

CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMY (COTE 2015)

Managing Development in Caribbean Economies: The Key Role of Health, Public Policy and Social Security

The Annual Conference on the Economy (COTE 2015) of the Department of Economics, UWI, St. Augustine Campus is scheduled for October 8th – 9th 2015 at the Learning Resource Centre Auditorium (LRC), The University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad.

COTE is an annual landmark event of the Department at which findings from quality research by academic staff, research students and other collaborators are presented to inform our stakeholders on economic and social policy impacts. This year's conference honours former Head of Department and Current Director of the Centre for Health Economics (HEU), Professor Emeritus Karl Theodore, and will explore the theme "*Managing Development in Caribbean Economies: The Key Role of Health, Public Policy and Social Security*" consistent with research output of our honouree.

Conference presentations will be organised along the following seven (7) subthemes:

1. Evaluating our Fiscal Space
2. Health and Sustainable Development
3. Health and Economic Diversification in the Region
4. Economic and Security Implications of Communicable and Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs)
5. Public Policy: the Financing of Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
6. Public Policy: Resource Challenges in Health
7. Social Security Challenges & Opportunities

Papers and Posters under the 'Evaluating our Fiscal Space' thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. Government Expenditure Patterns
- b. Assessment of the Fiscal Machinery
- c. The Role of Fiscal Policy on Population Health
- d. Fiscal Space for Education & Training;
- e. Fiscal Space and Social Security

Papers and Posters under the 'Health and Sustainable Development' thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. Health and the Development Agenda
- b. Health and Economic Growth
- c. Health and Climate Change;
- d. Health and Equity
- e. Health and Crime

Papers and Posters under the 'Health and Economic Diversification in the Region' thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. Health and Tourism;
- b. Health and Sport
- c. Health and Wellness
- d. Offshore Medical and Nursing Education

Papers and Posters under the 'Economic and Security Implications of Communicable and Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs)' thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. New and not so new infectious diseases;
- b. HIV and NCDs;

Papers and Posters under the 'Public Policy: the Financing of Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage (UHC)' thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. Universal Access to Health- Universal Health Coverage Challenges;
- b. National Institutes of Health - so Close and Yet so Far from Implementation;
- c. Private Health Insurance Systems;
- d. Provider Payments and Pay for Performance in Health
- e. Monitoring & Evaluation of Health Services Delivery Systems;

Papers and Posters under the 'Public Policy: Resource Challenges in Health' thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. Migration of Human Resources (HR);
- b. Paying for the Training of HR - Public or Private Responsibility;
- c. Opportunities for Tapping into the Diaspora;
- d. Quality Issues in Health Systems – Perception versus Reality
- e. Information Technology in Health Care Delivery - Opportunities & Challenges;
- f. Values Education within HR Development

Papers and Posters under the 'Social Security Challenges & Opportunities' thematic area may explore, but not be limited to:

- a. Pension Reform
- b. Relevance of Public Private Partnerships in the Policy Framework for Social Security
- c. Efficient Delivery of Social Services
- d. Monitoring & Evaluation in Social Services Delivery
- e. Information and Communication Technology and Social Services Delivery – Opportunities & Challenges;

Guidelines for Completing Abstracts

- All Abstracts should be submitted in English.
- Abstracts should be limited to 250 words;
- Abstracts should indicate the conference theme under which it is being submitted.
- Names of all the authors and the contact information of the lead author should be indicated.
- Abstracts should detail the aims, methodology and findings.
- All abstracts and papers should be submitted to cote@sta.uwi.edu by the deadline shown below

Deadlines

Deadline of submission of Abstracts for Papers and Posters:	14 th August 2015
Deadline of submission of Completed Conference Papers	26 th September 2015
Deadline of submission of soft copies of Presentations:	2 nd October 2015
Deadline of submission of soft and hard copies of Posters:	2 nd October 2015