in mainstream development strategy?
5. How can the extension of social protection in Africa be financed?

The Conference, **Social Protection for the Poorest in Africa – Learning from Experience** will be held over a period of three days with a total of 80-100 delegates. Days 1 and 2 will consist of plenary sessions and themed sessions while the final day will be set aside for a high-level Round Table, designed to report on and disseminate the Conference findings, engage with regional and international organizations, and ensure national and international media coverage.

### *Paper Submission Guidelines*

All participants are expected to contribute a 10 page paper. A sub-set of papers will be selected for presentation at the Conference, but all will be made available on the internet and will appear in the proceedings that will be published by CPRC and DRT in the format

of a report and as a CD-ROM. Papers should be relevant to the conference objectives and key guiding questions above.

Please submit a one-page proposal including a title, an abstract of the paper, and your contact details to [info@drt-ug.org](mailto:info@drt-ug.org) and [drt@imul.com](mailto:drt@imul.com) by 12<sup>th</sup> April 2008. Key dates are in the Table below.

Dates	Activity
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	Call for Abstracts
12 April 2008	Deadline for submission of abstracts
1st May 2008	Communication of decision on accepted abstracts
1 <sup>st</sup> June '08	Deadline for submission of papers
8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> September 2008	Conference

#### *International Organizing Committee*

The Committee will include David Hulme (CPRC, Manchester), Joseph Stiglitz (BWPI), Tony Addison (Brooks World Poverty Institute), Andrew Shepherd (CPRC, ODI), Harry Mwamlima (Malawi); Aasha Kapur Mehta (CPRC India), Armando Barrientos (CPRC, Brooks World Poverty Institute)

#### *Conference Management Committee*

Charles Lwanga-Ntale (Chair, Development Research and Training (DRT)), Dr. Sarah Ssewanyana (Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC)), Margaret Kakande (Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development (MFPED)), Sulaiman Namara (World Bank-Uganda), John De Coninck (Cross Cultural Foundation of Uganda (CCFU)) and Joanne Bosworth (DFID-Uganda)

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<sup>1</sup> Development Research and Training is a Ugandan Non-Governmental Organization, working to make Poverty Reduction Policies more Effective through Research, Capacity Building and Policy Engagement. DRT also coordinates CPRC's work in Uganda. Website is at <http://www.drt-ug.org>

<sup>2</sup> The Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC) is an international partnership of universities, research institutes and NGOs. The central aim of the CPRC is to create knowledge that contributes to both the speed and quality of poverty reduction, with a focus on those who are trapped in poverty, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Website is at [www.chronicpoverty.org](http://www.chronicpoverty.org) .

<sup>3</sup> The Brooks World Poverty Institute is a multidisciplinary centre of global excellence researching poverty, poverty reduction, inequality and growth in both the developed and developing worlds. Website is at <http://www.bwpi.manchester.ac.uk/> .