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Dear Toyin Samuel Olowogbon,

On behalf of Christopher Barrett, Michael Carter, Abebe Shimeles, Tavneet Suri, and Christopher R. Udry, I am writing to invite you to participate in a National Bureau of Economic Research Conference: Transforming Rural Africa. The meeting will be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, MA on February 28 and March 1, 2019. This conference is made possible by the generous support of the African Development Bank.

The program is attached.

The conference will bring together researchers who offer a range of perspectives on the structural transformation underway in rural Africa, and will especially emphasize micro-scale evidence from households and firms and factors that influence the quality of life for African people.

Please let me know whether or not you will be able to attend through by February 4.

Since you are a presenting author, the conference will pay for up to three nights at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. I will make hotel reservations as requested at the reply link.

The African Development Bank will also reimburse you for economy class airfare. In order to be reimbursed, the African Development Bank needs to review your travel plans before you purchase your ticket. The details of your reservation and a copy of your passport must be sent to Ms. Veronique Aka (v.aka@afdb.org) and Mrs. Eve Kra (a.kra@afdb.org) for approval before purchase. If you prefer the AfDB Travel Section to book your flight ticket, please indicate that when you write to Ms. Aka and Ms. Kra.

Cordially,



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Transforming Rural Africa Conference

Christopher B. Barrett, Michael Carter, Abebe Shimeles, Tavneet Suri, Christopher R. Udry, and Hanan Morsy, Organizers

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Royal Sonesta Hotel
40 Edwin H. Land Blvd.
Cambridge, MA 02142

Thursday, February 28

- 8:00 am Coffee and Pastries
- 8:30 am Session I
Chair: Dr. Hanan Morsy, African Development Bank
- Joshua Deutschmann, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Maya Duru, J-Pal
Kim Siegal, One Acre Fund
Emilia Tjernström, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Information, Credit, and Inputs: the Impacts and Mechanisms of a Program to Raise Smallholder Productivity
Discussant: Leah Bevis, Ohio State University
- Kibrom A. Abay, ILRI
Leah Bevis, Ohio State University
Christopher B. Barrett, Cornell University
Measurement Error Mechanisms Matter: Agricultural Intensification with Farmer Misperceptions and Misreporting
Discussant: Emilia Tjernström, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- 10:30 am Break
- 11:00 am Session II
Chair: Tavneet Suri, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and NBER
- Rute Martins Caeiro**, Nova School of Business and Economics
From Learning to Doing: Diffusion of Agricultural Innovations in Guinea-Bissau
Discussant: Rachid Laajaj, University of Los Andes
- Michael Carter, University of California at Davis and NBER
Rachid Laajaj, University of Los Andes
Dean Yang, University of Michigan and NBER
Temporary Subsidies and the Adoption of Green Revolution Technologies by Mozambican Farmers and Their Social Networks
Discussant: Rute Martins Caeiro, Nova School of Business and Economics
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:30 pm Session III
Chair: Michael Carter, University of California, Davis and NBER
- Denise Hörner**, University of Goettingen
Bouguen Adrien, University of California, Berkeley
Markus Frolich, University of Mannheim
Meike Wollni, University of Goettingen
The Effects of Participatory and Video-based Extension on the Adoption of Integrated Soil Fertility Practices – Experimental Evidence from Ethiopia
Discussant: Shilpa Aggarwal, Indian School of Business

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Brian J. Giera, Amazon Research
Dahyeon Jeong, University of California at Santa Cruz
Jonathan Robinson, University of California at Santa Cruz and NBER
Alan Spearot, University of California at Santa Cruz
Market Access, Trade Costs, and Technology Adoption: Evidence from Northern Tanzania
Discussant: Denise Hörner, University of Goettingen

4:30 pm Adjourn

6:30 pm Conference Reception, location TBA

Friday, March 1

8:00 am Coffee and Pastries

8:30 am Session IV
Dr. Abebe Shimeles, African Development Bank
Tilman Graff, Busara Center for Behavioral Economics
Spatial Inefficiencies in Africa's Trade Network
Discussant: Ameet Morjaria, Northwestern University

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Entry, Growth, and Exit: Theory and Evidence from Ethiopia's Cut-Flower Exporters
Discussant: Tilman Graff, Busara Center for Behavioral Economics

10:30 am Break

11:00 am Session V
Christopher Barrett, Cornell University
Fo Kodjo Dzinyefa Aflagah, IFPRI
Tanguy Bernard, IFPRI and Bordeaux IV
Angelino Viceisza, Spelman College
Cheap Talk and Coordination in the Lab and in the Field: Collective Commercialization in Senegal
Discussant: Jeffrey D. Michler, University of Arizona

Aminou Arouna, AfricaRice
Jeffrey D. Michler, University of Arizona
Jourdain Lokossou, ICRISAT
Contract Farming and Rural Transformation: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Benin
Discussant: Fo Kodjo Dzinyefa Aflagah, IFPRI

1:00 pm Lunch

2:30 pm Session VI
Christopher R. Udry, Northwestern University and NBER
Esther Delesalle, IRES UCLouvain
The Impact of the Universal Primary Education Program on Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Tanzania
Discussant: Samuel Toyin Olowogbon, University of Ilorin

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Raphael O. Babatunde, University of Ilorin, Nigeria
Edward Asiedu, University of Ghana/University of Passau
How Can Inclusive Agricultural Health Policy Intervention Promote Shared Agricultural Productivity in Nigeria? Evidence from Randomized Control Trial
Discussant: Esther Delesalle, IRES UCLouvain

4:30 pm Adjourn