

The Annual Bank Conference on Africa

Berkeley, California (USA), June 8-9, 2015

Confronting Conflict and Fragility in Africa

CALL FOR PAPERS

The second Annual Bank Conference on Africa (ABCA) will be held in Berkeley, California, on June 8-9, 2015. It will cover various topics pertinent to the causes, solutions, and understanding of conflict and fragility in sub-Saharan Africa. It is being organized jointly by the Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) at the University of California at Berkeley and the World Bank (Office of the Chief Economist for the Africa Region).

The conference will include a Keynote Address by Professor Edward Miguel (UC Berkeley and Faculty Director, CEGA), and opening remarks by Makhtar Diop (World Bank Vice-President for the Africa Region), as well as invited contributions by Chris Blattman (Columbia University), James Fenske (Oxford University), and other senior scholars.

Submitted papers with a focus on Africa are now welcome on any of the following topics:

- analysis of the causes and duration of conflict and violence
- the impacts of conflict or fragility on: economic growth and poverty reduction; trade and foreign investment; public service delivery; environment and natural resources
- the impacts of government policies on conflict and fragility
- links between climate, conflict and fragility
- the political economy of ending conflicts
- data and measurement issues pertinent to conflict and fragility

As well as papers that examine the following in the context of conflict or fragility:

- economic growth, urbanization, structural transformation, agriculture, education, health, labor, safety nets, or gender

Full papers should be submitted in pdf format by January 31, 2015. Submissions should be e-mailed to abca@worldbank.org, and will be considered by a program committee including Edward Miguel (UC Berkeley), David Evans, Francisco Ferreira, and Laura Chioda (World Bank). Decisions will be made by February 28. Limited funds to support travel for successful African presenters may be available.