

DAY 1		
0800-0900	<b>REGISTRATION - TEA/COFFEE</b>	Lower Ground Floor
0900-1000	<b>PLENARY SESSION : INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE</b>	Sheikh Zayed Theatre
	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robin Burgess (Director, IGC; London School of Economics)</li> <li>• Paul Collier (Director, IGC; University of Oxford)</li> <li>• Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, IGC)</li> </ul>	
FRAMEWORK SESSIONS		
1000-1115	<b>STATE (POLITICAL ECONOMY-CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS)</b>	Alumni Theatre
	<p><b>Building a functional state in difficult places</b></p> <p>Setting the agenda for research and opportunities for impact in building functional institutions in fragile states.</p> <p>Option A</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliana La Ferrara (Research Programme Director, IGC State Programme; Bocconi University)</li> <li>• Mo Quayumi (Chief Adviser to the President, Afghanistan)</li> </ul>	
1000-1115	<b>CITIES</b>	Thai Theatre
	<p><b>Building effective and functioning cities: How to deal with density</b></p> <p>Discussing how cities can become a crucial source of economic growth, and how the downsides of density can be managed.</p> <p>Option B</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edward Glaeser (Research Programme Director, IGC Cities Programme; Harvard University)</li> <li>• Tony Venables (IGC Steering Group Member; University of Oxford)</li> <li>• H.E. Abraham Tekeste (National Planning Commission, Ethiopia)</li> </ul>	
1115-1145	<b>MORNING NETWORKING BREAK</b>	Lower Ground Floor
RESEARCH SESSIONS		
1145-1330	<b>STATE (POLITICAL ECONOMY-CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS)</b>	Alumni Theatre
	<p><b>State capacity: Service provision and preferences</b></p> <p>Presenting research and discussing state capacity to raise revenues, provide public goods, and affect the preferences and attitudes of citizens.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Gerard Padró i Miquel (Research Programme Director, IGC State Programme; LSE)</p> <p>Option A</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucie Gadenne (University College London): "Price risk and poverty"</li> <li>• Leander Heldring (University of Oxford): "State capacity and Individual Preferences: Evidence from Rwanda"</li> <li>• Jacob Shapiro (Princeton University): "Rural infrastructure provision in India: Mapping the Bharat Nirman programme"</li> </ul>	

1145-1330	<b>CITIES</b>	Thai Theatre
	<b>Urban infrastructure: Water, sewers and transportation</b>	
	Presenting some of the latest research related to cities and urban infrastructure and discussing how to handle issues arising from increased density such as slum creation, unsafe roads, and contagion.	
	<b>Chair:</b> Edward Glaeser (Research Programme Director, IGC Cities Programme; Harvard University)	
	<b>Speakers:</b>	
Option B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert Gonzalez (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill): "Loss in the time of cholera: Long-run impact of a disease epidemic on the urban landscape"</li> <li>Billy Jack (Georgetown University): "Motivating safer driving: Results from two RCTs and a scale-up in Kenya"</li> <li>Tavneet Suri (Research Programme Director, IGC Firms Programme; MIT): "The economics of slums in the developing world"</li> </ul>	
1330-1430	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>	Lower Ground Floor
<b>POLICY SESSIONS</b>		
1430-1630	<b>STATE (POLITICAL ECONOMY-CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS)</b>	Alumni Theatre
	<b>Building a well-functioning state in challenging environments</b>	
	Exploring a broad range of political economy issues around building a well-functioning state, including: policies that can build trust in the government and the political process; the importance of access to information, a free media, an active civil society and a credible legal system; reducing corruption in the public sector; structuring political institutions for consensus building across diverse groups; policies for reducing conflict; and post-conflict reconstruction.	
	<b>Chair:</b> Ian Porter (Country Director, IGC Myanmar)	
Option A	<b>Speakers:</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nasiruddin Ahmed (Anti Corruption Commission, Bangladesh)</li> <li>Luka Biong Deng Kuol (Centre for Peace and Development Studies, Juba University, South Sudan)</li> <li>Herbert M'cleod (Country Director, IGC Sierra Leone and Liberia)</li> <li>Abdul Bari Siddiqui (Finance Minister, State Government of Bihar, India)</li> <li>H.E. U Maung Maung Soe (Mayor of Yangon, Myanmar)</li> </ul>	
1430-1630	<b>CITIES</b>	Thai Theatre
	<b>Managing African and Asian cities: The hands on experience</b>	
	Discussing key policy concerns of rapidly urbanising economies in Africa and South Asia. The key topics for discussion include service delivery in urban centres, city finance, urban public transport, sustainable land use and infrastructure, and the labour market.	
	<b>Chair:</b> Ijaz Nabi (Country Director, IGC Pakistan; Lahore University of Management Sciences)	
	<b>Speakers:</b>	
Option B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wilfred K. Anim-Odame (Ghana Lands Commission)</li> <li>Cyvette Gibson (Mayor of Paynesville, Liberia)</li> <li>Haider Latif (Lahore Transport Company, Pakistan)</li> <li>Kumar V. Pratap (Ministry of Urban Development, India)</li> <li>Harold L. Tucker (Mayor of Bo, Sierra Leone)</li> <li>Masood-ul-Haq (Excise and Taxation Department, Pakistan)</li> <li>U Toe Aung (Yangon City Development Committee, Myanmar)</li> </ul>	
1630-1700	<b>AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK</b>	Lower Ground Floor

1700-1800

**PANEL DEBATE: GROWTH CHALLENGES AND EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING**

Sheikh Zayed Theatre

A high-level discussion on the current challenges to economic growth and development, and the latest thinking on how research can feed into effective policy making.

