Innovating for positive social change

Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2020

CEGA is a West Coast hub for global development research. Headquartered at UC Berkeley, CEGA’s large, interdisciplinary research network—including a growing number of scholars from low- and middle-income countries—identifies and tests innovations designed to reduce poverty and promote development. Our researchers use rigorous and transparent methods as well as novel measurement tools—including wireless sensors, mobile data, and analytics—to evaluate complex programs. Through careful matchmaking, competitive grant-making, and targeted dissemination, CEGA ensures that the evidence we produce informs policy and improves lives.
2020 has been a year like no other: a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, social unrest, and frightening consequences of climate change. But there is a silver lining: researchers are collaborating and driving policy impact more than ever before. At CEGA, we are forging new partnerships and deepening existing ones to generate relevant, timely, and actionable evidence for decision-makers to improve lives around the world.

This year, we launched a special COVID-19 response effort called Targeting Aid Better, led by CEGA Faculty co-Director Josh Blumenstock, which provides direct support to governments and development partners seeking to dynamically target emergency aid to the most vulnerable using big data and innovative machine learning approaches. Through this initiative, CEGA has already helped the Government of Togo target cash transfers to over 560,000 people, and has established similar partnerships with the Governments of Bangladesh, Nigeria, and others.

Additionally, we launched a series of activities to facilitate COVID-19 response in the Global South and support our research community. CEGA researchers are generating much-needed data on who is affected, and in what ways—for example through our Kenya COVID Tracker, and are collaborating closely with partner centers to ensure open access to studies, results, resources, and funding opportunities. CEGA staff are further supporting and sharing research on effective policy responses, in part by funding new COVID-related research, expanding knowledge dissemination efforts for policymakers and the public, and working with government and partners to operationalize key findings.

Meanwhile, over the past year, CEGA continued to fund critical research and drive exciting policy change. A landmark study demonstrated that the economic benefits of treating children for intestinal worms persist 20 years later. Sierra Leone’s major political parties may change their constitutions to make Parliamentary candidate selection more democratic, informed by research conducted through CEGA’s Economic Development and Institutions (EDI) initiative. Research funded by the Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI) enabled a new startup, which is scaling evidence-based approaches to increase farmer incomes in Northeastern Nigeria. The Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS) opened up the analysis behind Senator Elizabeth Warren’s progressive wealth tax and, separately, launched a new prediction platform to elicit forecasts of study results, helping policy makers and social scientists improve experimental design.

And we continue to expand our focus and reach. Our Digital Credit Observatory (DCO) is supporting new studies on digital credit and women’s economic empowerment in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. Our Global Networks program—which empowers scholars from the Global South to collaborate on rigorous impact evaluation research—expanded to West Africa and supported three new health evaluations co-created with Government partners in Kenya and Uganda. The Psychology and Economics of Poverty (PEP) initiative, recently renewed for another two years, supported 13 research projects exploring how poverty affects cognition, mental health, and early childhood development outcomes. Finally, we continued to push the frontier of leveraging non-traditional data sources—including call detail records, satellite imagery, and sensor networks—to generate real-time insights and design “right-fit” programs for people living in poverty.

The global pandemic has shone a light on the need for more evidence-informed decision-making. We are committed to working with our colleagues around the world to ensure that decisions affecting millions of people living in poverty are made with the best evidence and analytical tools available. We couldn’t do this without our diverse network of donors and partners. Thank you for your continued commitment to our mission to support research that improves lives and inspires inclusive development around the globe.

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2020 BY THE NUMBERS

123 affiliated researchers across 13 disciplines at 17 universities
$40M competitively awarded to research projects since 2009
430 studies supported across 55 countries
$2.2M awarded to 122 graduate student projects in 35 countries since 2009
47 researchers from low and middle-income countries (LMIC) trained in impact evaluation methods at UC Berkeley since 2009

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Since 2009, CEGA has co-managed the Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI) with the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL). In that time, ATAI has funded nearly 70 randomized evaluations and pilot studies testing interventions designed to improve the lives of smallholder farmers who make up a majority of the world’s poorest people. The result is a comprehensive evidence base on what helps and what hinders farmers’ adoption of technologies and access to markets, and how this can improve incomes and welfare.

