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Interested authors including nationals from BIMSTEC countries and Japan are requested to send the abstracts (within 500 words) of their papers before 15 August 2005. Emphasis should be given on applied empirical research as well as alternative policy options for future development. Researchers whose abstracts are selected will be asked to submit full papers by 30 September 2005. CSIRD will bear the costs of travel and accommodation for all selected authors. The abstract along with the current CV should be submitted preferably through email to:

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