

Regional Workshop: Impact Evaluation and Measurement of Early Childhood Education in MENA

Abu Dhabi | April 15-19, 2018

Agenda

Day 1 Sunday, April 15				
Time	Activity	Presenter	Format	Location
8:30AM	Bus departs from Dusit Thani Hotel to IPIC			
9:00 – 9:30AM	Opening remarks	Abu Dhabi Executive Council, Salama bint Hamdan Al Nahyan Foundation, World Bank	Plenary	Plenary Room
9:30 – 9:50AM	Overview of the Workshop and Early Childhood Education in MENA	Samira Nikaein, Education Specialist and ECE Regional Focal Point at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
9:50 – 10:45AM	The Research Evidence on the Importance of Early Childhood	Diane Schanzenbach, Professor and Director of the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University	Plenary	Plenary Room
10:45 – 11:00AM	Coffee Break			
11:00 – 12:00PM	Experimental methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding a good counterfactual Randomized experiments 	Alaka Holla, Senior Economist and SIEF Program Manager at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
12:00– 12:30PM	Case study 1	Juan Barón, Senior Economist at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
12:30 – 1:30PM	Prayer and Lunch Break			

1:30 – 2:30PM	Exercise 1: True or false impacts		Country Working Groups	Plenary Room
	Quasi-experimental methods			
2:30 – 3:30PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouragement design • Difference-in-differences design (DD) • Regression discontinuity design (RDD) 	Alonso Sánchez, Economist at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
3:30 – 3:45PM	Coffee Break			
3:45 – 5:15PM	Exercise 2: Vaccination Case Study		Country Working Groups	Plenary Room
5:15 – 5:30PM	End of Day Recap	Samira Nikaein, Education Specialist and ECE Regional Focal Point at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
5:45PM	Bus leaving IPIC to Dusit Thani Hotel			
Optional Trip to the Louvre Museum				
6:20PM	Bus leaving Dusit Thani Hotel to the Louvre Museum			
7:00 – 8:00PM	Visit of the Louvre Museum			
8:20PM	Bus leaving Louvre Museum to Dusit Thani Hotel			
8:50PM	Arrival at Dusit Thani Hotel			

Day 2 | Monday, April 16

Time	Activity	Presenter	Format	Location
8:30AM	Bus departs from Dusit Thani Hotel to IPIC			
	RCT in Action:			
9:00 – 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to randomize: mechanics, timing, unit of randomization Stratification Clustering 	Sonya Krutikova, Director of the Centre for the Evaluation of Development Policies at IFS	Plenary	Plenary Room
10:00 – 10:45 AM	Case Study 2	Lauren Pisani, Senior Specialist, Learning Research at Save the Children	Plenary	Plenary Room
10:45 – 11:00AM	Coffee Break			
11:00 – 11:45AM	Can we detect an impact?	Alaka Holla, Senior Economist and SIEF Program Manager at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
11:45 – 12:15PM	Getting measurement right: An Overview 1	Abbie Raikes, Professor and Director of Global ECD Department at University of Nebraska	Plenary	Plenary Room
12:15 – 1:30PM	Prayer and Lunch Break			
1:30 – 2:00PM	Getting measurement right: An Overview 2	Abbie Raikes, Professor and Director of Global ECD Department at University of Nebraska	Plenary	Plenary Room
2:00 – 2:45PM	Measuring the school learning environment	Hirokazu Yoshikawa, Professor and Director of the Global TIES Center at New York University	Plenary	Plenary Room

2:45 – 3:30PM	Measuring the home environment and early child development outcomes	Lauren Pisani, Senior Specialist, Learning Research at Save the Children	Plenary	Plenary Room
3:30 – 3:45PM	Coffee Break			
3:45 – 5:15PM	Designing our own impact evaluation Step 1: Identifying the problem & potential solutions		Country Working Groups	Plenary Room
5:15 – 5:30PM	End of Day Recap	Samira Nikaein, Education Specialist and ECE Regional Focal Point at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
5:45PM	Bus leaving IPIC to Dusit Thani Hotel			
Optional Trip to Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque				
6:20PM	Bus leaving Dusit Thani Hotel to Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque			
7:00 – 8:00PM	Group visit of the Mosque			
8:00 – 8:15PM	Individual time around the Mosque			
8:30PM	Bus leaving the Mosque to Dusit Thani Hotel			
9:00PM	Arrival at Dusit Thani Hotel			

