



Conference on Business Environment Reform and the Informal Economy: Urgent call for Programme Partners

With registration almost full for the [Conference on Business Environment Reform and the Informal Economy](#) in Cape Town next month, the DCED is concerned that not enough local partners have registered. The DCED therefore urgently requests the assistance of its members to invite representatives of informal enterprise associations, as well as officials from developing country governments who are involved with business environment reforms. Please click [here](#) to find out more.

New DCED Publication: Business Environment Reform and the Informal Economy

This DCED discussion paper combines a fresh analysis of the informal economy with practical recommendations for how to engage with it, in ways that reduce poverty. The paper, by Prof. Clifford Zinnes, can be read online [here](#) (0.6 MB). Member agencies that would like to order hard copies in bulk should [contact the Secretariat](#) before the end of March. Professor Zinnes will be among the speakers at the [Cape Town Conference](#).

Other DCED Publications Available to Order

The DCED Secretariat stocks paper copies of several other Donor Committee publications. Orders of five copies or more can be sent to member agencies for internal distribution. The following publications are currently available to members, free of charge, upon [request](#):

[Supporting Business Environment Reforms: Practical Guidance for Development Agencies, 2008](#)

Now available in French, English and Spanish.

[Private Sector Development in Post-Conflict Countries: A Review of Current Literature and Practice, 2008](#) Available in English, French and Spanish.

[Creating Better Business Environments for Enterprise Development: African and Global Lessons for More Effective Donor Practices, Thematic Overview of the Papers Presented at the Africa Regional Consultative Conference, 5th - 7th November 2007, Accra, Ghana](#) English only.

[Reforming the Business Environment: Regional and Global Lessons for More Effective Donor Practices, Thematic Overview of the Papers Presented at the Bangkok Conference, 29 November to 1 December 2006](#) English only.

New Themes on the DCED Website

The DCED's main website now has pages on [Green Growth](#) and [Women's Entrepreneurship Development](#), each containing some initial resources. Further contributions and suggestions are welcome. If you would like to share a publication from your agency about either topic, please [contact the Secretariat](#).

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www.Business-Environment.org

www.Value-Chains.org