



# Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Concepts, Measurements, and Impacts

Entrepreneurship is important for structural economic change, growth, and ultimately for improving human well-being. Governments and development agencies are recognizing the need to build entrepreneurial capacity. This can gain from a better understanding of the role of entrepreneurship in economic development.

Having embarked on a 'building entrepreneurial capacity' project, this WIDER international workshop will create a platform to chart past and present thinking on the topic, with specific reference to developing economies, and share ideas on future research.

Submissions are invited. Abstracts and a CV should be sent to [entrepreneur2@wider.unu.edu](mailto:entrepreneur2@wider.unu.edu) before 14 March 2008. Papers will be subject to a review process. Accepted papers need to be submitted in full by 14 July 2008. Selected papers will also be considered for inclusion in an edited book and/or journal special issue on entrepreneurship and economic development.

There is no conference fee. Subject to UN regulations WIDER may cover the travel and accommodation costs of selected participants.

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**Katajanokanlaituri 6**

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## Workshop topics include:

- The concept and measurement of entrepreneurship in the context of developing countries.
- The channels through which entrepreneurship drive economic structural transformation and growth and institutional development.
- The advantages and disadvantages of small, micro and medium sized firms as vehicles for entrepreneurship in developing countries.
- The impact of female entrepreneurs, and the constraints and opportunities they face in developing countries.
- Entrepreneurship's spatial contexts: local, regional development and urbanization.
- The policy challenge for supporting and developing entrepreneurship.



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