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HOLD THE DATE: June 4-5, 2018

Memorandum: Fifth World KLEMS Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, June 4-5, 2017.

Date: October 31, 2017.

To: Members of the World KLEMS Initiative.

From: Dale W. Jorgenson.

The Fifth World KLEMS Conference will be held on June 4-5, 2018 at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The meeting will take place at the Harvard Kennedy School. Here is a link with more information about the Kennedy School:

<https://www.hks.harvard.edu/>

The Fifth World KLEMS Conference will discuss recent progress in the development and application of sectoral data sets on output, inputs of capital (K), labor (L), energy (E), materials (M), and services (S), and productivity or output per unit of input. These data sets are now available for more than forty countries. More than a dozen countries publish these data sets annually as part of the official national accounts, following the United Nations' *System of National Accounts 2008*.

Data sets for sectoral outputs, inputs, and productivity are widely used in research on economic growth and structural change and in international comparisons based on industry-level purchasing power parities. A volume on the development of KLEMS-type data sets and their applications, edited by Dale W. Jorgenson, Kyoji Fukao, and Marcel P. Timmer, was published by the Cambridge University Press in November 2016. More information about this volume is available from the Cambridge University Press:

<http://www.cambridge.org/us/academic/subjects/economics/economic-development-and-growth/world-economy-growth-or-stagnation?format=HB#LK3zeqSMMPHbPQtI.97>

and Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/World-Economy-Growth-Stagnation/dp/1107143349>

The Fourth World KLEMS Conference was held in Madrid, Spain, in 2016. The program of the Madrid conference is available on the World KLEMS website:

<http://www.worldklems.net/conferences.htm>

This website includes programs from all four previous World KLEMS conferences.

The Fourth World KLEMS Conference included papers on the major regions included in the World KLEMS Initiative – Asia KLEMS, European Union (EU) KLEMS, Latin America (LA) KLEMS, and United States (US) KLEMS. In addition, the conference included papers on related topics – human capital, intangible capital, global value chains, and economic measurement. A selection of papers from the conference will be published as the Fall 2017 Special Issue of the *International Productivity Monitor*. I have attached the Introduction to the Special Issue, which includes information about the papers and the World KLEMS Initiative.