

**Dear colleagues**

**The 2017 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT opens a call for presentations for the parallel sessions. Participants are invited to present research results or practical examples of projects and initiatives that may instigate local/regional development. Presentations in the parallel sessions should focus the following topics, among others related with local development:**

- Economic crisis and challenges for bottom-up development initiatives
- Strategic planning - overview of existing experiences
- Smart specialization and local/regional development
- Urban and regional policies
- Investment and employment for local and regional change
- Rural development and agro-industrial systems
- Innovation and territorial development
- Local productive systems
- Credit and local development
- New firm formation and regional development
- Governance of territorial development
- Local and regional resources and endogenous development
- Financial resources and territorial development
- Industrial districts and clusters: transformation trajectories and policy tools
- Valorisation of cultural resources and territorial development
- Investment and employment for rural development
- Urban development and new tourism dynamics

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Submission of abstracts and registration should be completed until the April 16, 2017.**

**Here: <http://cieo15.wixsite.com/localdev2017award/copy-of-form>**

**Acceptance of abstracts will be sent until April 23, 2017.**

**The 2017 INTERNATIONAL AWARD ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ceremony will be held in Faro (Portugal) in the framework of the International Conference on Local Development scheduled for May 25-27, 2017.**

**This conference has no registration fee.**

**I will look forward to meeting in Faro.**

**Please diffuse this e-mail for you interested contacts and networks.**

**Best regards,**