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We seek financial support for our Fourth Annual Workshop on ICT in Global Development, which will be held in Orlando on December 16, 2012 (see below). The sponsorship money will be used to provide financial assistance to help student and faculty scholars from developing countries attend the workshop.

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Call for Papers

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**5th Annual SIG GlobDev Workshop
ICT IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT
Pre-ICIS Meeting
Orlando, Florida, USA
Sunday, December 16, 2012**

**Theme:
ICT Innovation in Developing Regions:
Human Capital and Capacity Building for Development**

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DESCRIPTION

Following our very successful pre-ICIS workshops in Paris, Phoenix, Saint Louis, Shanghai and pre-ECIS and AMCIS workshops and tracks, the 5th Annual SIG GlobDev Workshop will again provide a forum for discussion of practical experience and research related to the diffusion and use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in developing regions of the world. The papers in this workshop will also further knowledge of what we know about how ICT enables the global economy by enabling local needs to be met. Development is the improvement in the lives of people and this is often made possible by ICTs.

Theme

A continuing problem in advancing the program of ICT for social development is the shortage of expertise in many developing countries. While many gains have been made, the shortage of skilled ICT professionals, low levels of ICT literacy and the 'brain drain' of ICT specialists to developed regions of the world could undermine progress. In addition, access to ICT resources and the ability to use these resources have the potential to better the lives of people. Innovations in ICTs have enabled access to services such as mPESA that provide access to financial services through cellphones, telecenters that enable innovative uses of existing technologies to help communities access needed resources. At the same time, people who are unable to have access to the ICTs and the innovations associated with them become marginalized.

General Invitation

We invite papers, panel session proposals, and field studies that can inform theory and provide guidelines to field workers in developing economies. Both research and practice papers are encouraged. Graduate student papers will be given special consideration. Areas of interest for the 5th Annual GlobDev Workshop include but are not limited to:

1. The role of government policy in fostering ICT human capital and capacity building
2. New frameworks and models for fostering ICT human capital and capacity building
3. Critical and theoretical perspectives on the digital divide and social inclusion
4. Challenges of ICT human capital and capacity building in remote regions
5. Educational systems; content provision and delivery; developing ICT skills
6. Mobile technologies as infrastructure for ICT human capital and capacity building
7. Frugal Innovation and innovative ways in which technologies are applied in developing regions.