

## **Call for Participation**

*Harnessing the Power of Digital Mobile Maps in Africa* is a 2 day workshop organized by Victoria Sosik and Rajiv Arjan, who are both User Experience Researchers at Google. Through this hands-on design workshop, we will 1) brainstorm concrete ideas about how digital maps can better support emerging users based on experiences and perspectives of local specialists, 2) build a local community of researchers and designers working within this space of digital mapping, 3) provide attendees with experience using the design thinking framework to creatively solve problems, and 4) support the future development of ideas that come out of the workshop.

The workshop is targeted at academics and practitioners alike. Participants are not required to have a background related to digital mapping, however we will select participants based on the diversity and creativity of the ideas presented in their position paper. To participate, submit a position paper not to exceed 4 pages in the SIGCHI Extended Abstracts Format to [africhi-maps@google.com](mailto:africhi-maps@google.com) by July 28, 2016. Position papers should describe ideas or challenges for digital maps or maps data in Africa, including a description of the problem space, information about the target user, and constraints that need to be considered. They should also describe any relevant background that the author has on the topic of digital mapping. At least one author of accepted papers must register for the workshop and for the conference itself. For more information, please see <https://sites.google.com/site/africhidigitalmapsworkshop/>.