Call for Applications

11th South Asian Training Programme on CGE Modelling

9-13 August 2018
Waterfront Resort, Pokhara, Nepal

South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) invites applications for the **"11th South Asian Training Programme on CGE Modelling"** to be organized from 9-13 August 2018 in Pokhara, Nepal. The programme will be organized together with the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), Dhaka and the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), New Delhi.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- Impart knowledge on theory and applications of computable general equilibrium (CGE) models
- Enhance policy research capacity
- Expand network among researchers and institutions for enhanced collaboration

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should have at least a Master's degree in economics or a related subject and a good knowledge of applied micro- and macro-economics. While no previous knowledge of modelling is assumed, applicants must have research experience in international trade, climate and development issues. Preference will be given to candidates who have some experience in using quantitative research tools. As this training programme is tailored for early career researchers, participants aged 40 years and older are discouraged to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents at cge@sawtee.org by **30 June 2018:**

- Completed application form
- Recent CV/resume (not exceeding four pages)
- Letter of expression of interest
- Letter of recommendation (only if applying for full funding)

COURSE FEE AND EXPENSES

The course fee to participate in the training is US$500 for professionals and US$250 for students. Participation fee covers the following:

- Accommodation on the basis of twin sharing at a luxury hotel in Pokhara
- All meals except dinner
- All local transportation including airport transfers, transfer to Pokhara and a half-day sightseeing in Pokhara
- Lunch and refreshments during the training

All participants are expected to stay at the training venue.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The applicants who are unable to participate without funding support from the organizers are requested to indicate this in their applications. Please note that such funding is limited to a **few South Asian applicants with a demonstrated need who are currently studying/working in South Asia.** Selected participants are encouraged to look for external funding for their participation in the training programme.

SELECTION RESULTS

The selection committee will prioritize candidates whose current research/policy analysis bears policy significance for South Asia. The selection results will be announced by **9 July 2018**.

INSTRUCTOR

Dr. Selim Raihan will conduct the training. He is a Professor at the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and the Executive Director of the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM). He holds a PhD from the University of Manchester, United Kingdom. Dr. Raihan has extensively worked on applied economics, especially assessing impacts of trade and economic policies, using country-specific and global Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models, and micro and macro-econometric modelling and estimation techniques. He has a long experience in teaching international trade, economic modelling, quantitative economics, econometrics, development economics, and poverty dynamics. He has conducted trainings on economic modelling for over a decade in various countries including, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Mongolia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Dr. Raihan has published 17 journal articles, 23 books, 35 book chapters and 45 working papers. [Please visit http://sanemnet.org/executive-director-dr-selim-raihan/ for more details on the instructor.]

ORGANIZERS

SAWTEE (South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment) is a regional network that operates through its secretariat in Kathmandu and 11 member institutions from five South Asian countries: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. SAWTEE's vision is to ensure fair, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable growth and development in South Asia.

SANEM (South Asian Network on Economic Modeling) is a network of economists and policy-makers in South Asia with a special emphasis on economic modelling. SANEM aims to promote the production, exchange and dissemination of basic research knowledge in the areas

of international trade, macro economy, poverty, labour market, environment, political economy and economic modelling.

CWS (Centre for WTO Studies) is situated in the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi and conducts independent research on WTO and other trade issues. It also implements programmes for trade capacity-building activities for developing countries. It has been regularly called upon by the Government of India to undertake research and provide independent analytical inputs to help it develop positions in its various trade negotiations.

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