

CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

USING RESEARCH TO ADVANCE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AS A CASE STUDY

• December 11, 2019 • Ronald Reagan Building • Rotunda Room, 8th Floor • Pennsylvania/North Tower

MEETING AGENDA

8:00-9:00 **Registration and Breakfast** – Rotunda Room, Pennsylvania Tower
Ronald Reagan Building

9:00-9:10 **Introduction and Overview of the Day** Steve Yank

9:10-9:20 **What Do We Mean by Research in the Context of International Development?
And Why Women's Empowerment as a Case Study?** Ticora Jones

9:20-10:45 **SECTOR Discussion Groups** Discussion Facilitators

Convening participants will divide into the 4 distinct sector groups – EDUCATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, DIGITAL/TECHNOLOGY, and HEALTH INNOVATION – represented today to discuss how research utilization is taking place within each of their sectors and how/when it is more/less effective. Each group will also prepare a 2-3 minute summary of their discussion to share with the whole meeting.

Note: Discussion groups will meet in the Rotunda Room and Suite 440 on the fourth floor. The Facilitation Team will direct each group to their designated breakout space.

10:45-11:00 **Networking & Coffee Break**

11:00-11:30 **Read-out and Plenary Discussion – SECTOR Discussion Group** Steve Yank

11:30-12:00 **Two Lightning Talks – Digital / Technology & Education** Invited Speakers

12:00-1:00 **Lunch**

1:00-1:30 **Two Lightning Talks – Entrepreneurship & Innovations in Health** Invited Speakers

1:30-2:30 **ACTOR Discussion Groups** Discussion Facilitators

Convening participants will divide into the 4 distinct actor groups – RESEARCHERS, FUNDERS, IMPLEMENTERS, and POLICY MAKERS – represented today to discuss what's working/not working for your actor group in the context of research utilization. Each group will also prepare a 2-3 minute summary of their discussion to share with the whole meeting.

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2:30-2:45 **Networking & Coffee Break**

2:45-3:15 **Read-out and Plenary Discussion – ACTOR Discussion Group** Steve Yank

3:15-4:15 **Case Studies and Context – Where Can We Go from Here?** Discussion Facilitators

Convening participants will sit at mixed tables for a closing discussion in light of the insights shared throughout the day

4:15-4:30 **Closing Remarks and Event Evaluation** Ticora Jones

EVENT ORGANIZERS

This event is sponsored by the Global Development Lab, Center for Development Research, within the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The Global Development Lab serves as an innovation hub within USAID designed to source new solutions for development and accelerate the transformation of the development enterprise. The event is organized by NORC at the University of Chicago under the auspices of the USAID-funded Research Technical Assistance Center (RTAC).