



## 2017 East Africa Evidence Summit Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

July 17-19, 2017  
*Radisson Blu Hotel*

The East African Social Science Translation ([EASST](#)) Collaborative and the Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative ([ATAI](#)) at The Center for Effective Global Action ([CEGA](#)) are partnering to showcase rigorous evidence relevant to East Africa and facilitate new linkages among research partners and policy makers across the region. This event is funded with UK aid from the UK Government and with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

This event, the 2017 East Africa Evidence Summit, provides the opportunity for East African researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to share latest research findings, discuss study synergies and capacity to scale, learn best dissemination practices, and form meaningful collaborations with a wide array of regional stakeholders working toward a common goal of large-scale, positive impact.

The summit will feature multiple events. The first event (July 17<sup>th</sup>) will be the 6<sup>th</sup> *Annual EASST Impact Evaluation Summit*, which showcases rigorous research conducted by researchers trained in the EASST network, as well as prominent East African researchers and CEGA faculty. The second event (July 18<sup>th</sup>) *Advancing Food Security: Lessons from Randomized Evaluations*, will disseminate findings from research conducted as part of the ATAI network. The third event (July 19<sup>th</sup>) will be a closed session to provide EASST researchers the opportunity for training and intimate strategic planning for the network.

## AGENDA

### Mon, July 17, 2017 - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual EASST Impact Evaluation Summit

- 8:30-9:00      **Registration**
- 9:00            **Opening Remarks:** *Fitsum Mulugeta, World Bank Group; EASST Fellow*
- 9:10            **Overview of the EASST Network**  
*Edward Miguel, Faculty Director, Center for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley*
- 9:40            **Health and Education**  
Moderator: *Edward Miguel*
- Working with Community Health Workers to Increase Use of ORS**  
*John Bosco Asiimwe, Makerere University; EASST Fellow*
- The Impact of Learning in Mother Tongue First: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Ethiopia**  
*Yared Seid, International Growth Center*
- Learning from Teachers: Preliminary Insights from a Pilot Study on Teacher Transfers in Uganda**  
*Saint Kizito Omala, Makerere University; EASST Fellow, and Isabelle Cohen, UC Berkeley*
- Inviting Ideas on Research on the Economics of Preventing Diet-Related Non-Communicable Diseases**  
*Samuel Oti, International Development Research Centre; EASST Fellow*
- 11:00          *Tea/coffee Break*
- 11:20          **Agriculture and the Environment**  
Moderator: *Jayne Tusiime, Busitema University; EASST Fellow*
- Climate Variability and Infant Mortality: Evidence from the Developing World**  
*Anthony Mveyange, World Bank; EASST Fellow*
- Nudging Farmers Using Price Information in Crop Choice: Evidence from Ethiopia**  
*Hailemariam Ayalew Tiruneh, University of Copenhagen; EASST Fellow, & Dagim Belay, University of Copenhagen; EASST Fellow*

**Risk Free Sample Purchase for Inorganic Fertilizer in Uganda: A Randomized Control Trial**

*Annet Adong, University of Bonn; EASST Fellow*

**Experimental Evidence on the Demand for Costs of Rural Electrification**

*Edward Miguel, University of California, Berkeley*

12:40

*Lunch Break*

14:10

**Governance and Empowerment**

Moderator: *Christine Simiyu, KCA University; EASST Fellow*

**Why (Field) Experiments on Unethical Behavior are Important: Comparing Stated and Revealed Behavior**

*Remidius Ruhinduka, University of Dar es Salaam; EASST Fellow*

**Electoral Competition and Public Spending in Co-ethnic Voting Societies: Evidence from Spatial Effects in Kenya**

*Michael Mbate, London School of Economics; EASST Fellow*

**Understanding Gender Inequities in the Ethiopian Labor Force**

*Ketki Sheth, University of California, Merced, & Shibiru Ayalew, Arsi University; EASST Fellow*

15:30

*Tea/coffee Break*

15:50

**Discussion Panel: Translating Research to Policy in the East African Context**

Moderator: *Ketki Sheth, University of California, Merced; CEGA Faculty Affiliate*

*Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse, International Growth Center; Ethiopian Economics Association; International Food Policy Research Institute*

*Saint Kizito Omala, Makerere University; EASST Fellow*

*Lilian Lehmann, IDinsight*

*Awoke Misganaw, University of Washington; Ethiopia Public Health Institute*

16:50- 17:00

**Closing Remarks:** *Tigist Mekonnen, UNU-MERIT; EASST Fellow*

Tues, July 18, 2017 –

## Advancing Food Security: Lessons from Randomized Evaluations

8:30-9:00 **Registration**

9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Dagim Belay, University of Copenhagen; EASST Fellow*

9:10 **Keynote Address -- Research Informing Policy: Perspectives from Ethiopia's Agricultural Transformation Agency**

*Khalid Bomba, Chief Executive Officer, Agricultural Transformation Agency*

9:50 **Emerging Insights from the Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI)**

*Leah Bridle, Senior Program Associate, Center for Effective Global Action*

10:20 *Tea/Coffee break*

10:50 **Financial Services for Smallholders in Volatile Contexts**

Moderator: Remidius Ruhinduka, Lecturer and Research Fellow, University of Dar es Salaam; EASST Fellow

**Weather Index Insurance and Credit in Ethiopia: Dealing with drought and climate risks to food supply**

*Alexandros Sarris, Professor in Development Economics, University of Athens*

**Seasonal Food and Cash Loans: Easing the hungry season in Zambia**

*Felix Masiye, Head of Department of Economics at the University of Zambia*

**Providing loans and storage at harvest time: How One Acre Fund is supporting smallholder farmers in Kenya facing price volatility and isolated markets**

*Edward Miguel, Faculty Director, Center for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley*

*Moderated discussion with audience*

12:45 *Lunch*

13:55

### ***Adoption and Impacts of Improved Crop Varieties***

Moderator: Annet Adong, University of Bonn; EASST Fellow

#### **Quality Protein Maize in Ethiopia: Identifying Mechanisms to Support Child Nutrition with CIMMYT's NuME Project**

*Hugo De Groote, Principal Scientist and Agricultural Economist with International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) in Kenya*

#### **Adoption of Maize Technology Bundles: Implications for Productivity and Food Security**

*Tim Njagi, Research Fellow, Tegemeo Institute*

*Moderated discussion with audience*

15:20

### **Precision Agriculture for Development**

*Carolina Corral, Kenya Country Director, Precision Agriculture for Development*

15:40

*Tea/coffee break*

16:10

### **Looking Forward: Priorities for Agricultural Policy and Research in East Africa**

Moderator: Andrew Westbury, Center for Effective Global Action

*Laketch Mikael, Senior Director, Environmentally Sustainable & Inclusive Growth, Agricultural Transformation Agency, Ethiopia*

*Anthony Mveyange, Agriculture and Rural Development Economist, World Bank; EASST Fellow*

*Hugo De Groote, Principal Scientist and Agricultural Economist with International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) in Kenya*

17:00

### **Closing Remarks**