

INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

Researching the 'how' of industrial policies in Africa

About the Program

The program mobilizes developing country researchers to produce contextualized knowledge on the issue of industrial policies in Africa. The research is expected to make a unique contribution to the understanding of the processes through which government and companies interact to improve – or conversely penalize – industrial productivity, as well as to the measurement of these impacts in developing countries. Instead of studying the ‘what’, researchers are looking at ‘how’ policies work, or do not work, so that governments from developing countries are more reliably informed, through a bottom-up approach.

The Global Development Network (GDN) is working closely with selected teams in Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia & Ghana to provide them with the support needed, beyond funding, to define the scope of the research, to effectively implement their research agenda, to monitor the research outcomes, and to assist them in publishing the final research. In addition, GDN is providing mentoring services to the teams. Each team benefits from advisors selected by GDN who provide guidance on the research design, implementation, analysis and effective research outcomes through face-to-face meetings, seminars for peer-reviews and online communication. During the program, the teams, their advisors and GDN, gather periodically for methodological, peer review and dissemination workshops. In addition, the overall program also benefits from world-class oversight from reputed advisors around the world.

Advisors

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Program

Mobilizing Local
Knowledge to Improve
Competitiveness
Strategies

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