



The Annual Bank Conference on Africa
Harnessing Africa's Growth for Faster Poverty Reduction

Paris, June 23-24, 2014

La Maison de la Recherche, 54 rue de Varenne, 75007 Paris, France



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June 23, 2014

- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 – 10:30 AM Opening Session
Chair: Pierre-Yves Geoffard, Director, Paris School of Economics
Introductory Remarks: Makhtar Diop, Vice President for Africa, World Bank
Keynote Speaker: Stefan Dercon, Chief Economist, DFID, Professor, Development of Economics, Oxford University
- 10:30 – 11:00 AM *Coffee Break*
- 11:00 – 12:30 AM Invited Panel: Stephan Klasen, Universität Göttingen
Gareth Austin, The Graduate Institute Geneva
Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton University
Chair: François Bourguignon, Paris School of Economics
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM *Lunch*
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM

A1. Agriculture in Africa - Telling facts from myths

Room: Salle des Colloques

Chair: Karen Macours (Paris School of Economics - INRA)

Factor markets in Africa are incomplete

Brian Dillon (Washington University) and Christopher Barrett

Rural incomes are increasingly diversified

Benjamin Davis, Stefania Di Giuseppe, and **Alberto Zezza** (World Bank)

Rural nonfarm enterprises operate mainly in survival mode

Paula Nagler and **Wim Naudé** (Maastricht University and MSM)

The majority of African farmers are net buyers

Amparo Palacios-López, Luc Christiaensen, and **Camila Galindo** (World Bank)

A2. The Evolution of Africa's Firm

Room: Salon Bibliothèque

Chair: Gilles Spielvogel (Université Paris-1)

Aid and growth: evidence from firm-level data

Lisa Chauvet (DIAL, IRD, Université Paris-Dauphine) and Hélène Ehrhart

Industrialization pathways to human development: industrial clusters, institutions and multidimensional poverty in Nigeria

Oyebanke Oyelaran-Oyeyinka (Columbia University)

Stunted growth: why don't African firms create more jobs?

Leonardo Iacovone, **Vijaya Ramachandran** (Center for Global Development), and Martin Schmidt



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A3. Realizing the promise of mobile money

Room: Salle du Conseil

Chair: Cyrille Bellier (Agence Française de Développement)

Enhancing micro-credit with mobile money: evidence from a solar power experiment
William Jack and **Tavneet Suri** (MIT)

Estimating potential gains from mobile payments in India: first evidence from a large household survey

Shawn Cole (Harvard Business School), Petia Topalova, and Robert Townsend

Mobile maternal health care vouchers

Karen Grepin, James Habyarimana, and **William Jack** (Georgetown)

3:00 – 3:30 PM *Coffee Break*

3:30 – 5:00 PM Parallel sessions B

B1. Insurance and managing risk

Room: Salle des Colloques

Chair: Flore Gubert (DIAL, IRD - Université Paris-Dauphine)

Agricultural risk and remittances: the case of Uganda
Stefanija Veljanoska (Paris School of Economics)

Formal and informal insurance: experimental evidence from Ethiopia
Guush Berhane, Stefan Dercon, Ruth Hill, and **Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse** (IFPRI)

Productivity and welfare effects of index insurance: quasi-experimental evidence
Yesuf M. Awel (UNU-MERIT and Maastricht University) and Théophile T. Azomahou

Sons as widowhood insurance: evidence from Senegal
Sylvie Lambert (Paris School of Economics) and Pauline Rossi

B2. Poverty with poor data

Room: Salon Bibliothèque

Chair: Sandrine Mesplé-Soms (DIAL, IRD - Université Paris-Dauphine)

Africa rising? Using micro surveys to correct macro time series
Justin Sandefur (Center for Global Development)

Geo-spatial poverty maps
Dan Weiss (Oxford University)

Income convergence in South Africa: fact or measurement error?
Tobias Lechtenfeld and **Asmus Zoch** (Stellenbosch University)

Poverty dynamics in Rwanda, 2006-2011
Christoph Lakner (World Bank)



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B3. Growth and poverty

Room: Salle du Conseil

Chair: Anne-Sophie Robilliard (DIAL, IRD - Université Paris-Dauphine)

Assessing the inclusiveness of growth in Africa: evidence from Cameroon, Senegal and Tanzania

Georges Vivien Houngbonon (Paris School of Economics & Orange), Arthur Bauer, Abdoulaye Ndiaye, Clara Champagne, Tite Yokossi, Nathalie Ferrière, Hédi Brahimi, and Jeanne Avril

Can dreams come true? Eliminating extreme poverty in Africa by 2030

Mthuli Ncube, Zuzana Brixiova, and **Zorobabel Bicaba** (African Development Bank)

Social evaluations in a context of demographic changes: the case of Sub-Saharan Africa

John Cockburn, Jean-Yves Duclos, and **Bouba Housseini** (OPHI, Oxford University and Université Laval)

June 24, 2014

9:00 – 10:30 AM Accelerating Poverty Reduction in Africa – an outline
Chair: Francisco Ferreira, Chief Economist for Africa, World Bank
Presenters: Kathleen Beegle (World Bank), Luc Christiaensen (World Bank)
Discussants: Bekele Shiferaw, Partnership for Economic Policy
Ana Revenga, Senior Director - Poverty Global Practice

10:30 – 11:00 AM *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 12:30 PM Parallel sessions C