Policy makers and partners are now calling for an “agricultural transformation” that integrates smallholder farmers and laborers into food systems to reduce rural poverty and food insecurity. In 2019, the ATAI program pivoted to funding evaluations exploring improved contracting, infrastructure, financing, and institutional innovations to test approaches that might propel such agricultural market development in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Research funded to advance this agenda includes testing a system in Kenya to help farmers detect and report counterfeit seeds, studies in Rwanda and Senegal testing strategies to preserve crop quality, and exploratory work in Uganda, Namibia, and pastoralist northern Kenya.

CEGA’s work in agriculture is made possible with generous support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Agriculture

Agriculture is a critical source of income for the majority of the world’s poorest people. CEGA’s agriculture portfolio explores how access to markets, technologies, information, and financial services could improve the lives of smallholder farmers by boosting rural household’s food security and income.

POLICY IMPACT

CEGA Research Inspires Agriculture Start-Up
Research conducted by CEGA affiliate Marshall Burke (Stanford), Faculty co-Director Ted Miguel, and Lauren Falcao Bergquist (University of Michigan), recently inspired the launch of Taimaka—a startup nonprofit that provides carefully-timed loans to farmers in Northeastern Nigeria. The research, conducted in partnership with implementer One Acre Fund, evaluated the impacts of a financial service suggested by Kenyan maize farmers during focus groups. They found that offering farmers loans immediately after harvest helped them store more crops, buy and sell maize at more opportune times, and ultimately increase their revenue. Local farmers who did not receive the post-harvest loan also benefited. By spreading out the timing of maize sales, maize prices at harvest increased, further benefiting farmers who continued to sell their crops immediately after harvest.

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• 7 new studies launched in Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, Senegal, and Uganda in 2020

• Over $9M supporting 66 evaluations in 18 countries since 2009 by the Agriculture Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI)

• CEGA research inspired the work of agriculture start-up Taimaka to scale maize storage loans in Gombe, Nigeria in 2019 and 2020

EMRE GENCER
CEGA investigates how financial services can help low-income households save, invest, and spend in ways that improve their livelihoods. Our financial inclusion portfolio informs decisions about the design, delivery, and impacts of digital finance products, currently focusing on digital credit. This year we continued our work on the Digital Credit Observatory (DCO), supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation since 2016, by selecting 6 additional digital credit studies in Ethiopia, Nigeria, Uganda, India, Myanmar, and Malawi to study women’s access and empowerment. In future years, we will build upon this important gender-focused research, identifying complementarities with other CEGA programs.

CEGA’s Financial Inclusion Lab—a complementary initiative seeded by Visa in 2015—explores whether financial products and services can “onramp” households and small businesses into the formal financial sector to achieve more inclusive economic activity and growth in emerging markets. The initiative continues to support projects in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

CEGA’s work in financial inclusion is made possible with generous support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Visa.

- 18 evaluations in 12 countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America funded since 2014 by the Digital Credit Observatory (DCO) and Financial Inclusion Lab (FIL)
- $340,000 awarded to 6 new digital credit studies exploring questions about women’s access and empowerment in Ethiopia, Nigeria, Uganda, India, Myanmar, and Malawi
- Research teams testing agricultural credit and insurance products shared policy insights with decision makers in Kenya, and the government of Odisha, India in 2020
CEGA’s Data Science for Development portfolio leverages advances in machine learning and “big” data sources—like satellite imagery, mobile phone records, text and image data, and sensor networks—to change the way we measure global development and direct services to at-need populations. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, CEGA launched the Targeting Aid Better (Targeting) initiative to fund innovative approaches—developed in collaboration with governments and NGOs—that quickly target aid to the world’s most vulnerable households and small businesses.

Meanwhile, CEGA hosted our annual conferences showcasing the use of novel tools for targeting and measuring the impacts of development interventions. “Measuring Development: Data Integration and Data Fusion”—hosted jointly with the World Bank’s Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) team—explored how new sources of “big” data are changing the landscape of global development, while offering timely research opportunities during the COVID-19 crisis. This year, CEGA also launched its Geospatial Analysis for Development (Geo4Dev) Initiative, aimed at providing resources, convening opportunities, and training workshops around uses of geospatial data for global development.

