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

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
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-Somps (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)
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 Calì (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 Tsehaye

  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)

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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
D2. Inequality in Africa
Room: Salon Bibliothèque
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

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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. Azomahoua and Eleni A. Yitbarek (UNU-MERIT and Maastricht University)
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