



**World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building
for 61st ISI World Statistics Congress
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The ISI and the World Bank Group are pleased to announce funding opportunities for developing country participants to attend the next ISI World Statistics Congress in Marrakech, Morocco, from 16-21 July 2017. The World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (WB TFSCB) is for permanent residents of developing countries, who aim to expand the statistical capacity in their country through active participation in the scientific programme of the ISI Marrakech WSC. The objective of the WB TFSCB is to improve the capacity of statistical officers and academics in developing countries by improving their statistical knowledge to develop statistical systems through the participation in international conferences and workshops.

Selection of eligible candidates is done by an international committee based on the following criteria:

- The quality of the candidate's contribution to the WSC is one of the main selection criteria. Speakers in invited, special topics, contributed, and poster sessions will be considered for this funding. If you are not already a speaker in an invited or special topics session and your paper is selected for WB TFSCB, then your paper will be placed in a contributed or poster session in the scientific programme.
- Candidates who have not received funding from the WBF in the past will have priority.
- Candidates must be permanent residents of a developing country.
- Candidates must be ISI members (regular or elected) before applying to the WB TFSCB. If you are not an ISI member then your application will not be processed.

The selection process considers the need for capacity building, including aspects such as country of residence (higher priority to the least developed countries), age of the applicant and minority groups, as well as the applicant's potential to contribute to the statistical infrastructure in the region.

Funding will consist of the following:

- return airfare
- WSC registration and visa fees
- an allowance for reasonable accommodation.

Successful candidates may also apply for one short course (prior to WSC) or a satellite meeting. The short courses programme and satellite information will be communicated when the successful candidates are contacted.

**The applications process will open in October.
Closing date: 1 December 2016.**