

DAY 1

0800-0900 **REGISTRATION - TEA/COFFEE** Lower Ground Floor

0900-1000 **PLENARY SESSION : INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE** Sheikh Zayed Theatre

Speakers:

- Robin Burgess (Director, IGC; London School of Economics)
- Paul Collier (Director, IGC; University of Oxford)
- Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, IGC)

FRAMEWORK SESSIONS

1000-1115 **STATE (POLITICAL ECONOMY-CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS)** Alumni Theatre

Building a functional state in difficult places

Speakers:

- Eliana La Ferrara (Research Programme Director, IGC State Programme; Bocconi University)
- Mo Qayoumi (Chief Adviser to the President, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan)

1000-1115 **CITIES** Thai Theatre

Building effective and functioning cities - How to deal with density

Speakers:

- Edward Glaeser (Research Programme Director, IGC Cities Programme; Harvard University)
- Tony Venables (IGC Steering Group Member; University of Oxford)

1115-1145 **MORNING NETWORKING BREAK** Lower Ground Floor

RESEARCH SESSIONS

1145-1330 **STATE (POLITICAL ECONOMY-CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS)** Alumni Theatre

State capacity: Taxation, Service Provision and Preferences

Chair: Gerard Padró I Miquel (Research Programme Director, IGC State Programme; London School of Economics)

Speakers:

- Lucie Gadenne (University College London)
"Price risk and poverty"
- Leander Heldring (University of Oxford)
"State capacity and Individual Preferences: Evidence from Rwanda"

- Jacob Shapiro (Princeton University)

“Rural infrastructure provision in India: mapping the Bharat Nirman programme”

1145-1330

CITIES

Thai Theatre

Urban Infrastructure: Water, Sewers and Transportation

Chair: Edward Glaeser (Research Programme Director, IGC Cities Programme; Harvard University)

Speakers:

- Robert Gonzalez (UNC-Chapel Hill)

“Results of a large-scale randomized behaviour change intervention on road safety in Kenya”

- Billy Jack (Georgetown University)

“Motivating safer driving: results from two RCTs and a scale-up in Kenya”

- Tavneet Suri (Research Programme Director, IGC Firms Programme; MIT)

“The Economics of Slums in the Developing World”

1330-1430

NETWORKING LUNCH

Lower Ground Floor

POLICY SESSIONS

1430-1630

STATE (POLITICAL ECONOMY-CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS)

Alumni Theatre

Building a functional state in difficult places

Chair: Ian Porter (Country Director, IGC Myanmar)

Speakers:

- Nasiruddin Ahmed (Anti Corruption Commission, Bangladesh)
- Luka Biong (Centre for Peace and Development Studies, Juba University, South Sudan)
- Herbert M’cleod (Country Director, IGC Sierra Leone and Liberia)
- Abdul Bari Siddiqui (Finance Minister, Bihar Government)

1430-1630

CITIES

Thai Theatre

Managing African and Asian cities: the hands on experience

This session will discuss key policy concerns of rapidly urbanising economies in Africa and South Asia. The key topics for discussion include service delivery in urban centers, city finance, urban public transport, sustainable land use and infrastructure, and the labor market.

Chair: Ijaz Nabi (Country Director, IGC Pakistan; Lahore University of Management Sciences)

Speakers:

- Wilfred K. Anim-Odame (Ghana Lands Commission, Ghana)
- Cyvette Gibson (Mayor of Paynesville, Liberia)
- Haider Latif (Lahore Transport Company, Pakistan)
- Kumar V. Pratap (Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India)
- Harold L. Tucker (Mayor of Bo, Sierra Leone)
- Masood-ul-Haq (Excise and Taxation department, Pakistan)
- U Toe Aung (Yangon City Development Committee, Myanmar)

1630-1700 **AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK**

Lower Ground Floor

1700-1800 **PANEL DEBATE**

Sheikh Zayed Theatre

Chair: Tony Venables (IGC Steering Group Member; University of Oxford)

Speakers:

- H.E. Ato Newai Gebre-ab (Ethiopian Development Research Institute)
- Rachel Glennester (Lead Academic, IGC Sierra Leone; Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab)

