

**BOULDER-BERGAMO FORUM ON ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES: EXPANDING THE RURAL FRONTIER**  
 University of Bergamo, Italy – September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2008

<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18</b>			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>		
14.30-16.30	Participant Registration		
16.30-17.30	Opening speeches		
17.30-19.00	<b>Plenary Session 1:</b>		
	<b>"EVALUATION OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEMS OF RURAL AREAS: METHODS, FINDINGS, AND THE LARGER CONTEXT"</b> *Robert Townsend (University of Chicago) Kiatipong Ariyapruhya (IMF / Bank of Thailand)		
19.00-21.00	Opening cocktail/dinner at University of Bergamo		
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19</b>			
8.30 -10.00	<b>Plenary session 2:</b>		
	<b>"FINANCIAL UNDERPINNINGS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' AGRICULTURE"</b> *Gershon Feder (World Bank) Prabhu Pingali (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)		
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break		
10.30 – 12.00	<b>Breakout session 1:</b>		
	<b>"THE HISTORY AND OUTCOME OF INTEREST RATE SUBSIDIES"</b> *Jacob Yaron (College of Mgmt, Israel) Yashwant Thorat (Former Chair, NABARD) Jacques Trigo (Former Minister of Finance, Bolivia)	<b>"FINANCE &amp; VALUE CHAINS IN DEVELOPMENT"</b> *Johan Swinnen (U. of Leuven) Ken Schwedel (Rabobank, Mexico) Francis Pelekamoyo (OIBM, Malawi)	<b>"TECHNOLOGY AND THE FINANCIAL ACCESS FRONTIER"</b> *David Porteous (Bankable Frontier) Crispin Bokea (Central Bank, Kenya) Ignacio Mas (CGAP) Saeed Ahmed (State Bank of Pakistan)
12.00 – 13.00	<b>Poster Presentations</b>		
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break		
14.30 – 16.00	<b>Plenary session 3:</b>		
	<b>"MANAGING RISK IN RURAL ECONOMIES"</b> *Jerry Skees (University of Kentucky) Mr. O.Erdenedalai (Index Based Livestock Insurance Project, Mongolia)		
16.00-16.30	Coffee Break		
16.30 – 18.30	<b>Breakout session 2:</b>		
	<b>"INDEX INSURANCE: ITS IMPORTANCE AND ITS IMPEDIMENTS"</b> *Mario Miranda (The Ohio State University) Alexander Sarris (FAO) Luis González (Inst. Tec. Monterrey)	<b>"CREDIT BUREAUS"</b> *Bruce Wydick (U. San Francisco) *Craig McIntosh (UC San Diego) Martin Valdivia (GRADE) Peer Stein (IFC)	<b>"SYSTEMIC RISK &amp; LENDING TECHNOLOGIES"</b> *Claudio Gonzalez-Vega (The Ohio State University) *Marguerite Robinson (Ind.) Juan Antonio Morales (Former President, Central Bank of Bolivia)
20.00 – 23.00	<b>Plenary session 4:</b>		
	<b>"AGRICULTURAL CREDIT II"</b> Official Dinner with Special Honouree *Dale W Adams (Founder of Rural Finance Program at The Ohio State University)		
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</b>			
8.30 -10.00	<b>Plenary session 5:</b>		
	<b>"DESIGNING PROGRAMS THAT EXPAND ACCESS"</b> *Dean Karlan (Yale University) & *Jonathan Morduch (New York University) Muliaman D. Hadad (Deputy Director, Bank Indonesia) Stuart Rutherford (Independent Consultant & Researcher)		
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break		
10.30 – 12.00	<b>Breakout session 3:</b>		
	<b>"FINANCE FOR ALL? POLICIES AND PITFALLS IN EXPANDING ACCESS"</b> *Thorsten Beck (Tilburg University) Michael Atingi-Ego (IMF / Bank of Uganda)	<b>"DESIGN FOR SAVINGS"</b> Stephen Peachey (WSBI) Ernest Aryeetey (U. Ghana)	<b>"PROGRAM IMPACT"</b> *Annie Duflo (IFMR Centre for MF) James Copestake (U. Bath) Geetha Nagarajan (U. Maryland)
12.00 – 13.00	<b>Poster Presentations</b>		
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break		
14.00 – 15.30	<b>Wrap Up Panel: Policymakers, Practitioners, and Funders</b>		
	<b>"CREATING POLICIES THAT PROMOTE FINANCIAL INCLUSION: OUR PERSPECTIVE"</b> * Wolday Amha (AEMFI) and others to be announced soon.		
19.00-21.00	Special Dinner for Faculty, Funders, and Partners		

\* Research dialogue presenters. Other speakers are discussants for the research dialogues. More presenters to be confirmed