TO: Participants
FROM: Carl Beck, NBER Conference Department
DATE: February 15, 2019
RE: NBER/AfDB Transforming Rural Africa Conference

We look forward to seeing you in two weeks for the NBER/AfDB Transforming Rural Africa Conference. The program and most of the papers scheduled for presentation can be found at http://papers.nber.org/sched/TRAs19. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 am Thursday, February 28 (coffee and pastries available from 8:00 am) and will run through 4:30 pm Friday. All sessions will be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, MA, telephone 617-806-4200.

The program promises a full and exciting two days of presentations and discussions. Please note that presentations are limited to 35 minutes and that each presenter is also assigned as the discussant of the other paper in that same session, with 5 minutes maximum for discussant remarks. There will be an LCD projector and laptop available in the meeting room. You can either send your presentation to me beforehand or bring it with you. If you plan on sending it to me, please send it by February 25. Presenters are encouraged to use slides in the widescreen (16:9) format.

Authors: Please upload your paper through the link at the top of the program as soon as possible. If you want to update your paper from what is first posted on the program, upload it again through the link at the top of the program and let your discussant and session chair know. Printed papers will not be available at the meeting.

Hotel reservations have been made, as requested, at the Royal Sonesta. Please note the hotel has a "24 hours prior to your arrival date" cancellation policy. If you have requested a hotel reservation and need to update it, please let me know as soon as possible. If the conference is supporting your travel, you should have already worked out your travel to Cambridge/Boston with the African Development Bank through Ms. Veronique Aka (v.aka@afdb.org) and Mrs. Eve Kra (a.kra@afdb.org).

If you have any questions please contact me at cbeck@nber.org or 617-588-0380