CEGA’s work on data science for development is made possible with generous support from an anonymous donor.
The Economic Development & Institutions (EDI) program was launched in 2015 to fill critical research gaps on the role public institutions play in catalyzing economic growth and development. In collaboration with Oxford Policy Management, CEGA leads a portfolio of 30 randomized evaluations and pilot studies measuring the impacts of policy reforms in direct partnership with government bodies or civil society groups. While most EDI research is ongoing, we are seeing tangible program and policy impacts. Most recently, Sierra Leone’s major political parties have indicated they may change their constitutions to make the Parliamentary candidate selection more democratic, based on findings from EDI-funded research (see adjacent for more detail).

CEGA’s work in institutions is generously funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

• 30 randomized evaluations in 12 countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America funded since 2015 as part of the Economic Development and Institutions (EDI) initiative

• Researchers contributed to legislation that helps citizens better navigate the Mexico City Labor Court

• Pakistani officials conducted the first ever training of marriage registrars in response to research, sparking an international conversation about protecting Muslim women’s rights in marriage

• Sierra Leone’s major political parties announced they may change their constitutions in response to research to make Parliamentary candidate selection more democratic

CEGA works with governments and civil society to test improvements to judicial processes, elections, tax collection, and other critical public services. We rigorously evaluate reforms that share information, shift incentives, or select personnel to strengthen political processes and improve the performance and accountability of governments.

POLICY IMPACT
Making Elections More Democratic in Sierra Leone

CEGA Affiliate Katherine Casey (Stanford) partnered with both major political parties in Sierra Leone to conduct a novel randomized evaluation, varying how much input registered voters had in selecting candidates for the 2018 Parliamentary elections. Results show that learning which candidates voters preferred in primary races increased representation. Officials from both parties have expressed interest in using these reforms as standard practice in the selection of candidates.
The Development Impact Lab (DIL), an applied research program funded by USAID in collaboration with the US Global Development Lab and co-managed with the Blum Center for Developing Economies at UC Berkeley, is now in its ninth year. Since its inception in 2012, DIL has formalized a course of study in “Development Engineering” at UC Berkeley and supported 100 research projects, reaching well over 2 million beneficiaries with technology interventions designed to improve welfare and economic development.

Today, DIL supports a suite of “cash benchmarking studies” in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Liberia, and Rwanda that explores the potential of cash transfers as a way to measure the success of anti-poverty programs, and has helped to institutionalize this approach within USAID (see adjacent for more detail). Meanwhile, DIL continues to support an assessment of mobile payment adoption among agricultural cooperatives in Rwanda, an evaluation of the GridWatch power grid monitoring technology in Ghana, management of the Development Engineering journal, and the production of an open-source Development Engineering textbook, expected Spring 2021.

CEGA’s work on technology is made possible with generous support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Technology

Technology offers new opportunities for low-income households to access education, health care, financial services, employment, and information. CEGA leverages interdisciplinary collaborations between engineers, ICT professionals, social scientists, and data scientists to design and evaluate technologies that promise to improve livelihoods and drive economic growth for low-income households.

POLICY IMPACT

“Cash Benchmarking” Studies Drive Evidence Revolution at USAID

USAID’s investment in a series of landmark “cash benchmarking” studies led by CEGA and conducted through DIL, is perhaps the agency’s boldest move to promote innovation in evaluation and measurement, and represents the first attempt by a bilateral donor to undertake this particular approach to programmatic evaluation. This year, CEGA affiliate Craig McIntosh (UCSD) and Andrew Zeitlin (Georgetown), released results from a randomized evaluation in Rwanda showing that a USAID-funded workforce readiness program, was successful at improving important outcomes (work hours, productive assets, savings, and subjective well-being), and that cash was relatively more successful on a cost-equivalent basis.