C1. Mobile technology and accountability

Room: Salle des Colloques

Chair: Christelle Dumas (Université de Nancy)

Does information technology flatten interest articulation? Evidence from Uganda

Guy Grossman (University of Pennsylvania), Macartan Humphreys, and Gabriella Sacramone-Lutz

Pay for locally monitored teacher attendance? A welfare analysis for Ugandan primary schools

Andrew Zeitlin (Georgetown University), Jacobus Cilliers, Ibrahim Kasirye, Clare Leaver, and Pieter Serneels

Improving electoral integrity with information and communication technology and citizen engagement

James Long (University of Washington)



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C2. Poverty consequences of conflict

Room: Salon Bibliothèque

Chair: Luc Christiaensen (World Bank)

Extortion with protection: understanding the effect of rebel taxation on civilian welfare in Burundi

Rachel Sabates-Wheeler and **Philip Verwimp** (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Income shocks and conflict: evidence from Nigeria

Babatunde Abidoye and **Massimiliano Cali** (World Bank)

Their suffering, our burden? How Congolese refugees affect the Ugandan population

Merle Kreibaum (University of Göttingen)

C3. Agriculture: unleashing smallholder potential

Room: Salle du Conseil

Chair: Jérémie Gignoux (Paris School of Economics - INRA)

Growth, safety nets and poverty: assessing progress in Ethiopia from 1996 to 2011

Ruth Hill (World Bank) and Eyasu Tsehay

Strengthening producer organizations to unleash productive potential of smallholder farmers in Uganda

Markus Olapade (3ie), Markus Frölich, Ruth Hill, and Eduardo Maruyama

The returns of "I do": women decision-making in agriculture and productivity

Rama Lionel Ngenzebuke (ECARES -Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Can human capital variables be technology changing? An empirical test for rural households in Burkina Faso

Fleur Wouterse (IFPRI-WCAO)

12:30 – 1:30 PM *Lunch*

1:30 – 3:00 PM Parallel sessions D

D1. Aspirations and empowerment

Room: Salle des Colloques

Chair: Mireille Razafindrakoto (DIAL, IRD - Université Paris-Dauphine)

Community mobilization around social dilemmas: evidence from lab experiments in rural Mali
Maria Laura Alzua, Juan Camilo Cardenas, and **Habiba Djebbari** (Aix-Marseille University and Laval University)

Determinants of empowerment in a capability based poverty approach: evidence from The Gambia

Sofia Karina Trommlerová (IHEID Geneva), Stephan Klasen, and Ortrud Lessmann

The future in mind: aspirations and forward-looking behavior in rural Ethiopia

Tanguy Bernard (LAREFI/IFPRI), Stefan Dercon, Kate Orkin, and Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse



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D2. Inequality in Africa

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Chair: Kathleen Beegle (World Bank)

Night lights and regional income inequality in Africa

Anthony Mveyange (University of Southern Denmark)

Sources of income inequality: empirical evidence from Cameroon

Samuel Fambon (University of Yaoundé II – Cameroon)

The center cannot hold: patterns of polarization in Nigeria

Fabio Clementi, Andrew Dabalen, **Vasco Molini** (World Bank), and Francesco Schettino

3:00 – 3:30 PM *Coffee Break*

3:30 – 5:00 PM Parallel sessions E

E1. Technology adoption in agriculture

Room: Salle des Colloques

Chair: Luc Behaghel (Paris School of Economics - INRA)

Subsidies and the persistence of technology adoption: field experimental evidence from Mozambique

Michael Carter, **Rachid Laajaj** (Paris School of Economics), and Dean Yang

Seeing is believing? Evidence from an extension network experiment

Florence Kondylis (World Bank), Valerie Mueller, and Siyao Zhu

Understanding fertilizer use and profitability across Nigeria's agro ecology and farming systems

Lenis Saweda Liverpool-Tasie (Michigan State University)

E2. Poverty and shocks

Room: Salon Bibliothèque

Chair: Philippe De Vreyer (Paris School of Economics - INRA)

Cereal banking impacts on food and nutrition security and resilience building of rural households in The Gambia

Raymond Jatta (University of Cheikh Anta Diop)

Channels of impoverishment due to Ill-Health in rural Ethiopia

Zelalem Yilma (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Anagaw Mebratie, Robert Sparrow, Marleen Dekker, Getnet Alemu, and Arjun S. Bedi

Early life circumstance and adult mental health

Achyuta Adhvaryu, **James Fenske** (University of Oxford), and Anant Nyshadham

Poverty persistence and informal risk management: micro evidence from urban Ethiopia

Theophile T. Azomahou and **Eleni A. Yitbarek** (UNU-MERIT and Maastricht University)



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E3. Drivers of development

Room: Salle du Conseil

Chair: Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann (Paris School of Economics - INRA)

Decentralization's effects on education, health and agriculture outcomes, and on distribution: evidence from Ethiopia

Qaiser Khan, **Jean-Paul Faguet** (London School of Economics), Christopher Gaukler, and Wendmsyamregne Mekasha

Does malaria control impact education? A study of the Global Fund in Africa

Maria Kuecken, Josselin Thuilliez, and **Marie-Anne Valfort** (Paris School of Economics)

No family left behind: cash transfers and investments in education in post-war Uganda

Margherita Calderone (German Institute for Economic Research)

Non-farm enterprise performance and spatial autocorrelation in rural Africa: evidence from Ethiopia and Nigeria

Nkechi S. Owoo (University of Ghana) and Wim Naudé