

I4 Technical Meeting

13-14 June 2012

Hotel Capo D’Africa

Rome, Italy

Day 1

Session	Topic	Presentation
8:15 – 8:50	Light Breakfast	
8:50 – 9:00	Opening Remarks	
9:00 – 10:00	Projects & Learning in Progress, I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interlinking weather index insurance with credit to alleviate market failures and improve agricultural productivity in rural Ethiopia, <i>Alexandros Sarris (University of Athens)</i> • Index-based weather insurance for coffee cooperatives in Guatemala, <i>Elisabeth Sadoulet (University of California, Berkeley)</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Morning Break	
10:30 – 12:00	Projects & Learning in Progress, II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The R4 Rural Risk Resilience Initiative, <i>Richard Choularton (World Food Programme)</i> • Agricultural Insurance Projects of the ILO Microinsurance Innovation Facility, <i>Pranav Prashad (International Labor Organization)</i> • Lessons learned: structuring and pricing index-based insurance in developing countries, <i>Marcel Kuettel (Swiss Re)</i>
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 3:00	Group Insurance and Contract Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will I be paid after a loss? Comparing index insurance with individual insurance in Ecuador, <i>María José (ESPOL)</i> • Strengthening informal Ethiopian risk-sharing groups through index insurance, <i>Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse (IFPRI)</i>
3:00 – 3:30	Afternoon Break	
3:30-5:00	Index Insurance Indices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calibrating rainfall-based index insurance contracts, <i>René Gommès (Food and Agriculture Organization)</i> • Adapting satellite contracts for spatial scale-up in Northern Kenya, <i>Christopher Barrett (Cornell University) & Michael Carter (University of California, Davis)</i> • Satellite-based crop yield prediction in Tanzania and Mali, <i>Michael Carter (University of California, Davis)</i>

Day 2

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8:30 – 9:00	Light Breakfast	
9:00 – 10:30	Insights from Behavioral Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioral economic perspectives on index insurance contract design – insights from cumulative prospect theory, <i>Catherine Guirkinger & Wouter Gelade (University of Namur, Belgium)</i> Ambiguity aversion and the willingness to pay to avoid the “ambiguity” of index insurance: a field experiment in Mali, <i>Ghada Elabed (University of California, Davis)</i> Behavioral experiments on preferred contract design with Peruvian cotton farmers, <i>Steve Boucher (University of California, Davis)</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Insurance Demand I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Econometric analysis of demand for IBLI in the Northern Kenyan Pilot, <i>Christopher Barrett (Cornell University)</i> Valuing asset insurance in the presence of poverty traps, <i>Michael Carter (University of California, Davis)</i>
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch	
2:00 – 3:30	Insurance Demand II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selling formal insurance to the informally insured, <i>Mushfiq Mobarak (Yale University)</i> Subsidies and weather insurance uptake in the short and long run: evidence from China, <i>Alain de Janvry (University of California, Berkeley)</i>
3:30 – 4:00	Afternoon Break	
4:00 – 5:00	Reinsurance Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lena Heron, chair (USAID) Alain de Janvry (University of California, Berkeley) Marcel Kuettel (Swiss Re) Michael Carter (University of California, Davis)
5:00 – 5:30	Closing Remarks	

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