• 3 new studies launched in Ghana (scale-up of a grid-monitoring technology), Rwanda (mobile money), and Cote D’Ivoire (mobile microscopy for Schistosomiasis) totalling $2.46 million in 2020

• Over 100 projects in 35 countries funded through the Development Impact Lab (DIL) since 2013

• The highly-anticipated results of a DIL study comparing cash grants to a workforce readiness program in Rwanda were released, helping to inspire an evidence revolution at USAID

• New evidence on the adoption of community cellular networks in the Philippines suggests that the technology—initially backed by DIL and CEGA—brings low-cost, high-impact cellular connectivity to remote communities

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Launched in 2018 and renewed in 2020, CEGA’s Psychology and Economics of Poverty (PEP) initiative drives new interdisciplinary research on how poverty affects cognition, health, and well-being. The PEP initiative investigates the relationships between poverty and beliefs, aspirations, mental health, stress, and cognition, with insights for social and economic development programming on a large scale. This year, CEGA competitively funded 13 exploratory grants and spearheaded a new, full scale study.

As part of the Health and Psychology portfolio, CEGA co-Faculty Director, Ted Miguel, finalized a landmark study suggesting that low-cost deworming interventions in Kenya shows lasting economic benefits 20 years later (see adjacent for more detail).

Meanwhile, study results from our Behavioral Economics in Reproductive Health Initiative (BERI), are beginning to generate policy impacts with Government and NGO partners. For example, a large-scale intervention bolstering soft skills in Ugandan youth led to positive educational and reproductive health outcomes four years later.

CEGA’s work on health and psychology is made possible with generous support from GiveWell, Good Ventures, the National Institutes of Health, the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, UC Davis Feed the Future Innovation Lab Markets, Risk and Resilience Program, USAID’s Development Innovation Ventures and an anonymous donor.

POLICY IMPACT

Long-term Effects of Deworming in Kenya

A new landmark study, managed by CEGA Faculty co-Director Ted Miguel and co-authors, shows that a small investment in medication to treat worm infections (< $0.50 per child per year) in young Kenyan students has had a dramatic impact decades later. Those who received the treatment for 2 to 3 years in primary school now have better jobs, higher wages and a higher standard of living, when compared to those who didn’t. This new 20-year follow-up study confirms that effects for treated individuals persist into adulthood. This groundbreaking study adds to the growing suite of deworming literature that has influenced policy worldwide. For example, it inspired the creation of the Deworm the World Initiative, managed by Evidence Action, which supports school-based deworming worldwide, and has influenced several countries to institute national school-based deworming programs. In 2019, more than 280 million children in India, Kenya, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Pakistan received school-based deworming treatment.
CEGA’s Global Networks (GN) program drives structural change in development research by empowering scholars from low- and middle-income countries to conduct rigorous impact evaluation research and contribute to critical policy debates. GN initiatives provide in-depth training, mentorship, and professional development opportunities to scholars from East and West Africa, along with funding for collaborative research.

CEGA’s Global Networks program invests in the capacity of scholars from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to conduct high-quality research on poverty and economic development. The program represents CEGA’s deep commitment to building a research network that is inclusive and empowering of individuals from the regions we ultimately seek to serve.

While in-person events and semester-long fellowships at UC Berkeley were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, new opportunities to reach LMIC researchers have emerged. In this sense, the crisis created an unprecedented opportunity to dramatically expand access to valuable networks and resources for researchers in the Global South. Over the last year, CEGA deliberately opened our events and funding opportunities to foster a more collaborative and diverse research community, ultimately building regional leadership in the generation of rigorous, policy-relevant social science research. Our Global Networks programs, discussed below, are the foundation for this work.

- **47** fellows from East Africa and South Asia to date, including **7** in 2020
- **33** evaluations in **9** countries funded since 2013 by the Development Impact West Africa (DIWA) initiative, BRAAC-CEGA Learning Collaborative (BCLC), the East Africa Social Science Translation Collaborative (EASST), and the Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE)
- **13** new studies launched in Uganda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Nigeria, Benin totalling **$316,000** in 2020
- **Research** from CEGA’s East Africa Social Science Translation (EASST) program informed a decision by Tanzania’s Ministry of Education and local governments to **scale capitation grants** across all public primary and secondary schools
East Africa Social Science Translation Collaborative (EASST)

This year, seven new scholars joined CEGA’s East Africa Social Science Translation (EASST) network. Scholars received training in impact evaluation and implementation science methods at UC Berkeley, as well as catalytic grants that allow them to train others in their home countries. EASST also competitively awarded nearly $300k to collaborative research projects focused on critical development topics, including four full-scale studies and two pilot studies in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, and (for the first time) Burundi—with topics spanning from improving malaria treatment in private health facilities, to empowering female farmers, to increasing trust in formal saving products. EASST also led the CEGA Summer Seminar Series, a virtual forum for sharing early-stage and recently completed work in development economics, which included one participant each from Africa and the US.