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

**Speakers:**

- H.E. Ato Newai Gebre-Ab (Chief Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister, Ethiopia)
- Mbui Wagacha (Senior Economic Advisor to the President, Kenya)
- Rachel Glennerster (Lead Academic, IGC Sierra Leone; Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab)

1830-2000

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

Sheikh  
Zayed  
Theatre

**Opening:** Rt Hon Desmond Swayne (Minister of State for International Development, UK)

**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)

Conference participants without an official invitation will need to queue at least 20 minutes before the lecture begins, as seats are limited.



DAY 2

0800-0900 REGISTRATION - TEA/COFFEE Lower Ground Floor

FRAMEWORK SESSIONS

0900-1015 FIRMS (GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY) Thai Theatre

What is holding firms back?

Dissecting the issue of firm growth by exploring issues such as how entrepreneurship can be stimulated, the role of management practices, and where large firms really come from.

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

Option A

Presenters:

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

0900-1015 ENERGY Alumni Theatre

The role of renewables for energy access in developing countries

Discussing challenges related to scaling up renewable energy in developing countries, touching on financing, access, integration, and political economy implications.

Moderator: Henry Tricks (The Economist)

Option B

Panellists:

- Ted Brandt (Marathon Capital)
- Ronke Luke (Women Council on Energy and the Environment)
- Alistair Wray (UK Department for International Development)

1015-1045 MORNING NETWORKING BREAK Lower Ground Floor

RESEARCH SESSIONS

1045-1230 FIRMS (GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY) Thai Theatre

Identifying high-growth entrepreneurs

Building on frontier research on firm productivity, this session will discuss recent findings on high-growth entrepreneurship to explore how more jobs can be created.

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

Option A

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 elicit it"

1045-1230

**ENERGY**

Alumni Theatre

**Renewable electricity evaluations**

Presenting and discussing the latest research on the valuation of renewable energy, and its contribution to economic growth. Topics include the effect of decentralization and external returns on mass-scale electrification. Featuring evaluations of the demand for and benefits of electrification in India, Tanzania, and Ethiopia.

Option B

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

**Speakers:**

- Tessa Bold (Lead Academic, IGC Uganda; Goethe University Frankfurt): "Rural electrification: The potential and limitations of solar power"
- 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): "The demand for solar power: Experimental evidence from Bihar, India"

1230-1330

**NETWORKING LUNCH**

Lower Ground Floor

**POLICY SESSIONS**

1330-1530

**FIRMS (GROWTH AND PRODUCTIVITY)**

Thai Theatre

**Management matters: What can governments do?**

Recent research suggests 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. Senior policymakers 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)

Option A

**Speakers:**

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

1330-1530

**ENERGY**

Alumni Theatre

**Perspectives from IGC partner countries on electricity supply, access, efficiency, and the role of renewables**

Policymakers, regulators, and energy experts from IGC partner countries sharing their perspectives on how electricity supply is being expanded, whether renewable energy shares in total supply are growing, how the problem of access to electricity is being addressed, if and how problems of efficiency and financial and environmental sustainability are being resolved, and the particular challenges posed by political resistance to policy reform.

**Chairs:**

Option B

- Anand Rajaram (Country Director, IGC Zambia)
- Shaibal Gupta (Country Co-Director, IGC India Bihar)

**Speakers:**

- James Banaabe (Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda)
- Hon. John Abdulai Jinapor (Deputy Minister of Power, Ghana)
- Alfred Mwila (Energy Regulation Board, Zambia)
- Deepak Prasad (Planning and Development Department, State Government of Bihar, India)

