## Call for Papers: Transformational Recovery: Seizing Opportunities from the Crisis

## Submission Deadline: March 15, 2022

The Bank Al-Maghrib, the International Monetary Fund, and the *IMF Economic Review* are inviting paper submissions for their joint conference on "**Transformational Recovery: Seizing Opportunities from the Crisis**" to be held in person in Rabat, Morocco on **June 23-24, 2022.** The conference could switch to a remote event depending on the COVID-19 situation.

The conference will focus on medium to long term issues faced by emerging and developing economies after the COVID-19 crisis. The pandemic has hit emerging and developing economies hard, leading them astray from their development path (e.g., tackling climate change, improving infrastructure, political uncertainty), but it has also generated new challenges (e.g., market access, public health, price volatility). Could these disruptions be an opportunity to "bounce back better" by investing in new policies to cope with future crises and tackle the key development challenges of our times? Against this backdrop, this conference aims to assemble an outstanding set of academic contributions on topics related to the post-pandemic growth.

The conference organizers seek both theoretical and empirical research contributions on a broad set of medium to long term issues that are of central importance to emerging and developing economies. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Structural and digital transformation;
- Industrial and trade policy, and the role of the state in building infrastructure;
- Business dynamics and misallocations;
- The stabilization and insurance role of the state;
- Inequality and redistribution;
- Human capital and public health, and labor market outcomes;
- Fiscal capacity (tax evasion, informality, sovereign risk, debt sustainability, etc.);
- Policy approaches to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Please send submissions in Adobe PDF format to: <a href="MFERSummer2022@imf.org">IMFERSummer2022@imf.org</a>. Selected papers will be considered for publication in a special issue of the *IMF Economic Review*. Along with your submission, please indicate whether you also want to contribute to this issue. Papers that are not being submitted to the Review are also welcome.

Deadline for submissions is **March 15**, **2022**. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by April 15. Preference will be given to finished papers. The conference sponsors will fund travel and accommodation expenses for speakers (one per paper) and discussants.

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