CALL FOR PARTICIPATION:

User Centered Design and International Development.

A workshop at CHI 2007, Saturday 28th April 2007

Much work in international economic and community development emphasizes empowering host communities in designing and controlling development projects. Many development projects make use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) as part of their plan. However, there have been few explicit efforts to bring together the international economic development, user centered design, participatory design and interaction design communities, to find ways of designing more appropriate and effective solutions that truly meet local needs. The aim of this workshop is to initiate such a dialogue.

Topics of interest include, but are not restricted to:

- experiences of interaction design in developing countries or with underserved populations;

- participatory methods in economic and community development projects;

- cultural factors in designing for economic and community development;

- innovative techniques for engaging users in developing world contexts; and

- creating solutions that are sustainable in context.

The workshop will provide a forum to exchange experiences, explore differences between developed and developing world contexts, develop new partnerships, and learn from each other's experiences. Outcomes from the workshop will be reported in the journal *Information Technology and International Development* (http://mitpress.mit.edu/ITID). In addition, based upon submissions and the review process, we expect to publish a special issue of the journal on the workshop themes.

To participate in this workshop at CHI 2007, please submit a 2 page position paper describing your experience, findings or interests relevant to the themes of the workshop.

Deadline for submissions is 12th January, 2007. Notification of acceptance by 1st Feb 2007.

Papers can be submitted by email to Andy Dearden at A.M.Dearden@shu.ac.uk

For more information on the workshop, visit: http://www.cc.gatech.edu/~mikeb/UCDandIDWorkshop