1530-1600	<b>AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK</b>	Lower Ground Floor
1600-1700	<b>EMERGING RESEARCH IDEAS - STATE/CITIES</b>	Alumni Theatre
	Showcasing some of the most promising new research from young researchers on the role of the state and cities in driving economic growth.	
	<b>Chair:</b> Gharad Bryan (Research Programme Director, IGC Cities Programme; LSE)	
Option A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florian Blum (LSE): “(De)centralised pricing for public service”</li> <li>• Gabriel Kreindler (MIT): “Driving Delhi: The impact of driving restrictions on driver behaviour”</li> <li>• Guo Xu (LSE): “Social connections and the performance of bureaucracies: Evidence from the British empire”</li> </ul>	
1600-1700	<b>EMERGING RESEARCH IDEAS - FIRMS/ENERGY</b>	Wolfson Theatre
	Jobs and skills creation is at the heart of economic growth. Presenting recent frontier research by young academics on work, wages, and human capital.	
	<b>Chair:</b> Christopher Udry (Lead Academic, IGC Ghana; Yale University)	
Option B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bryce Millett Steinberg (Brown University): “Workfare, wages and human capital investment”</li> <li>• Namrata Kala (Harvard University): “Soft skills to pay the bills: Evidence from female garment workers”</li> <li>• Torsten Walter (LSE): “Managerial attention as a production factor: Evidence from a garment manufacturer”</li> </ul>	
1600-1700	<b>POLICY ROUNDTABLE: EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING</b>	Thai Theatre
	This session is targeted to policymakers, inviting them to shape IGC’s priority areas for research and strategy for policy engagement.	
	<b>Chair:</b> Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, IGC)	
	<b>Speakers:</b>	
Option C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U Aung Soe (Trade Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar)</li> <li>• Blandina Kilama (REPOA Research Institution, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Adam Mugume (Bank of Uganda)</li> <li>• U Lin Zaw Min (Renaissance Institute, Myanmar)</li> <li>• Srinivasa H.R. (Finance Department, State Government of Bihar, India)</li> </ul>	
1700-1800	<b>DRINKS RECEPTION - NETWORKING</b>	Lower Ground Floor
1830–2000	<b>PUBLIC LECTURE: GROWTH CHALLENGES IN FRAGILE STATES</b>	Sheikh Zayed Theatre
	<b>Speakers:</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Collier (IGC Director, Oxford University)</li> <li>• Timothy Besley (IGC Steering Group Member; LSE)</li> </ul>	
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**DAY 3**

0830-930    **REGISTRATION - TEA/COFFEE**    Lower Ground Floor

**FRAMEWORK SESSIONS**

0930-1045    **STATE (CIVIL SERVICE REFORM)**    Thai Theatre

**Motivating public sector workers**

Option A    Setting the agenda for policy making and research on motivation, identity, and effective decision making in public sector organisations.

**Speakers:**

- Nava Ashraf (Lead Academic, IGC Zambia; LSE)
- Nana Kwesi Agyekum Dwamena (Head of the Civil Service, Ghana)

0930-1045    **FIRMS (TRADE)**    Alumni Theatre

**How to reform an investment agency: A case study in organisational change**

Option B    Investment promotion agencies are crucial in attracting foreign manufacturing firms and facilitating their expansion. Presenting first hand experience of reforming an investment agency and a detailed discussion of the issues and challenges around organisational change.

**Speakers:**

- John Sutton (IGC Steering Group Member; LSE)
- 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**

Option A    Presenting the latest research on the delivery of public services.

**Chair:** Nava Ashraf (Lead Academic, IGC Zambia; LSE)

**Speakers:**

- Michael Callen (Harvard University): "Experiments to improve accountability in public sector services"
- Martín Antonio Rossi (Universidad de San Andrés): "Strategies for recruiting more qualified civil servants"
- Adnan Khan (IGC Research and Policy Director; LSE): "Making moves matter: Experimental evidence on incentivizing bureaucrats through performance-based transfers"

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

**Firms, trade and development: Learning from IGC countries**

Highlighting key research and recent findings on topics such as exports, technology, and micro-firm growth

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

**Speakers:**

- Option B
- 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”

1300-1400

**NETWORKING LUNCH**

Lower Ground Floor

**POLICY SESSIONS**

1400-1600

**STATE (CIVIL SERVICE REFORM)**

Thai Theatre

**Creating the civil service of the future**

Discussing what the civil service of the future looks like, and what reforms are needed for governments to deliver more, better, and for less.

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

**Speakers:**

Option A

- Peter Biar Ajak (Country Co-Director, IGC South Sudan)
- Nana Kwesi Agyekum Dwamena (Head of the Civil Service, Ghana)
- Katherine Casey (Stanford University)
- Shabana Haider (Planning and Development department, Punjab, Pakistan)
- Farasat Iqbal (Punjab Health Sector Reforms programme, Pakistan)
- Arvind Kumar Chaudhary (Rural Development Department, Bihar, India)

1400-1600

**FIRMS (TRADE)**

Alumni Theatre

**Harnessing FDI for growth in Africa**

Discussing the policies necessary for Africa to harness FDI to expand exports and promote increased productivity and growth.

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

**Speakers:**

Option B

- Samuel Jibao (Centre for Economic Research and Capacity Building, Sierra Leone)
- H.E. Ato Newai Gebre-Ab (Chief Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister, Ethiopia)
- Vasco Nhabinde (Ministry of Economics and Finance, Mozambique)
- Albert Musisi (Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda)
- Rachel Turner (UK Department for International Development)

1600-1700

**AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK / CLOSING REMARKS**

Lower Ground Floor