



# Call for Papers

Sixth Annual Research Conference on  
Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development  
18-21 January 2012  
Accra, Ghana

## **Background**

The Population and Poverty Research Network (PopPov) is a group of academic researchers and funders from around the globe interested in how population dynamics affect economic outcomes. We are investigating how population policies can influence poverty reduction at the household level and economic growth at the country/state level. The mission of the PopPov Network is to produce and disseminate sound, policy-relevant research that leads to improved development outcomes. Population Reference Bureau (PRB) serves as the secretariat.

The Sixth Annual Research Conference on Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development will take place from 18-21 January 2012 in Accra, Ghana. Participants will be economics and population researchers, with an emphasis on empirical research about Africa. For information on prior conferences, including last year's PopPov conference in Marseilles, France, visit the Network website ([www.poppov.org](http://www.poppov.org)).

Participants will present ongoing and planned research on how population dynamics and reproductive health affect economic development, and work together to identify gaps in evidence and methods that inhibit development of sound policies on population, family planning and reproductive health. There will also be discussions on how to communicate research to decision makers for evidence-based policy.

The conference will include plenary and parallel sessions, provided that a sufficient number of papers are accepted. Only finished research will be accepted for plenary presentation. Both completed and work in progress will be accepted for parallel sessions, the latter providing it demonstrates sufficient progress and innovation.

## **Conference Themes**

The conference scientific program steering committee invites paper submissions that address important issues at the intersection of population, reproductive health and economic prosperity. Research areas that address themes of the Network include, but are not limited to:

- Women and the economy, including the interplay between population policy, female empowerment, time-use, employment, savings and business formation
- Reproductive health and well-being in conditions of risk and vulnerability (including natural disasters and financial risks)
- Macro-economic effects of population conditions
- Sexual behavior, health and economic outcomes

- Reproductive health and investments in children and other family members
- Adolescence, reproductive health and economic outcomes

This list is illustrative and *not* intended to be comprehensive. Other topics relevant to the PopPov Research Network are welcome. We encourage studies that are methodologically innovative and welcome randomized evaluations, cross-sectional or longitudinal analysis using primary or secondary datasets. We are especially interested in new research that demonstrates empirical inconsistencies or raises emerging issues that are related to the overarching themes of the network.

### **Instructions for Submitting a Paper**

You are invited to submit either a detailed abstract or paper online to [poppov@prb.org](mailto:poppov@prb.org) in English or French by **September 28, 2011** for the Sixth Annual Research Conference. All else equal, preference will be given to completed papers. Extended abstracts must be sufficiently detailed to allow the steering committee to judge the merits of the research and must include a description of the research project, its objectives, the data and research methods, some preliminary results indicating the expected findings and, as appropriate, the policy relevance of the research. You will be notified whether or not your submission has been accepted by **October 17, 2011**. All accepted presenters must send the organizers a final completed paper by **January 3, 2012**. All accepted presenters will be notified of their session title and time by **January 10, 2012**. Please note that all abstracts and papers will be posted online with the final agenda for conference participants to review in advance of the meeting.

### **Instructions for Recommending Panels**

We welcome suggestions for panels. Submissions for panels should include a summary of 300 words maximum and an extended abstract for each paper / presenter. Extended abstracts should not exceed 1,000 words. Submissions included as part of a panel will also be evaluated independently, and some papers may be invited even if the entire panel is not accepted. The panel organizer will be informed of the decision regarding the panel before any individual panel members are contacted.

### **Summary of Important Dates**

- September 28, 2011: Deadline for submitting abstracts and papers
- October 17, 2011: Authors are notified of abstract/paper acceptance
- January 3, 2012: Deadline for completed papers
- January 10, 2012: Presenters will be notified of their session title and time

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