

Call for Applications

Ninth South Asian Training Program on CGE Modeling

Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, 12–16 November 2016

We invite the applications for the “Ninth South Asian Training Program on CGE Modeling” from 12-16 November 2016 in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The program will be organised by South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), Dhaka, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu, and the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), New Delhi.

The objectives of this training program are to impart basic knowledge of theory and applications of CGE models to researchers in South Asia, enhance policy research capacity using CGE models on issues related to the interlinkages between trade, climate change and food security, and expand the network of South Asian researchers.

ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION

Applicants should have at least a Masters degree in Economics or a related subject and a good knowledge of applied micro and macro-economics. While no previous knowledge of modeling is assumed, applicants must have research experience in trade, climate and development issues. Preference will be given to candidates who have experience in using quantitative research tools. As this training program is tailored for early career researchers, participants aged 40 years and older are discouraged to apply. **Applicants from South Asia and outside of South Asia are eligible to apply.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents at sanem.conference@gmail.com by **15 September 2016**.

- Completed application form
- Recent CV/resume (not exceeding four pages)
- Letter of expression of interest

Incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will not be processed.

COURSE FEE AND EXPENSES

The course fee to participate in the training is US\$500 per person. The participants are responsible for expenses related to travel, lodging and food. Participation fee covers lunch and refreshments during the training. All participants are expected to stay at the training venue.

FUNDING

Deserving applicants who are unable to participate without funding support from the organizers to cover the expenses are requested to indicate this in their applications. Course fees may also be waived for such applicants. Please note that such funding is limited to a **few South Asian applicants with a demonstrated need currently studying/working in South Asia**. Selected participants are encouraged to look for external funding for their participation in the training program.

SELECTION RESULTS

The final selection of applicants will be made by the organizers based on the details given in the application with priority given to researchers who are actively involved in research work that are important for South Asian countries. The selection results will be announced by **30 September 2016**.

INSTRUCTOR

Dr. Selim Raihan will conduct the training program. Dr. Selim Raihan is Professor at the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and the Executive Director of the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM). He holds a PhD from the University of Manchester, UK. Dr. Raihan possesses vast expertise in research on international trade and trade policy issues related to the WTO, regional trading agreements and domestic trade policies. He has worked quite extensively on applied economics, especially assessing impacts of trade and economic policies, using country specific Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models, GTAP models, Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) techniques, WITS/SMART partial equilibrium models, and dynamic stochastic general equilibrium (DSGE) model. He has the experience in research on poverty and labour market dynamics using household survey data and micro- and macro-econometric modeling and estimation techniques. His research interests also include analysis of economic growth and political economy analysis of growth and development. Dr. Raihan has worked for several national and international organizations including the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, UNDP, UNESCAP, UNCTAD, IFPRI, the Commonwealth Secretariat, FAO, European Commission, ILO, IDRC, DFID, etc. See: <http://sanemnet.org/executive-director-dr-selim-raihan/>

ORGANIZERS



SANEM (South Asian Network on Economic Modeling) is a network of economists and policy-makers in South Asia with a special emphasis on economic modelling. SANEM aims to promote the production, exchange and dissemination of basic research knowledge in the areas of international trade, macro economy, poverty, labor market, environment, political economy and economic modeling. www.sanemnet.org



SAWTEE (South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment) is a regional network that operates through its secretariat in Kathmandu and 11 member institutions from five South Asian countries: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. www.sawtee.org



Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) is situated in the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi and conducts independent research on WTO and other trade issues. It also implements programmes for trade capacity-building activities for developing countries. www.wtocommerce.iift.ac.in

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