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J-PAL MATCHMAKING CONFERENCE

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10TH-12TH JANUARY 2013



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11:30am – 1:00pm	Registration and Lunch
1:00pm – 1:15pm	Conference Inauguration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome from J-PAL Africa - <i>Kamilla Gumede, Executive Director, J-PAL Africa</i> • Overview of the Conference - <i>Jasmine Shah, USI Initiative Manager</i>
1:15pm – 3:00pm	Measuring Impacts: A discussion on why we should care about measuring impacts, how to measure impact, and introduction to randomised evaluations - <i>Iqbal Dhaliwal, Global Policy Director, J-PAL</i>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Coffee Break
3:30pm – 5:30pm	Group Work: Theory of change, Research Question Participants, assisted by J-PAL staff, will prepare: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two slides summarizing the theory of change, indicators, and core research questions for their USI relevant interventions/programmes. These slides will be presented during the Egg-timer session at 11:15 am on January 11. - Talking points on their programmes for the matchmaking break-out sessions
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Networking Break
6:30pm – 7:00pm	Urban Services Initiative (USI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to USI and Matchmaking - <i>Mushfiq Mobarak, Associate Professor of Economics, Yale University and USI Co-chair</i> • Sectoral priorities for BMGF - <i>Radu Ban, Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</i>
7:00pm – 7:30pm	Keynote Address
7:30pm – 9:30pm	Welcome Dinner for Conference Participants A sit-down dinner with two implementing partners, researchers and a J-PAL staff member assigned to each table. The pairing will be the same for Break-out session 1 on January 11. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Informal introductions, and an open discussion on the value of randomised impact evaluations.

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am – 10:00am 9:00 – 9:30 9:30 – 10:00	Evidence and Research Priorities: <i>Sebastian Galiani, Professor of Economics, University of Maryland and USI Co-chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the USI Review Paper • Q&A
10:00am – 10:45am 10:00 – 10:15 10:15 – 10:30 10:30 – 10:45	Joint Researcher and Practitioner Presentation: WASH-related impact evaluation in practice Structuring the Fecal Sludge Management Market in peri-urban Dakar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Molly Lipscomb, Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of Virginia</i> • <i>Dr. Mbaye Mbeguere, Coordinator - Fecal Sludge Management project, L'Office National de l'Assainissement du Sénégal (ONAS)</i> • Q&A
10:45am – 11:15am	Coffee Break
11:15am – 1:00pm	Short (Egg-timer) Presentations by Implementing Partners on their Programmes that might fit with USI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 organisations, 5 min per organisation
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm – 2:10pm	Instructions for Matchmaking Break-out Sessions: <i>Laura Costica, USI Africa Research Manager</i>
2:10pm – 3:30pm	Break-out Session 1: During this session, researchers and implementing partners will be paired according to their previously stated interests, and requests to meet specific people/organisations that were submitted prior to the conference.
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Coffee Break + Researchers sign-up for Break-out session 2 Based on the information received by researchers in preparation to the conference, the Egg-timer session and Break-out Session 1, researchers will sign up for appointments during Break-out Session 2. They can decide to follow up on a previous discussion or set up a meeting with a different organisation.
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Break-out Session 2: This session will have the same structure as Break-out Session 1. Based on appointments requested by researchers, J-PAL will pair researchers and implementing partners to discuss potential partnerships.

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10:00am – 11:00am	Short (Egg-timer) Presentations by Researchers on their areas of interest • 12 researchers, 4 minutes per researcher
11:00am – 11:30am	Coffee break + Implementing Partners sign up for Break-out Session 3 Based on the previous Egg-timer session and the interactions so far, implementing partners will sign up for appointments with researchers during Break-out Session 3. They can decide to follow up on a previous discussion or set up a meeting with a different researcher.
11:30pm – 1:00pm	Break-out Session 3: Based on appointments requested by implementing partners, J-PAL will pair researchers and implementing partners to discuss potential partnerships.
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Break-out Session 4: Researchers and implementing partners can continue their meetings, based on joint requests. <i>or</i> Group work: Researchers and implementing partners who have agreed to collaborate on a project(s) can prepare joint presentations for the final session.
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Coffee break
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Preliminary Ideas: Joint Researcher – Practitioner presentations Joint researcher and practitioner presentations from newly formed teams on budding ideas. Participants will present a research and evaluation plan, and seek feedback.
5:30pm – 5:45pm	Concluding Remarks