



IFPRI-Michigan State University Workshop:  
Input Subsidy Programs in Sub-Saharan Africa: Methods, Findings, and Implications for Policy  
IFPRI, Washington, D.C., April 16-17, 2013

TUESDAY APRIL 16TH, CONFERENCE ROOM 4BC

8:45-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:10 Welcome and Opening Remarks, *Maximo Torero (Director MTID, IFPRI)*

9:10-9:35 Introductory Issues, *Thomas Jayne and Shahidur Rashid*

The session will outline the background and motivation for the workshop and the Special Issue of Agricultural Economics.

**Session 1: Cross-Cutting Issues Concerning Input Subsidy Programs**

*Moderator: Joseph Rusike*

9:35-9:55 General Equilibrium Effects of Input Subsidy Programs on Maize Prices: Evidence from Malawi and Zambia, *Jacob Ricker-Gilbert*

9:55-10:20 Discussion

10:20-10:50 Coffee Break

10:50-11:10 Lessons from Input Subsidy Programs in Selected Asian Countries, *Shahidur Rashid, Paul Dorosh, and M.K. Mujeri*

11:10-11:35 Discussion

11:35-11:55 The Last Mile in Modern Input Distribution, *Bart Minten, David Stifel, Bethelhem Kuru*

11:55-12:15 Discussion

12:15-1:00 Lunch, Conference Area 4th floor

**Session 2: Country Experiences (Malawi)**

*Moderator: Duncan Boughton*

1:00-1:20 Malawi FISP Review, *Rodney Lunduka, Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, and Monica Fisher*

1:20-1:40 Impact of Alternative Input Subsidy Exit Strategies on Malawi's Maize Commodity Market, *Mariam Mapila*

1:40-2:00 Do Agricultural Input Subsidies Have Dynamic Causal Effects on Aggregate District and Disaggregate Farm Household Level Outcomes? Evidence from Malawi, *Joseph Rusike*

2:00-2:45 Discussion

2:45-3:10 Coffee Break

**Session 3: Other Country Experiences in SSA**

*Moderator: Mariam Mapila*

3:10-3:30 Nigeria Input Subsidy Program Assessment, *Saweda Liverpool-Tasie and Hiro Takeshima*

3:30-3:50 Zambia FISP review, *Nicole Mason, T.S. Jayne, and Rhoda Mofya*

3:50-4:10 How did Ethiopia increase fertilizer use without direct subsidy program? An In-Depth Look, *Nicholas Minot and Shahidur Rashid*

4:10-4:45 Discussion

**Session 4: Synthesis Discussion from Day 1**

*Moderator: Derek Byerlee*

4:45-4:55 Panelist 1: *Ephraim Nkonya*

4:55-5:05 Panelist 2: *Gershon Feder*

5:05-5:45 Moderated Plenary Discussion

5:45-6:30 Cocktail Reception, Conference Area 4th floor

Opening Remarks by *Ms. Rajul Pandya-Lorch, Chief of Staff, DGO*

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**Session 5: Broader Considerations of Input Subsidy Programs**

*Moderator: Ephraim Nkonya*

- 9:00-9:20** How do Fertilizer Subsidy Programs Affect Total Fertilizer Use? A Synthesis of the Evidence on “Crowding in/Out” in Sub-Saharan Africa, **T.S. Jayne**, *David Mather, Nicole Mason, Jake Ricker-Gilbert*
- 9:20-9:40** Market Concentration and Pricing Behavior in the Fertilizer Industry: A Global Approach, *Maximo Torero and Manuel Hernandez*
- 9:40-10:15** Discussion
- 10:15-10:35** Impact of seed subsidies on poverty and inequality among smallholder maize growers in Zambia, **Melinda Smale** and *Nicole Mason*
- 10:35-11:00** Discussion
- 11:00-11:15** **Coffee Break**

**Session 6: Synthesis Session**

*Moderator: Eric Crawford*

- 11:15-11:25** Panelist 1: *Mulat Demeke*
- 11:25-11:35** Panelist 2: *Derek Byerlee*
- 11:35-12:30** Open Discussion
- 12:30-12:40** Wrap up/Synthesis, *Shahid Rashid and Thomas Jayne*
- 12:40-1:30** **Lunch**, 7<sup>th</sup> floor break room



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