Dissemination Workshop: “Enhancing Youth Employment and Small Firms Growth”

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Programme

09:00-09:30 – Conference registration

09:30-09:45 – Welcome session and opening remarks
Robert Mpiira (Program Manager, Research and Evaluation Unit, BRAC Uganda)
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Morning session 1 – Skills for Youth Employment: Evidence from Recent Evaluations
Moderator: Robert Mpiira (Program Manager, Research and Evaluation Unit, BRAC Uganda)

09:45-10:10 – Research presentation: “Creating Jobs for the Youth in Uganda: Effects of Alternative Training Methods on Skills, Employment and Earnings”
Marta Russo (Research Associate, BRAC Uganda and IFS)
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Vittorio Bassi (Assistant Professor, University of Southern California and IFS)
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10:35-11:00 – Tea/coffee break

Morning session 2 – Skills for Youth Employment: Policy Perspective
Moderator: Leon Matagi (Professor, Makerere University)

11:00-11:15 – Keynote speech: “Relevance of Vocational Skills in the Ugandan Employment”
Okumu Micheal (Director, Directorate for Industrial Training)

Grace Baguma (Director, National Curriculum Development Center)

11:45-12:15 – Panel discussion
All morning speakers and moderators

12:15-13:30 – Lunch break

Afternoon session 1 – Stimulating Small Firms Growth: Evidence from Recent Evaluations
Moderator: Wameq Raza (Thematic Research Head for Financial Inclusion & Livelihood, BRAC Uganda)

13:30-14:00 – Research presentation: “Credit Contract Structure and Firm Growth: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Uganda”
Miri Stryjan (Assistant Professor, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

14:00-14:20 – Research presentation: “Flexible Microcredit and Business Growth: Evidence from Pilot of a New Loan Product in Bangladesh”
Selim Gulesci (Assistant Professor, Bocconi University)

Stephen Kagera (Research Associate, Innovations for Poverty Action, Uganda)

14:45-15:10 – Tea/coffee break
Afternoon session 2 – Stimulating Small Firms Growth: Policy Perspective
Moderator: Yiga Fred (Lecturer, Makerere University Business School)

Johnson Abitekaniza (Commissioner, Ministry of Trade)

Jacqueline Musiitwa (Executive Director, Financial Sector Deepening Uganda)

15:55-16:25 – Panel discussion
All afternoon speakers and moderators

16:25-16:30 – Closing remarks
Jimmy Onesmus Adiga (CEO, BRAC Uganda Microfinance Limited)

16:30-17:30 – Social Hour and Networking