

URBAN SERVICES INITIATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1 – July 18, 2012			
8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast and Registration		
9:00am – 9:45am	<p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome: Iqbal Dhaliwal, <i>Scientific Director, J-PAL South Asia and Global Policy Director, J-PAL</i> • Welcome: Radu Ban, <i>Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</i> • Introduction to USI and the Matchmaking Conference: Mushfiq Mobarak, <i>Associate Professor of Economics, Yale University</i> and <i>USI Co-chair</i> 		
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11:15am – 11:30am	Coffee Break		
11:30am – 1:30pm	<p>Researcher and Practitioner Presentations: WASH-related impact evaluation studies in practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Goods, Location Choice and the Voting Decisions of the Urban Poor Rohini Pande, <i>Mohammed Kamal Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School</i>; Anjali Bhardwaj, <i>Founder, Satark Nagrik Sangathan</i> • Communal Sanitation Solutions for Urban Slums in Orissa, India Mushfiq Mobarak, <i>Associate Professor of Economics, Yale University</i>; Nirat Bhatnagar, <i>Principal, Quicksand</i>; K. P. Pati, <i>Deputy Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation</i> • Household Water Connections in Tangier, Morocco Pascaline Dupas, <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Stanford University</i> • Slum Improvements in Latin America Sebastian Galiani, <i>Professor of Economics, University of Maryland</i> 		
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Lunch		
2:30pm – 2:40pm	Instructions for Matchmaking Break-out Sessions:		



	Jasmine Shah, <i>USI Manager, J-PAL Global</i>
2:40pm – 4:00pm	Break-out Session 1: <i>During this session, researchers and practitioners will be paired according to their previously stated interests and requests to meet specific people/organisations that were submitted prior to the conference.</i>
4:00pm – 4:15pm	Coffee Break
4:15pm – 5:00pm	Evidence and Research Priorities: Presentation of the USI Review Paper: <i>Sebastian Galiani, Professor of Economics, University of Maryland</i> Sectoral Priorities for BMGF: <i>Radu Ban, Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</i>
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Short (Egg-timer) Presentations by USI Researchers on their areas of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel 1: <i>Daniel Bennett, Leo Feler, Raymont Guiteras, Anant Sudarshan, Alessandro Tarozzi</i> • Panel 2: <i>Rohini Pande, Rema Hanna, Costas Meghir, Pascaline Dupas, Seema Jayachandran</i>
6:00pm – 6:10pm	Practitioners sign up for Break-out Session 2 <i>Based on the information received by participants in preparation for the conference, the Egg-timer session and Break-out Session 1, practitioners will sign up for individual appointments with USI Researchers during tomorrow's Session 2. They can decide to follow up on a previous discussion or set up a meeting with a different researcher.</i>
7:30 pm	Welcome Dinner for Conference Participants



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Day 2 – July 19, 2012	
8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am – 9:30am	Keynote Address <i>Address by Hon'ble Minister of Water Supply and Drainage, Mr. Dinesh Gunawardena</i>
9:30am – 10:00am	Key issues related to randomized evaluation <i>Raymond Guiteras, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland</i> - Q&A session
10:00am – 11:00am	Short (Egg-timer) Presentations by Implementing Partners on their Programs that might fit with USI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel 1: <i>BRAC Development Institute, BRAC Social Innovation Lab, BRAC, WaterAid Bangladesh, Urban Partnerships for Poverty Reduction (UPPR), 3ie</i> • Panel 2: <i>Quicksand, Feedback Foundation, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Sulabh International, Urban Local Bodies Department (Government of Haryana)</i>
11:00am – 11:15am	Coffee break
11:15am – 12:15pm	Short (Egg-timer) Presentations by Implementing Partners (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel 3: <i>Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), Solid Waste Collection and Handling (SWaCH) & Pune Municipal Corporation, Satark Nagrik Sangathan (SNS), Centre for Advocacy and Research (CFAR), Janaagraha Center for Citizenship and Democracy, Veolia Water India</i> • Panel 4: <i>Lumanti, Network of Women Water Professionals (NetWwater), Sri Lanka, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, UNICEF Sri Lanka, DFID Bangladesh</i>
12:15pm – 1:15pm	Break-out session 2: <i>This session will have the same structure as break-out session 1. Researchers will be paired to another set of organisations based on appointments requested by practitioners.</i>
1:15pm – 1:20pm	Researchers sign-up for Break-out session 3 <i>Based on the information received by researchers in preparation to the conference, and the Egg-timer session, researchers will sign up for individual appointments. They can decide to follow up on a previous discussion or set up a meeting with a different organisation.</i>
1:20pm – 2:15pm	Lunch
2:15pm – 3:30pm	Break-out session 3: <i>Based on appointments requested by researchers, J-PAL will pair researchers and practitioners to discuss potential partnership.</i>



3:30pm – 3:45pm	Coffee break
4:00pm – 5:30pm	<u>Preliminary Ideas: Joint Researcher – Practitioner presentations</u> <i>Joint researcher and practitioner presentations from newly formed teams on budding ideas. Participants will present a research and evaluation plan, and a data collection plan.</i>
5:30pm – 5:45pm	<u>Concluding Remarks:</u> <i>Mushfiq Mobarak, Associate Professor of Economics, Yale University and USI Co-Chair</i>