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Dear IARIW member,

The International Association for Research in Income and Wealth is pleased to announce that the program for the special conference "Measuring the Informal Economy in Developing Countries" is now available. The conference, co-organized with the South Asian Institute for Management (SAIM), will be held at the Godavari Village Resort ([www.godavariresort.com.np](http://www.godavariresort.com.np)) in Kathmandu, Nepal, September 23-26, 2009. A total of 39 papers will be presented by researchers from 25 countries, including 14 developing countries. The preliminary conference program, including abstracts, is posted at [www.iariw.org/c2009.asp](http://www.iariw.org/c2009.asp) and will be published in the June 2009 issue of the *Review of Income and Wealth*.

All IARIW members are invited to attend this important event. There is no registration fee for members. The conference will follow the usual IARIW format where papers are presented by discussants. Persons who would like to discuss a paper listed on the program are invited to contact the Program Chair, Derek Blades ([derekblades@wanadoo.fr](mailto:derekblades@wanadoo.fr)).

Information on the arrangements for the conference and the registration form are posted on the SAIM website ([www.saim.edu.np/iariw\\_info.php](http://www.saim.edu.np/iariw_info.php)). Local arrangements are being handled by Bishnu Pant ([bishnu.pant@gmail.com](mailto:bishnu.pant@gmail.com)) from SAIM.

Building on the success of the 2007 special IARIW conference held in Beijing co-organized with the National Bureau of Statistics of China, we expect this conference will also be very successful and will forge linkages between researchers in the developed and developing worlds. The participation among paper-presenters of Enrico Giovannini, the OECD Chief Statistician, will be a good opportunity to strengthen these links.

We hope that a large a significant number of IARIW members will take advantage of this opportunity to participate in an intellectually stimulating conference on the important topic of measuring the informal sector in the beautiful country of Nepal.

Sincerely,

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