

Evidence and policy workshop, Graduate Institute (Maison de la Paix), 10 October 2019

Objective:

This half day-long workshop aims to contribute to policy research uptake in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Achieving the SDGs requires, inter alia, evidence-based policies and planning at all levels. Research uptake is essential to comprehend the dynamic trends in development. It is important to anticipate and prevent emerging challenges by channeling and supporting critical thinking in policy and advocacy debates.

This event will bring together researchers, practitioners, and global experts to discuss results from randomized impact evaluation methods (RCTs) in the area of migration, conflict, and development, focusing on select SDGs. RCTs are an increasingly popular method to assess what works in development. RCTs complement other methods and can be particularly useful for putting ideas to the test, for assessing alternative methods to deliver or implement projects, or to assess scaling up at large scale successful pilots.

Because successful impact evaluations benefit from close partnerships between academics and practitioners, this workshop will discuss challenges and opportunities for furthering collaboration in this space.

Format: Round table discussions / panel presentations / 40-60 participants from academia, governments, international and non-governmental organizations

Preliminary Agenda:

13h20 Welcome and Introductions Simone Dietrich (University of Geneva, EGAP)

13h30 -14h30 Crosscutting roundtable on practitioner-research partnerships: what are challenges and best practices for making the SDGs real

Moderator: Simone Dietrich

Participants:

Petru Dumitru, Inspector, Joint Inspections Unit, United Nations

Rebecca Wolfe, Mercy Corps and EGAP

Jacobus de Hoop, Manager of Humanitarian Policy Research, UNICEF Office of Research, Innocenti

14h30 – 17h PARALLEL SESSIONS:

PARALLEL SESSION 1: Migration and Development

Moderator: Morgan Holmes, World Bank

Presentation 1: Macartan Humphreys, Social Science Center Berlin and EGAP: "**Migration and Misinformation in Nigeria**"

Practitioner Response: Sybella Wilkes, Senior Communications Officer, UNHCR

Q&A

Presentation 2: Tolga Sinmazdemir: "**Diversity Without Adversity? Mitigating Identity-Based Bias Towards Refugees in Turkey.**" London School of Economics and EGAP

Practitioner Response: Cecile Riallant, Lead, Migration and Sustainable Development, IOM

Q&A

15h30-16h Coffee Break

Presentation 3: Dominik Hangartner, ETH Zurich: **"How Do Refugee Crises End? The Micro-Dynamics of Refugee Return"**

Practitioner Response: Michelle Leighton, Chief, Labour Migration Branch, ILO

Q&A

Presentation 4: Maarten Voors, Wageningen University and EGAP: **"Assessing the Effects of Humanitarian Assistance on Internally Displaced Households: Experimental Evidence from a Voucher Program in the Congo"**

Practitioner Response: Simone Giger, Head, Migration and Development, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Q&A

PARALLEL SESSION 2: Conflict, Peace, and Reconciliation

Moderator: Alyscia D'Onofrio, International Rescue Committee

Presentation 1: Andres Moya, Universidad de Los Andes and EGAP: **"Promoting Recovery and Resilience for Victims of Violence and Refugees: Lessons from Colombia"**

Practitioner Response: Nils Rosemann, Head Centre of Competence Conflict and Human Rights, Swiss, Agency for Development and Cooperation

Q&A

Presentation 2: Rezarta Bilali, New York University and EGAP: **"Harnessing the Power of Stories to Promote Peace in Conflict Contexts"**

Practitioner Response: Katia Papagianni, Director, Policy and Mediation Support, Center for Humanitarian Dialogue

Q&A

15h30-16h Coffee Break

Presentation 3: Alex Scacco, Social Science Center Berlin and EGAP: **"Vocational Training and Urban Youth in Nigeria"**

Practitioner Response: Tine Staermose, Senior Adviser to ILO's Deputy Director-General for Policy

Q&A

Presentation 4: Cyrus Samii, New York University and EGAP: **"How Recognizing Ethnic Identity Promotes Peace."** (confirmed)

Practitioner Response: Mona Rishmawi, Chief of Rule of Law and Non-Discrimination Branch, The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (confirmed)

Q&A

17h-17h30 Wrap-up and Future Events

17h30-18h30 Reception