

CALL FOR PAPERS

Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID) and the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) would like to inform you about the 2nd issue of their joint publication titled **“ICT for Development Working Paper Series”** for 2012 and requests your valuable contribution to facilitate a cross cultural exchange of information among academicians, practitioners and researchers working in this field. Kindly take note of the following dates:

- April 10 – Submission of Paper Abstracts
- April 15 – Approval of Paper Abstracts
- May 05 – Submission of Full Papers
- June 1 - Publication

Introduction:

Internet and mobile phone usage for ICT based services have experienced an increasing usage in the last few years to benefit communities at the bottom of the pyramid. Primarily driven by donors, development agencies, local and international NGOs, civil society, mass media, these services have opened-up new horizons for ICT based services and have extended their outreach even to the rural areas.

Although a large amount of work has been done in using ICT for Development, there has been no conscious effort to explicitly capture these initiatives. Hence, there is a pressing need to document success stories, lesson learnt and shortcomings. In addition, as knowledge has become central to development, we also felt it is timely to publish a journal that specializes on ICT for Development issues and can contribute a great deal to strengthen knowledge management.

Objective

The key objective of the working paper series (WPS) for us becomes to articulate, capture and document success stories, best practices, lessons learnt and shortcomings of ICT4D projects or researches in developing countries.

Topics

ICT4D working paper series will feature writing from almost any sectors or area namely E-Agriculture, E-Livelihood, E-Governance, E-Health, E-Education, E-Commerce, E-SME, E-Environment, Climate Change, etc in relation to ICT. The WPS encourages papers that are problem-finding, problem solving, forward-looking, sharing relevant experiences and investigating controversial and important issues.

Audiences

- Those who wish to learn how to encourage adoption of ICT, applications and impact assessment.
- Researchers who are interested in the diffusion of ICT for developmental projects in developing countries.

Broadly, they will include includes ICT service providers, policymakers, and academics/researchers, students of social science, information systems, and information technology and development studies.

Submission and Review Procedure

Language: English

Style: APA Stylebook

Paper Length: The full paper must be between 4,000 to 9,000 words including all diagrams and references

Format: MS Word or PDF

All submissions must have names, affiliations and full contact details (including email addresses) of all authors.

Stage 1: Researchers and practitioners will be asked to submit an abstract of the paper. Those whose abstracts have been approved will be invited to submit complete papers.

Stage 2: All submitted papers will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis by two unanimous reviewers. The reviewers will be selected by the editorial. The reviewers will provide constructive feedback to authors upon acceptance and rejection of the article.

Evaluation Criteria: Articles submitted for publication are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Significance of the topic
- Appropriateness to the Working Paper Series
- Adequacy of the literature review
- Development of concepts/hypotheses
- Quality of research design
- Adequacy of data analysis
- Legitimacy of conclusions
- Significance for practice
- Contribution to literature
- Clarity of presentation

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