



# REGIONAL CONFERENCE

## ON POST-CRISIS ECONOMIC REFORMS: IMPLICATIONS FOR SUSTAINED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)

The West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) is to hold a two (2) - day regional conference on post-crisis economic reforms in the West African sub-region from October 9 to 12, 2011 at the ECOWAS Secretariat, Abuja, Nigeria. Arrival is 9th October, 2011 while departure is October 12, 2011.

### OBJECTIVE

The objective of the conference is to discuss policy lessons of the global financial crisis and to examine the impact of post-crisis economic reforms on relevant sectors of the economies of the sub-region. Given the importance of the

banking and financial subsector to the growth of the region, the conference would focus on specific reforms as well as the way forward towards achieving sustained growth and development in ECOWAS sub-region.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The target audience will include the Governors of Central Banks, Ministers of Finance, Economic Planning, and relevant public institutions, Senior Policy Makers in the subregion, including regulators. Others are the academia, the private sector, regional and multilateral institutions such as the African Development Bank, the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Bank for

International Settlements etc. and Parliamentarians.

### CALL FOR PAPERS

Sequel to the above, the conference is organized under the following topics:

1. The Macroeconomy
  - Overview of macroeconomic performance
  - Pro-Poor Growth
  - Monetary and Fiscal Policy
2. Banking and Financial Reforms
  - Regulation and Regulatory Agencies
  - Commercial Banks / Financial Institutions
  - Cross border Banking (Supervision etc)
  - Risk Management

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## 3. Regional Integration

- ECOWAS
- Lessons from selected other regional groups
- Convergence Issues
- African Development Bank

## 4. Trade and Growth

- Economic Partnership Agreements
- Tariffs etc.

## 5. Sectoral Issues

- Industrial Policies
- Infrastructural Development

## 6. Specialized Banking Services

- Microfinance Banks
- Non-Interest Banks
- Other Financial Institutions

## 7. New International Financial Architecture

- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- World Bank
- African Development Bank (AFDB)
- Financial Stability Board

The conference committee of WAIFEM invites papers to be presented at the conference.

The full paper with an abstract should be prepared in standard MS word or Adobe Acrobat PDF format of not more than 25 pages.

The paper should include title of the paper, JEL Classification numbers, the author(s) and contact person's mailing address, phone and email address.

The full paper must describe the research questions, the methodology and expected results as well as policy recommendations and conclusion.

All papers are due by September 15th, 2011 and should be submitted electronically to [capacity@waifem-cbp.org](mailto:capacity@waifem-cbp.org)

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Authors will be informed on the status of their papers by September 24th, 2011.

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