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PRESS RELEASE

EITD Research issues 2nd Call for Papers and Reschedules State Budget Issues Conference (SBIC) for April 19-21, 2010, to hold in Yaounde, Cameroon

October 7, 2009, Kumba, Cameroon – EITD Research today issued a 2nd Call for Papers and rescheduled its State Budget Issues Conference (SBIC) for April 19-21, 2010, to hold in Yaounde, Cameroon.

The change of dates for SBIC, from the originally planned November 3-5, 2009 to April 19-21, 2010, is in response to increasing requests from several Conference stakeholders for more time or guidance to prepare presentations. EITD Research regrets the inconvenience the change may cause some public policy stakeholders.

The new SBIC dates of April 19-21, 2010, will also enable further review of economy downturn combating measures discussed in the last G20 summit in Pittsburgh, USA, with reference to their impacts, or lack thereof, on developing countries such as Cameroon.

EITD Research notes that a disturbing feeling of pressure as being off appears to be setting in, following the G20 summit, that might easily revert to ‘business as usual’ attitudes that have not served many people well in the past, and may continue to deny them services, in countries in straits like Cameroon.

EITD Research warns that, without additional targeted efforts, the emerging global economic recovery may not adequately inform or spur cultivation of legitimate economic management accountability in countries such as Cameroon, where poor structural policies stemming from macroeconomic policy manipulations with little regards for microeconomic fundamentals continue to perpetuate poverty and socio-political instability.

Delivering on these pressing issues requires development of genuine understanding and collaboration between local and central governments as well as global institutional policy linkages. The new SBIC dates provide opportunity to address the particular needs with engagements that improve relevance and quality of policy contents, scale and pace of delivery.

Using the EITD Research Revival of Justice and Judiciary Reform (RJJR) Programme (www.rjir.eitdr.org) experience with key judiciary services officials in Cameroon, the 2nd Call for Papers (www.sbic.eitdr.org/2nd_call_for_papers.htm) issued today, illustrate the fundamental microeconomic challenges facing people in developing countries that mere manipulation of macroeconomic policy is unlikely to resolve. People, the Call for Papers notes, are hurting from the issues differently, and state budgeting solutions may not emerge for all if the concerns are not being articulated or understood well enough.

The Call for Papers further states that everyone is qualified to bring to light truth, about what or which service is working well or not, where, how, why, etc., including suggestions of what could be done to bring about improvements as necessary. That, given the growing depletion of resources and the urgent need to combat it, effective ways have to be continually found for government or state budgets to enable people to achieve more with available or less resources. In other words, that people in countries such as Cameroon also have to be making or learning to make significant gains in productivity and competitiveness.

The EITD Research State Budget Issues Conference holding in Yaounde, Cameroon, April 19-21, 2010, will bring over a thousand (1,000) delegates from many parts of Cameroon and the world together. It is a unique opportunity for all generations of public policy stakeholders to engage one another, investigate and follow-up compliance with legal guarantees of human rights and freedoms and their relations, or lack thereof, with annual finance laws or State Budgets, that is, accounts of government spending, its amount and allocation, together with the sources of revenue to finance the spending.

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