DEMOGRAPHY AND POPULATION STUDIES PROGRAMME, UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, SOUTH AFRICAN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNFPA AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE AND UNION FOR AFRICAN POPULATION STUDIES

CALL FOR PAPERS
INTERNATIONAL METHODOLOGICAL SEMINAR

DEMOGRAPHY, DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA

This international seminar aims at examining the role of demography, as a discipline and sub-discipline, in promoting and deepening good governance, democracy and development on the African Continent. The Conference will pay special attention to the role of demographic data collected in various surveys and censuses on the continent, and how data has been used in addressing pertinent and critical governance issues in Africa. Papers should also focus on the 2010 Rounds of Population and Housing Censuses and how the results can be used in promoting good governance and democratic dividends to the citizens. Papers should address the whole range of issues from relevance of demographic theories in the 21st century, current ideas on population and development integration, role of data in national planning and development, issues of human security, transparency and accountability in government, resource allocation, conflict resolution, development and democracy. Both empirical and theoretical papers are welcome. However papers must demonstrate how demography can deepen democratic governance and achieve development objectives.

More specifically, papers should address some of the following broad topic areas:

- Perspectives on Demography, Development and Democracy;
- Perspectives on Population and Development integration in Africa;
- Transition to adulthood;
- Good governance;
- Youth development,
- Infrastructural development,
- Food Security
- Human security;
- Environment,
- Peace-building (conflict resolution and national security; human security)
- Education,
- Economy,
- Agriculture,
• Health and quality of life;
• Reproductive and maternal health;
• Equality and social justice, political stability,
• Housing,
• Finance etc

The seminar will be coordinated by the Demography and Population Studies Programme at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. One major outcome of this conference will be a Book on Demography, Development and Democracy in Africa to be published based on the best conference contributions after scientific peer-review. Academics, researchers, policy and programme officers, human right experts who can demonstrate strong connection between demography, development and good governance are encouraged to submit one-page abstract.

An international methodological workshop will be convened on October 26 – 31, 2012. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited.

Please send your expression of interest, abstract and or submission to: Nicole.dewet@wits.ac.za, by July 31, 2012.