Day 3 | Tuesday, April 17

Time	Activity	Presenter	Format	Location
8:30AM	Bus departs from Dusit Thani Hotel to IPIC			
9:00 – 9:15AM	Morning Recap	Alaka Holla, Senior Economist and SIEF Program Manager at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
9:15 – 10:00AM	Sample size and Statistical power	Alaka Holla, Senior Economist and SIEF Program Manager at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
10:00 – 10:45AM	Exercise 3: Improving power		Country Working Groups	Plenary Room
10:45 – 11:00AM	Coffee Break			
11:00 – 11:45AM	Evaluation design: Identifying problems, potential solutions, and theory of change	Eboni Howard, Managing Researcher at American Institute for Research	Plenary	Plenary Room
11:45 – 12:15PM	Mid-workshop recap	Alonso Sánchez, Economist at WB, and Alaka Holla, Senior Economist and SIEF Program Manager at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
12:15 – 1:30PM	Prayer and Lunch Break			
1:30 – 2:00PM	Exercise 4	Alonso Sánchez, Economist at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
2:00 – 2:45PM	Interpreting results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External and internal validity • Hawthorne effects, John Henry effects • Attrition and (non) compliance 	Diane Early, Senior Research Scientist at Child Trends	Plenary	Plenary Room

2:45 – 3:30 PM	Designing our own impact evaluation Step 2: Developing a theory of change	Country Working Groups	Country Working Groups	Breakout Rooms
3:30 – 3:45PM	Coffee Break			
3:45 – 5:30M	Designing our own impact evaluation Step 3: What data do we need?	Country Working Groups	Country Working Groups	Breakout Rooms
5:30 – 5:45PM	End of Day Recap & Group Photo	Samira Nikaein, Education Specialist and ECE Regional Focal Point at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
6:00PM	Bus leaving IPIC to Dusit Thani Hotel			
Group Dinner				
6:35PM	Bus leaving Dusit Thani Hotel to Café Milano			
7:00 – 9:30PM	Group dinner			
9:40PM	Bus leaving Café Milano to Dusit Thani			
10:05PM	Arrival at Dusit Thani			

Day 4 | Wednesday, April 18

Time	Activity	Presenter	Format	Location
8:30AM	Bus departs from Dusit Thani Hotel to IPIC			
9:00 – 10:00AM	Costing of ECE	Pamela Jervis, Research Fellow at IFS	Plenary	Plenary Room
10:00 – 10:45AM	Exercise 5: Costing		Country Working Groups	Plenary Room
10:45 – 11:00AM	Coffee Break			
11:00 – 12:15PM	Designing our own impact evaluation Step 4: Experimental design		Country Working Groups	Breakout Rooms
12:15 – 1:30PM	Prayer and Lunch Break			
1:30 – 3:30PM	Designing our own impact evaluation Step 5: Experimental design (cont.) and Sample		Country Working Groups	Breakout Rooms
3:30 – 3:45PM	Coffee Break			
3:45 – 4:30PM	Designing our own impact evaluation Step 6: Implementation arrangements and budget		Country Working Groups	Breakout Rooms

4:30 – 5:15PM	Prepare presentations	Country Working Groups	Breakout Rooms	Breakout Rooms
5:15 – 5:30PM	End of Day Recap	Samira Nikaein, Education Specialist and ECE Regional Focal Point at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
6:00PM	Bus leaving IPIC to Dusit Thani Hotel			

Day 5 | Thursday, April 19

Time	Activity	Presenter	Format	Location
8:30AM	Bus departs from Dusit Thani Hotel to IPIC			
9:00 – 9:15AM	Introduction to presentations	Jana Fleming, Director of Center of Excellence in ECD at SHF Samira Nikaein, Education Specialist and ECE Regional Focal Point at WB	Plenary	Plenary Room
9:15 – 10:45AM	Presentations 1 – 3	Country Teams 1 – 3	Plenary	Plenary Room
10:45 – 11:00AM	Coffee Break			
11:00 – 12:15	Presentations 4 – 6	Country Teams 4 – 6	Plenary	Plenary Room

12:15 – 1:30PM	Prayer and Lunch Break			
1:30 – 3:00PM	Presentations 7 – 9	Country Teams 7 – 9	Plenary	Plenary Room
3:30 – 3:45PM	Coffee Break			
3:45 – 4:30PM	Closing Panel: Strategic directions for ECE research in MENA	Moderator: Jana Fleming, Director of Center of Excellence in ECD at SHF	Plenary	Auditorium
4:30 – 5:00PM	Closing Ceremony		Plenary	Auditorium
5:15PM	Bus Departs IPIC to Dusit Thani Hotel			
Optional Trip to the Mall				
6:00PM	Bus leaving Dusit Thani Hotel to Yas Mall			
6:45 – 9:00PM	Shopping at Yas Mall			
9:15PM	Bus leaving Yas Mall to Dusit Thani Hotel			
10:00PM	Arrival at Dusit Thani Hotel			