Call for Applications

12th South Asian Training Program on CGE Modeling

Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh, August 24-28, 2019

SANEM invites the applications for the “12th South Asian Training Program on CGE Modeling” to be held on August 24-28, 2019 in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh. The program will be organized by South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), Dhaka, the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), New Delhi, and South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

• Impart knowledge on theory and applications of computable general equilibrium (CGE) models
• Enhance policy research capacity
• Expand network among researchers and institutions for enhanced collaboration

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should have at least a Master’s degree in economics or a related subject and a good knowledge of applied micro and macroeconomics. While no previous knowledge of modeling is assumed, applicants must have research experience in international trade, climate, and development issues. Preference will be given to the candidates who have some 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents by June 10, 2019 at sanem.conference@gmail.com.

• Completed application form
• Recent CV/resume (not exceeding four pages)
• Letter of expression of interest
• Letter of recommendation
COURSE FEE AND EXPENSES
The course fee to participate in the training is $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.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Deserving applicants, unable to participate without funding support from the organizers to cover the expenses, are requested to indicate this in their applications. Course fees may be waived and some partial funding may be offered. 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 selection committee will prioritize candidates whose current research/policy analysis bears policy significance for South Asia. The selection results will be announced by June 25, 2019.

INSTRUCTOR
Dr. Selim Raihan will conduct the training. He is a Professor at the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and the Executive Director of the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM). He holds a PhD from the University of Manchester, United Kingdom. Dr. Raihan has extensively worked on applied economics, especially assessing impacts of trade and economic policies, using country-specific and global Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models, and micro and macro-econometric modeling and estimation techniques. He has a long experience in teaching international trade, economic modeling, quantitative economics, econometrics, development economics, and poverty dynamics. He has conducted trainings on economic modeling for over a decade in various countries including, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Mongolia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Dr. Raihan has published 17 journal articles, 23 books, 35 book chapters and 45 working papers. [Please visit http://sanemnet.org/executive-director-dr-selim-raihan/ for more details on the instructor.]
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 modeling. SANEM aims to promote the production, exchange and dissemination of basic research knowledge in the areas of international trade, macro economy, poverty, labour market, environment, political economy and economic modeling. www.sanemnet.org

CWS (Centre for WTO Studies) 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. It has been regularly called upon by the Government of India to undertake research and provide independent analytical inputs to help it develop positions in its various trade negotiations. www.wtocentre.iift.ac.in

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. SAWTEE’s vision is to ensure fair, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable growth and development in South Asia. www.sawtee.org

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