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WIDER Development Conference
Transforming economies for better jobs
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LETTER OF INVITATION

Dear Dr Deepita Chakravarty,

We have the pleasure to invite you to this year's WIDER Development Conference, **Transforming economies for better jobs**. The conference is jointly organized by the United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). The conference will be held on 11-13 September 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

This WIDER Development Conference will provide a forum to discuss innovative, theoretical, and empirical research and its policy take-aways on the challenges for productive job creation in many different country contexts, across all developing regions.

The conference will engage current debates around the future of work in the face of rapid labour-saving technological advances, vis-à-vis the changing nature of globalization. It will address the implications of this on achieving SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth, and the prospects for structural transformation in low- and middle-income countries.

Key questions will address SDG 5, gender equality, and SDG 10, inequality, by looking at the persistent barriers to productive and well-paid jobs for women and disadvantaged groups, especially in manufacturing and services.

UNU-WIDER will be pleased to assist with your participation. The Institute will provide you with a return air ticket to Bangkok from your stated departure airport as well as cover the cost of your hotel accommodation, airport transportation, and most meals during the conference in accordance with the United Nations University travel policy. There is no conference fee.

To make the most of the conference programme we suggest that you plan to arrive in Bangkok on Tuesday 10 September and depart on Friday 13 September (evening flight) or Saturday 14 September (morning flight) depending on flight availability. Please note that conference participants are responsible for obtaining travel insurance at their own cost. If needed, we are ready to assist you in obtaining a visa.

Please do not hesitate to contact our conference team if you have any general queries at tram@wider.unu.edu or janis@wider.unu.edu, or by telephone at (+358) 9 615 9911.

Yours sincerely,

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Hongjoo Hahm
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Kunal Sen
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