

# Call for Papers :

# KDI School – World Bank 7<sup>th</sup> Development Impact Conference

September 10 – 11, 2026 | Nine Tree Premier ROKAUS Yongsan, Seoul, Korea

## Conference Overview

KDI School of Public Policy and Management and the World Bank's Development Impact Group (DECDI) are pleased to announce the 7<sup>th</sup> Development Impact Conference to be held in Seoul, Korea. The conference brings together academic research and rigorous impact evaluations of development programs in developing countries, and convenes policymakers, development practitioners, donors, and researchers to discuss how to improve the effectiveness of development policies.

## Submission Guidelines

- ⚙️ All submissions must be **in English**.
- ⚙️ The conference will be fully in-person and remote presentations will not be considered.
- ⚙️ For the **main sessions**, only complete paper drafts will be considered.
- ⚙️ For the **lightning sessions**, only graduate students can apply and must submit either a complete paper or an extended abstract.

## Application Timeline

- 🕒 **Submission Deadline** : June 21, 2026
- 🕒 **Decision** : July 20, 2026

## Conference Topics

While all development topics are welcome, we will give particular consideration to papers on the following topics:

- 💡 Climate, Agriculture, Food Security
- 💡 Governance, Conflict, Political Economy
- 💡 Health, Education, Social Protection
- 💡 Labor Markets, Unemployment, Migration
- 💡 Finance, Entrepreneurship, Digital Economy
- 💡 Gender, Inequality, Social Inclusion
- 💡 Artificial Intelligence for Development

## Keynote Speaker



**Johannes Haushofer**  
(Cornell University)

## How to Apply

Applicants should fill out a form and submit their paper or extended abstract **by June 21, 2026**.



## Additional Support

Partial travel subsidies may be available for graduate students presenting in the lightning sessions. All submissions will be automatically considered for subsidies and we will communicate that decision by July 20, 2026.

## Inquiries

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