



**Center for Rural Affairs and Community Development (CERACODE),
Iba, State of Osun, Nigeria**

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CALL FOR PAPERS:

**3RD Annual International Small Town and Rural Development
Conference (STARDEC-2020)**

August 4th -6th , 2020

**Theme: Rural Wealth Creation- A sustainable economic development
strategy**

The Center for Rural Affairs and Community Development (CERACODE) welcomes regional, national and international speakers, presenters and participants to small town and rural development conference. The conference will bring together practitioners, policy makers, community leaders, rural development specialists, researchers interested in rural areas across the country and beyond. This conference is a unique opportunity to share your own success, learn from a diverse group of individuals and listen to the latest issues that matter to communities and people who call rural home. This conference is with the aims of reflecting on innovations and development for the rural communities and other relevant normative, empirical, and theoretical concerns, implementation, strategies, management and policies that are distinctive to promote and sustain rural economies.

Rural Wealth Creation is an approach to rural development that combines best practices of economic and community development. The approach focuses on increasing local capacity and coordinating regional efforts to better meet market demand through a value chain. To assess the current and future well-being of a community, region or nation we need to use a comprehensive wealth framework in which we include the full range of assets that individuals and places own. Wealth is not only monetary accumulation, but also the profound value of clean water, active and healthy workers, and stable roadways. These are critical non-economic factors that contribute mightily to societal well-being. Understanding the framework of rural wealth and rural wealth creation can impact the longevity and success of rural communities.

The conference creates forum for researchers to share views, opinions and findings on activities that facilitate developments in rural communities. Participants will as well disseminate their research to a wide audience of scholars and practitioners in Africa and beyond. The conference provides an opportunity to showcase topics critical to rural development in a way that facilitates discussion of new ideas and moves ideas to action. It is expected that participants will provide innovative ways that rural areas across the state and beyond will find ways to drive economies, increase wealth of rural areas and improve the lives of rural residents. This 2020 annual conference, to be held in Ijero-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Nigeria from the 4th to the 6th of August 2020, is in the process of receiving

submissions from prospective participants. We invite you to submit your high quality papers on any of the topics of interest to the 2020 conference below which include (but are not limited to) innovative programs in relation to rural or community development and sustainability:

<input type="checkbox"/> Framework for wealth-based development	<input type="checkbox"/> Wealth-building value chains
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development and Technology: Theory and Praxis	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology and Rural Education
<input type="checkbox"/> New technologies and Digitisation in Rural Communities	<input type="checkbox"/> ICT in marginalized communities
<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Agriculture and Sustainable Rural Future	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Healthcare and Innovation
<input type="checkbox"/> ICT, Agriculture, and Food Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Crowdfunding and community projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban-rural interface and synergies	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Entrepreneurial Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Youth and Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender and Rural Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity Structures in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Issues in Agribusiness
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Finance, Livelihood and Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> e-Governance/ e-Local Governance
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Transport and Water Supply	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Rural Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Private Sector Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Based Rural Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Forests and Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Risk Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Land and Food Security	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Policy and Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Networking, cooperation and sharing among farmers	<input type="checkbox"/> Economy and Social Aspect of Rural Development

Important Dates

- **May 30th 2020** Full Paper Submission
- **June 30th 2020** Review Result Returned
- **July 15th 2020** Final Paper Submission

How to Submit Papers

Submit your paper electronically through our online submission system <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=stardec2020> on or before May 30th, 2020. STARDEC 2020 submissions, publication and editorial committee will maintain very strict rules on submission formats and deadlines (Font: New Times Roman 12, Abstract: Not more than 300 words, Maximum number of full paper Pages: 10, Reference: APA format).

A formal notification of paper acceptance will only be issued after authors have addressed reviewer's comments as recommended by the review process. For papers to appear in the proceedings, at least one author must register and pay the registration fee applicable to his/her category of presentation. Letters of Invitation to STARDEC 2020 will only be issued after author(s) registration has been confirmed. An online and hard copy version of the conference proceedings for all submission categories shall be made available. Authors of some selected papers will be requested to submit extended versions of their work for publication in an edited book.

For consideration for the best paper award in any of the submission categories, full manuscript must be submitted by July 15th 2020. For all accepted papers, a PowerPoint Version of the camera-ready paper must be submitted by

July 20th, 2020. The STARDEC PowerPoint Template will be sent along with Notification of Acceptance letter to all authors whose papers/abstracts are accepted for presentation and inclusion in the conference proceedings.

We look forward to receiving your submissions in the different categories to this very opportune conference.

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