

# Entrepreneurship, Technological Innovation, and Development

Entrepreneurship can make an important contribution to development by providing technologies that improve people's productivity and living standards. While the role of entrepreneurship in technological innovation has been widely studied in the context of advanced economies, less is known about entrepreneurship in developing economies. Of particular interest is the role of entrepreneurs in the quantity, quality, commercialization, and adoption of technological innovations in developing countries, and the implications thereof for economic growth, trade, poverty, and inequality. This joint workshop by the **World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)** and **Maastricht Economic and social Research and training centre on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT)** of the **United Nations University (UNU)** is intended as a platform for the discussion and promotion of research in this regard.

## Workshop topics include:

- What is the role of entrepreneurship in technological innovation and acceleration of economic growth?
- How does this role differ between developed and developing countries?
- What kinds of entrepreneurship are most crucial for successful development?
- What incentive structures exist for entrepreneurs in developing countries and how are these determined by policies, institutions, finance and expectations?
- How do entrepreneurial practices differ between developing countries in Asia, Latin America and Africa?
- How do policies, institutions, financial factors, history, and geography impact on the riskiness of technological innovation?
- Are science parks, incubators, and university support networks for entrepreneurship appropriate models to stimulate entrepreneurial innovation in developing countries?

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## Call for papers:

Papers are invited on the workshop and related topics. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 May 2008. Abstracts should be accompanied by a CV. All abstracts will be reviewed by a selection panel. Preference will be given to original papers since all selected papers will be considered for a special publication on the topic. Accepted papers are required by 22 September 2008. UNU-WIDER and UNU-MERIT may cover travel and accommodation costs of participants whose papers have been selected, within UN regulations. There is no registration fee.



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The workshop is intended for researchers from the academic, government and development communities  
Submissions of paper abstracts before 30 May 2008: [entrepreneur@wider.unu.edu](mailto:entrepreneur@wider.unu.edu), for more details [www.wider.unu.edu](http://www.wider.unu.edu)