

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18			
Time	Activity		
13.30-15.30	Participant Registration		
15.30-16.15	Opening speeches		
16.15-17.45	Plenary Session 1:		
	"EVALUATION OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEMS OF RURAL AREAS: METHODS, FINDINGS, AND THE LARGER CONTEXT" *Robert Townsend (University of Chicago / MIT) Kiatipong Ariyapruchoya (IMF / Bank of Thailand) Moderator: Richard L. Meyer (The Ohio State University)		
17.45-19.30	Poster Presentations		
19.30-21.00	Opening cocktail/dinner at University of Bergamo		
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19			
8.30 -10.00	Plenary session 2:		
	"FINANCIAL UNDERPINNINGS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' AGRICULTURE" *Gershon Feder (World Bank) Prabhu Pingali (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) Moderator: J.D. Von Pischke (Frontier Finance International)		
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break		
10.30 – 12.00	Breakout session 1:		
	"INTEREST RATE SUBSIDIES" *Jacob Yaron (College of Mgmt, Israel) Yashwant Thorat (Former Chair, NABARD) Juan Buchenau (Independent) Moderator: Robert Christen (Gates Foundation)	"FINANCE & VALUE CHAINS IN DEVELOPMENT" *Johan Swinnen (U. of Leuven) Ken Shwedel (Rabobank, Mexico) Francis Pelekamoyo (OIBM, Malawi) Moderator: Richard Meyer (The Ohio State U)	"TECHNOLOGY AND THE FINANCIAL ACCESS FRONTIER" *David Porteous (Bankable Frontier) Crispin Bokea (Central Bank, Kenya) Ignacio Mas (CGAP) Moderator: Larry Reed (Boulder Inst.)
12.00-13.00	Small Groups 1		
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break		
14.30 – 16.00	Plenary session 3:		
	"MANAGING RISK IN RURAL ECONOMIES" *Jerry Skees (University of Kentucky) Erdenedalai Odkhuu (Index Based Livestock Insurance Project, Mongolia) Ulrich Hess (UN World Food Programme) Moderator: Steve Coffey (MicroInsurance Agency)		
16.00 -16.30	Coffee Break		
16.30 – 18.00	Breakout session 2:		
	"INDEX INSURANCE: ITS IMPORTANCE AND ITS IMPEDIMENTS" *Mario Miranda (The Ohio State University) Alexander Sarris (FAO) Luis González (Inst. Tec. Monterrey) Moderator: J.D. Von Pischke (FFI)	"CREDIT BUREAUS" *Bruce Wydick (U. San Francisco) *Craig McIntosh (UC San Diego) Martin Valdivia (GRADE) Oscar Madeddu (IFC) Moderator: Larry Reed (Boulder Institute)	"SYSTEMIC RISK AND LENDING TECHNOLOGIES" *Claudio Gonzalez (The Ohio State U.) *Marguerite Robinson (Ind.) Juan A. Morales (U. Católica Boliviana) Moderator: Laura Viganò (U. Bergamo)
18.00 - 19.00	Travel to Presentation Hall		
19.00 – 23.00	Plenary session 4:		
	"AGRICULTURAL CREDIT II" Official Dinner with Special Honouree Dale W Adams (Founder of Rural Finance Program at The Ohio State University) Moderator: J.D. Von Pischke (Frontier Finance International)		
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20			
8.30 -10.00	Plenary session 5:		
	"DESIGNING PROGRAMS THAT EXPAND ACCESS" *Dean Karlan (Yale University) & *Jonathon Morduch (New York University) Stuart Rutherford (independent) & Thierno Alioune Deme (Central Bank of West African States, Senegal) Moderator: Claudio González (The Ohio State University)		
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break		
10.30 – 12.00	Breakout session 3:		
	"FINANCE FOR ALL? POLICIES AND PITFALLS IN EXPANDING ACCESS" *Thorsten Beck (Tilburg University) Douglas Pearce (DFID) Lawrence Kiiza (Min. of Finance, Uganda) Moderator: Laura Viganò (U. Bergamo)	"DESIGN FOR SAVINGS" *Stephen Peachey (WSBI) Ernest Aryeetey (U. Ghana) John Owens (MABS, Philippines) Moderator: Jamie Zimmerman (Global Assets Project)	"PROGRAM IMPACT" *Annie Duflo (Innovations for Poverty Action) James Copestake (U. Bath) Geetha Nagarajan (U. Maryland) Moderator: Larry Reed (Boulder Inst.)
12.00 – 13.00	Small Groups 2		
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break		
14.00 – 16.00	Wrap Up Panel: Policymakers, Practitioners, and Funders		
	"CREATING POLICIES THAT PROMOTE FINANCIAL INCLUSION: OUR PERSPECTIVE" *Dr. Wolday Amha (AEMFI) and others Moderator: Robert Christen (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)		