EASST is supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

Development West Africa (DIWA)

Development Impact West Africa (DIWA), a partnership between CEGA and the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, launched this year. The three-year pilot project equips Ghanaian academics with the expertise to conduct rigorous impact evaluations of public programs, increases decision-makers’ use of these evaluations through targeted training, and establishes collaborative research projects together with US-based researchers. This year, we hosted a virtual training and matchmaking workshop, for 60 West African academics and policymakers. We also introduced our inaugural research grant competition to fund rigorous evaluations of projects prioritized by the Government of Ghana.

DIWA is made possible with generous support from the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation.

BRAC-CEGA Learning Collaborative

The BRAC-CEGA Learning Collaborative (BCLC) helps institutionalize the generation and use of rigorous evidence within BRAC International (which operates in Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, and Liberia). This year, the collaborative hosted three fellows from BRAC at UC Berkeley to develop expertise in rigorous program evaluation, and will work to incorporate their knowledge within BRAC. Meanwhile, 14 BRAC research staff enhanced their analytical skills by completing CEGA’s Applied Impact Evaluation online course. BCLC also awarded three travel grants for CEGA affiliated researchers to visit BRAC offices and explore potential avenues for research collaboration.

The BCLC is made possible with generous support from the International Development Research Centre.

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE)

The Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) brings together faculty and advanced graduate students in Economics and Political Science who combine field research experience in Africa with training in political economy methods. In July 2019, WGAPE hosted its first ever meeting on the African continent at the University of Cape Town, where 24 participants—including 15 Africa-based scholars—participated. For the first time ever, WGAPE awarded exploratory grants to junior African researchers. Seven grants were awarded from over 250 applications to conduct research on a variety of topics, ranging from internet crimes in Nigeria to political participation during the COVID-19 pandemic in Benin.

WGAPE is made possible with generous support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.
CEGA’s transparency initiatives advance ethical, transparent, and reproducible research practices, which are critical for ensuring integrity in science and informing effective public policy. The Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS), Open Policy Analysis (OPA) initiative, and Cost Transparency Initiative (CTI) study research norms and incentives, and support the adoption of transparency practices through training and the development of enabling tools and policies.

BITSS held our first online Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training (RT2) this year, hosting 53 scholars from 25 different countries, including 12 LMICs. We also distributed over 200 free copies of *Transparent and Reproducible Social Science Research*, the first comprehensive open science textbook to students, researchers, and instructors. We launched the Social Science Prediction Platform (SSPP) where over 2,100 scientists are systematically collecting and sharing predictions about the results of research. Finally, we produced a Guide for Accelerating Computational Reproducibility in Economics (ACRE) in collaboration with the American Economic Association’s Data Editor. This will complement a forthcoming online platform to facilitate the sourcing, cataloging, and community review of reproductions.

Our second OPA case study opens up the cost-effectiveness analysis behind Evidence Action’s (EA) Deworm the World program. Our fully open and reproducible report allows users like EA to see how costs and benefits vary as assumptions or contexts change.

Finally, CEGA’s Cost Transparency Initiative—new to this body of work and launched this year—explores ways to increase the collection and analysis of program cost data as a valuable input to the policymaking process.

CEGA’s work in transparency is made possible with generous support from the National Institutes of Health; the National Science Foundation; the Laura and John Arnold Foundation; the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation; the Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Accountability, Inequality, and Rationality; the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and an anonymous donor.

- **Over 2,100** users contributing forecasts to 8 research projects on the Social Science Prediction Platform, launched in FY20.
- **128** working papers and open access post-prints on meta-scientific research hosted on MetaArXiv, our free post-preprint service.
- **200** free copies of *Transparent and Reproducible Social Science Research*, the first comprehensive open science textbook, distributed in 18 countries including 10 LMICs.
- **1,640** students, faculty, researchers, and policy analysts directly trained at BITSS-led workshops and **1,500** more trained through Catalyst workshops since 2017.
- **New Guidelines for Accelerating Computational Reproducibility in Economics** developed with the American Economic Association Data (AEA) Data Editor.