1830-2000 **PUBLIC LECTURE: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - CHINA AND AFRICA**

Sheikh Zayed Theatre

Opening Speech: Rt Hon. Desmond Swayne (Minister of State for International Development)

Moderator: John Page (Country Director, IGC Tanzania; Brookings Institution)

Speakers:

- Chang-Tai Hsieh (IGC Steering Group Member; University of Chicago Booth)
 - John Sutton (IGC Steering Group Member; London School of Economics)
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DAY 2

800-900 **REGISTRATION - TEA/COFFEE** Lower Ground Floor

FRAMEWORK SESSIONS

900-1015 **FIRMS (GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY)** Thai Theatre

What is holding firms back?

Speaker: Chris Woodruff (Research Programme Director, IGC Firms Programme; Warwick University)

Presenters:

- Asif Bajwa (Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)
- Ali Choudhary (State Bank of Pakistan)
- John Van Reenen (London School of Economics)

900-1015 **ENERGY** Alumni Theatre

The role of renewables for energy access in developing countries

Moderator: Henry Tricks (The Economist)

Panellists:

- Ted Brandt (Marathon Capital)
- Ronke Luke (Women Council on Energy and the Environment)
- Alistair Wray (DFID)

1015-1045 **MORNING NETWORKING BREAK** Lower Ground Floor

RESEARCH SESSIONS

1045-1230 **FIRMS (GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY)** Thai Theatre

Identifying high-growth entrepreneurs

Chair: Chris Woodruff (Research Programme Director, IGC Firms Programme; Warwick University)

Speakers:

- Jing Cai (University of Michigan)
"Interfirm Relationships and Business Performance"
- Kevin Donovan (University of Notre Dame)
"The Dynamics of Inter-Firm Skill Transmission among Kenyan Enterprises"
- Ben Roth (MIT)
"Knowing Thy Neighbor: What Information Neighbors Have and How Best to Illicit It"

1045-1230

ENERGY

Alumni Theatre

Renewable electricity evaluations

Chair: Michael Greenstone (Research Programme Director, IGC Energy Programme; University of Chicago)

Speakers:

- Tessa Bold (Lead Academic, IGC Uganda; Goethe University Frankfurt)
- David Lagakos (Lead Academic, IGC Ghana; University of California)

“The Role of Electricity Investments in Africa’s Recent Growth: A Macroeconomic Analysis”

- Anant Sudarshan (University of Chicago)

1230-1330

NETWORKING LUNCH**POLICY SESSIONS**

1330-1530

FIRMS (GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY)

Thai Theatre

Management Matters: What Can Governments Do?

Recent research finds variations in management practices across firms and countries are strongly associated with differences in performance. Better managed firms are more productive and countries with better management practices have more productive firms. Thus, closing the management gap may be one way of closing the productivity gap between developing and developed economies. In this session, senior policy makers from South Asia and Africa will discuss the role and limits of government in building managerial capabilities.

Chair: John Page (Country Director, IGC Tanzania; Brookings Institution)

Speakers:

- Asif Bajwa (Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Pakistan)
- Francis Chipimo (Bank of Zambia, Zambia)
- Adolf Mkenda (Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Tanzania)
- Mateus Matusse (Ministry of Industry and Trade, Mozambique)
- Claudio Frischtak (Country Director, IGC Mozambique)

1330-1530

ENERGY

Alumni Theatre

Renewable energy

Chair: Anand Rajaram (Country Director, IGC Zambia)

Speakers:

- James Banaabe (Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda)
- Anil K. Jain (Government of India)
- Hon. John Abdulai Jinapor (Deputy Minister of Power, Ghana)
- Alfred Mwila (Energy Regulation Board of Zambia, Zambia)

1530-1600

AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK

Lower Ground Floor

1600-1700

EMERGING RESEARCH IDEAS - State/Cities

Alumni Theatre

Chair: Gharad Bryan (Research Programme Director, IGC Cities Programme; London School of Economics)

- Florian Blum (London School of Economics)

“(De)centralised Pricing for Public Service”

- Gabriel Kreindler (MIT)

“Driving Delhi: The impact of driving restrictions on driver behaviour”

- Guo Xu (London School of Economics)

