CALL FOR PAPERS

The World Bank’s Research Department invites submission of papers featuring innovative research on all aspects of land governance and its links to shared economic growth, resilience, and poverty reduction for presentation at a research track during the 2024 World Bank Land Conference that will be held May 13-17, 2024 at World Bank Headquarters in Washington, DC, USA.

Full research papers of between 6,000 and 10,000 words or, for analysis in progress on an exceptional basis, 1,000 word abstracts that contain a description of methodology, data used, and expected results, should be submitted through the paper submission and registration website. With climate resilience, gender and use of new technology as cross-cutting themes, priority areas for paper submission:

- Urban land rights, jobs, and financial markets
- Rural land rights, markets, and structural transformation
- Property taxation and land value capture for public services
- Public land management, land use monitoring, and climate finance
- Land institutions, conflict, and political economy
- Use of ‘big’ data to improve land governance and use.

An academic advisory committee will select the best papers for presentation at the conference based on (i) methodological rigor (60%); (ii) policy relevance (30%); and (iii) clarity of exposition (10%), a separate track for young researchers (PhD candidate and above) that will feature discussion and feedback to papers by distinguished scholars will be organized.

Deadline for paper submission: Dec. 3, 2023
Communication of paper acceptance Jan. 6, 2024.

To facilitate interaction with policy makers attending the operational track of the conference, submissions should, in addition to the abstract, include a non-technical summary that highlights policy implications and potential for follow-up. In the submission process, authors should also indicate whether they would be interested to have their paper considered for possible publication in a special issue of a field journal.

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