

The Board on Children, Youth, and Families

**Forum on Investing in Young Children Globally (iYCG)
Investing in Young Children Globally: The Cost of Inaction
Workshop #1**

National Academy of Sciences Building
2101 Constitution Ave NW
LECTURE ROOM
Washington, DC 20418

Workshop Objectives:

- Examine the question of whether the science converges on a set of universal elements that support children's developmental potential from preconception to age 8 across areas of health, education, nutrition and social protection
- Address elements that may vary by geographic context and diverse populations including children with disabilities
- Explore opportunities for scientifically grounded investments in young children globally to promote children's health, growth, and development
- Highlight the potential economic consequences of investing (or not) in young children and their caregivers

Day 1 – Thursday, April 17, 2014

LECTURE ROOM

- 8:30 am **Welcome iYCG Mission, Goals, Objectives, Sponsors:** Zulfiqar Bhutta (co-chair, iYCG)
- 8:45 am **Keynote:** Linking Children's Developmental Potential to a Nation's Developmental Potential
- 9:30 am **Panel 1 The Science of "Developmental Potential"**
Moderator: Kofi Marfo, University of South Florida
Speakers:
- Michael Georgieff, University of Minnesota
 - Maureen Durkin, University of Wisconsin
 - Robert Serpell, University of Zambia
- 10:50 am BREAK (15 minutes)
- 11:05 am **Panel 2 What is the State of the World's Young Children and their Caregivers?**
Moderator: Andy Shih, Autism Speaks
Speakers:
- Donald Bundy, World Bank
 - Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, Cornell University
 - Mickey Chopra UNICEF
 - Maysoun Chehab, UNESCO

- 12:25 pm **LUNCH**
- 1:00 pm **Panel 3 What measures/indicators exist to track progress towards supporting children’s developmental potential?**
- Moderator:** Joan Lombardi, Bernard van Leer Foundation
- Speakers:**
- Tarun Dua, World Health Organization
 - Abbie Raikes, UNESCO (via WebEx)
 - Patricia Kariger, University of California, Berkeley
 - Claudia Cappa, UNICEF
- 2:20 pm **BREAK (25 minutes)**
- 2:45 pm **Panel 4 What are the essential conditions/supports to promote children reaching their developmental potential?**
- Moderator:** Chloe O’Gara, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- Speakers:**
- Atif Rahman, University of Liverpool
 - Amina Abubakar, Tilburg University
 - Aarti Kumar, Community Empowerment Lab
 - Lia Fernald, University of California, Berkeley
- 4:05 pm **Summary of panels 1-4**
- Kofi Marfo
 - Andy Shih
 - Joan Lombardi
 - Chloe O’Gara
- 4:45 pm **Closing remarks & Preview of next day**
Zulfiqar Bhutta, Co-chair, iYCG
- 5:00 pm **Adjourn**
- 6:00 -8:00 pm **Dinner for Forum Members**

Day 2 - Friday, April 18, 2014

LECTURE ROOM

- 8:30 am **Welcome and moderated discussion from Day 1 (Zulfiqar Bhutta, iYCG co-chair)**
- 9:30 am **Panel 5 Given the current trends across multiple domains of children’s health and development, including their caregiving environment, what are the expected consequences for the world’s children? How does this link to global development and current investments?**

Moderator: Gillian Huebner, USAID

Speakers:

- Paul Gertler, University of California, Berkeley
- Ramanan Laxminarayan, The Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics, & Policy
- Sunita Kishor, Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)
- Norbert Schady, Inter-American Development Bank

10:50 am **BREAK (10 minutes)**

11:00 am **Panel 6 Employing existing cost-benefit studies, what is expected to be the cost of inaction (or action) toward investing in young children globally?**

Moderator: Hirokazu Yoshikawa, New York University

Speakers:

- Jere Behrman, University of Pennsylvania
- Ziba Vaghri, University of British Columbia
- Constanza Alarcon, Presidency of the Republic, Colombia
- Quentin Wodon, World Bank

12:20 pm **Summary of panels 5-6**

- Gillian Huebner
- Hiro Yoshikawa

12:40 pm **Lunch**

12:40 pm – 4 pm CLOSED SESSION – FORUM MEMBERS ONLY