“Social Connections and the Performance of Bureaucracies: Evidence from the British Empire”

1600-1700

EMERGING RESEARCH IDEAS - Firms/Energy

Wolfson Theatre

Chair: Chris Udry (Lead Academic, IGC Ghana; Yale University)

- Bryce Millett Steinberg (Brown University)

“Workfare, Wages and Human Capital Investment”

- Namrata Kala (Harvard University)

“Soft Skills to Pay the Bills: Evidence from Female Garment Workers”

- Torsten Walter (London School of Economics)

TBC

1600-1700

EVIDENCE-BASED GROWTH POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Thai Theatre

Chair: Hugh Cole (IGC Country Programme Director)

1700-1800

DRINKS RECEPTION - NETWORKING

Lower Ground Floor

1830-2000

PUBLIC LECTURE: GROWTH CHALLENGES IN FRAGILE STATES

Sheikh Zayed
Theatre

DAY 3

830-930 **REGISTRATION - TEA/COFFEE** Lower Ground Floor

FRAMEWORK SESSIONS

930-1045 **STATE (CIVIL SERVICE REFORM)** Thai Theatre

Motivating public sector workers

Speakers:

- Nava Ashraf (Lead Academic, IGC Zambia; London School of Economics)
- Nana Kwasi Agyekum-Dwamena (Office of the Head of Civil Service, Ghana)

930-1045 **FIRMS (TRADE)** Alumni Theatre

FDI, Exports and the reform of government agencies

Speakers:

- John Sutton (IGC Steering Group Member; London School of Economics)
- Rocco Macchiavello (Lead Academic, IGC Myanmar; University of Warwick)

1045-1115 **MORNING NETWORKING BREAK** Lower Ground Floor

RESEARCH SESSIONS

1115-1300 **STATE (CIVIL SERVICE REFORM)** Thai Theatre

Improving accountability and performance for better public service delivery

Chairs:

Nava Ashraf (Lead Academic, IGC Zambia; London School of Economics)
Adnan Khan (IGC Research and Policy Director; London School of Economics)

Speakers:

- Adnan Khan (IGC Research and Policy Director; London School of Economics)
- Michael Callen (Harvard University)
- Martín Antonio Rossi (Universidad de San Andrés)

1115-1300 **FIRMS (TRADE)** Alumni Theatre

Firms, trade and development: Learning from IGC countries

Chair: Eric Verhoogen (Research Programme Director, IGC Firms Programme; Columbia University)

Speakers:

- Jonas Hjort (Columbia University)

“The Arrival of Fast Internet and Skilled Job Creation in Africa”

- Mari Tanaka (Stanford University)

“Exporting Sweatshops? Evidence from Myanmar”

- Girum Abebe Tefera (Ethiopian Development Research Institute)

“Agglomeration Advantages in the Developing World: Identification and Micro-mechanisms (Evidence from Ethiopia)”

1300-1400 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

Lower Ground Floor

POLICY SESSIONS

1400-1600 **STATE (CIVIL SERVICE REFORM)**

Thai Theatre

Motivating public sector workers

Chair: Herbert M'cleod (Country Director, IGC Sierra Leone and Liberia)

Speakers:

- Peter Biar Ajak (Country Co-Director, IGC South Sudan)
- Nana Kwasi Agyekum-Dwamena (Office of the Head of Civil Service, Ghana)
- Katherine Casey (Stanford University)
- Shabana Haider (Planning and Development department, Government of Punjab, Pakistan)
- Farasat Iqbal (Punjab Health Sector Reforms programme, Pakistan)

1400-1600 **FIRMS (TRADE)**

Alumni Theatre

FDI and Trade

Chair: Richard Newfarmer (Country Director, IGC Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda)

Speakers:

- Samuel Jibao (Centre for Economic Research and Capacity Building, Sierra Leone)
- H.E. Newai Gebre-ab (Ethiopian Development Research Institute, Ethiopia)
- Albert Musisi (Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda)
- Vasco Nhabinde (Ministry of Planning and Development, Mozambique) TBC
- Rachel Turner (UK Department for International Development)

1600-1700 **AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK / CLOSING REMARKS**

Lower Ground Floor