Promoting ethical, transparent, and reproducible research practices can improve the integrity of social science and inspire better policy. The Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS), along with CEGA’s Cost Transparency Initiative (CTI) and our work on Open Policy Analysis (OPA), all seek to understand research practices and incentives, develop effective tools, build researcher capacity, and support institutional adoption of relevant policies.
Today, unprecedented movements of people within and across national borders generate a host of complex challenges for displaced individuals, host communities, and policymakers. CEGA is devoted to addressing these obstacles by rigorously examining the causes and consequences of migration, as well as the effectiveness of promising responses.

In response to humanitarian crises around the world, local governments and NGOs face a host of complex challenges, from the establishment of unique identification to the provision of emergency health services, shelter, education, and economic opportunities to the displaced. Host communities also face major disruptions, including conflict, competition for resources and jobs, and strain on infrastructure. CEGA is generating much needed evidence on the global refugee crisis to inform critical policy decisions and the effective allocation of aid.

This year, CEGA Faculty Director Ted Miguel and affiliate Sandra Razo partnered with the Norwegian Refugee Council in Jordan to evaluate the effectiveness of a flexible housing support program for Syrian refugees in Jordan. They are analyzing results from 2,200 phone surveys that collected short-run program effects and are working to deploy a series of rapid phone surveys with a subset of their representative panel to understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on this population. Meanwhile, several CEGA affiliated faculty actively conduct research related to refugees and migration. Affiliates Daniel Masterson and Jeremy Weinstein are currently rolling out a representative panel with Syrian refugees in Lebanon, employing unique data collection methods to improve response rates. Affiliate Yang-Yang Zhou is drafting a book on resentment towards refugees and the politics of migrant exclusion by minority populations in Tanzania.

• Over $375,000 raised to support research on refugees and migration in 2020
• 3,000 remote and in-person surveys conducted with refugee households as part of the flagship Syrian Refugee Life Study
• Collaborative agenda-setting event with Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative, engaging 16 academics from 8 disciplines flagship Syrian Refugee Life Study
• 3 evaluations funded since 2013, exploring the effects of migrant loan and safe migration programs in Bangladesh and informed college choice for rural students in China
Featured Events

**Africa**

- **November 29, 2019**
  EASST Catalyst Workshop: Institutionalizing Impact Evaluation
  Tanzania

- **July 9, 2019**
  Working Group in African Political Economy: Annual Meeting
  Kenya

- **July 23, 2019**
  BITSS Catalyst workshop: Transparency and Reproducibility at the 8th EASST Summit
  Kenya

- **November 28, 2019**
  EASST Catalyst workshop: Institutionalizing Impact Evaluation
  Kenya

- **July 22, 2019**
  8th Annual EASST Summit
  Kenya

**Europe**

- **July 6, 2019**
  BITSS Catalyst Workshop: Introducing Meta-Analytic Methods for Psychological Sciences
  The Netherlands

**North America**

- **January 5, 2020**
  Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) 2020 Panel: How Can Economics Solve Its Race Problem?
  San Diego, CA

- **September 11, 2020**
  Research Transparency and Reproducibility (RT2) Training
  Washington, DC

- **October 29, 2019**
  Evidence to Action: Innovations in Health Data and Measurement
  San Francisco, CA

- **December 13, 2019**
  BITSS Annual Meeting
  Berkeley, CA

**Virtual**

- **June 22, 2020**
  Development Impact West Africa Training and Matchmaking

- **May 6, 2020**
  Digital Credit Observatory Webinar: Fintech and Household Resilience to Shocks

- **March 31, 2020**
  Measuring Development 2020: Data Integration and Data Fusion

- **March 14, 2020**
  Pacific Development Conference (PacDev)

- **June 10, 2020**
  COVID-19 in the Global South: Economic Impacts and Recovery

- **May 19, 2020**
  Inequality and Place: Urban Economics Research Workshop

- **April 24, 2020**
  Working Group in African Political Economy: 2020 Regional Meeting
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