



## **Call for Papers**

### **International Conference on: Trade Policies and Sustainable Development in Arab Countries**

**26-27 September 2012, University of Jordan  
Amman- Jordan**

**Organized by the University of Jordan -WTO Chair Programme**

Many Arab countries have joined the WTO and significantly reduced their tariffs, opened their economies and followed an outward looking strategy of development. They hoped that such strategy will transform their economies into industrialized miracle similar to those of East Asian Tigers. However, only modest real growth has been achieved and at the same time economic and social equality deteriorated and unemployment and poverty spread in many countries. The ongoing international financial crises in the era of intense degree of globalization have contributed to further deterioration of economic performance of most countries in the region. This unsatisfactory economic performance combined with other political factors related to lack of democracy has led to social unrest and even revolutions in many Arab countries in what become known as the “Arab Spring”. Most countries of the region especially non-oil producing countries get frustrated with current economic policy course which emphasize efficiency and growth at the expense of equality and employment. It is now widely believed that such policy course is at least partially responsible for the ongoing economic and political instability in the region. Similarly, many rich nations have had favorable experiences with trade liberalization and FDI’s flows. But despite the growth of international trade and capital flows, many of these countries especially some members of EC is now suffering from a severe debt crises. On the other hand, disparities in development among and within countries have been sharpened during the last three decades. As the global economy

expands, all nations large and small are increasingly being affected by the effects of globalization. In light of these developments, the objective of this conference is to provide a forum for academics and practitioners from all corners of the globe to *critically* address issues related to the current international trade and payments systems and the trade policy options open to developing countries in the era of globalization with the aim of coming up with suggestions which will lead to policy recommendations that can help to improve the economic performance of developing countries.

The conference will provide you with an opportunity to get acquainted with the latest thinking on contemporary economic issues such as international trade policies, investment, aid, regional integration versus WTO system, trade competitiveness, development and poverty.

As such, this conference invites theoretical and empirical research papers, and/or country context case studies, thus enabling both academics and practitioners to understand the effects of globalization on the socio-cultural, economic and technological dimensions of developing countries development policies. Delegates are invited to present completed research projects or work in progress. Submissions and presentations must address both the theoretical and practical implications of the findings.

Parallel to the track of paper presentations and the resulting constructive feedbacks, delegates will also be provided with an optional opportunity to explore the most beautiful place on the earth Petra city of Jordan which is one of the world seven wonders.

### **About WTO Chairs program**

The WTO Chairs Programme (WCP) seeks to enhance knowledge and understanding of the trading system among academics, citizens and policy makers in developing countries by stimulating teaching, research and public debate on international trade and trade cooperation at the level of tertiary education and research institutions.

The WTO provides financial support for a period of four years to academic institutions (The University of Jordan being one), and facilitates continuous

interaction between institutions, ministries, civil society, private sector, students and academics. It also supports academic institutions and associated individual scholars from developing countries in the following areas: course preparation, teaching, research and information dissemination. The ultimate objective of the WTO Chairs Programme is to strengthen the human and institutional capacities of universities from developing countries to support governments in the formulation of sound trade policies. One of the main objectives of WCP is to promote research focused on extending specialized knowledge of international trade issues and explaining the policy relevance of existing research.

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The organizing committee invites abstract/extended abstract submission from researchers and practitioners in the fields of economics, international trade, finance and development. All abstracts should be formatted to facilitate the review process. Author's names and details, including names of all co-authors plus affiliations and addresses for general correspondence (including email address) of each author, and a brief personal profile (maximum 100 words) of the presenter, should appear on a separate cover page that will be removed prior to review.

Abstracts should clearly identify the primary speaker's address, mailing address, telephone number and fax number. In submitting an abstract, at least one author undertakes to attend the conference if the final paper is accepted. In addition, one author should not have more than two submissions, as either a single or a co-author. All submissions should be forwarded via email (as a word.doc attachment/English or Arabic language) to the conference office at [wtochair.jordan](mailto:wtochair.jordan) and will be blind reviewed.

Authors of accepted abstracts will need to submit the complete paper (maximum 5,000-6,000 words) by July 30, 2012. Papers will be sent for two referees for evaluation. Accepted papers will be published in proceedings, which will be distributed to conference delegates at registration time. The proceedings will also be available online on the conference web site. Preference will be given to those submissions that indicate a clear contribution to the present body of theoretical and applied knowledge in international trade and development.

In particular, for the 2012 Edition, we welcome papers addressing, but not limited to

the following themes:

- WTO's trading system and the need for regulatory/institutional reform
- Exchange Rate Policies for developing countries
- Competition Policy, trade Liberalization, growth and equality/efficiency goals
- Trade policy and Poverty Alleviation objective in developing countries
- FDI's policy for development
- Trade policy options to face economic and financial crises
- The impact of WTO's TRIPS agreement on Jordan economy
- The impact of WTO's service agreement on Jordan economy

### **Important Dates:**

**Abstract Submission Deadline: June 15, 2012**

**Submission of Full Paper: July 30, 2012**

**Notification of final Acceptance/modification: August 20, 2012**

### **Conference Fee**

A registration fee of \$100 will be charged to participants at registration desk on the first day of the conference to cover the cost of participant's package.

The University of Jordan will cover the cost of meals and local transportation of participants from outside Jordan with accepted papers. For more information on the conference, please visit our website regularly at:

<http://wtochair.ju.edu.jo/pages/home.aspx>

### **Organizing Committee:**

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### **Contact information:**

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