



**Advancing Implementation Research and Delivery Science
30 July – 1 August 2014 - Golden Tulip Hotel - Accra, Ghana
AGENDA**

30 July 2014

Time	Session	Facilitator
8:30 – 9:00	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks Introductions</p> <p>Richard Adanu, <i>University of Ghana</i></p> <p>Irene Agyepong, <i>Health Systems Global</i></p> <p>Neal Brandes, <i>USAID</i></p>	
9:00 – 10:30	Meeting Objectives & Outputs	Nhan Tran <i>Alliance for Health Policy & Systems Research</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
	<p>Discussion 1: What makes for good implementation research and what are the drivers for policy makers, program managers, and implementers to engage in IRDS, and in real time data collection and use?</p> <p>Lead Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suparna Ghosh-Jerath, <i>Indian Institute of Public Health</i> • Jaime Lazovski, <i>Ministry of Health, Argentina</i> • Kelechi Ohiri, <i>Ministry of Health, Nigeria</i> 	David Peters <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Discussion 2: Incentives and Constraints for Academic Engagement</p> <p>Lead Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Adanu, <i>University of Ghana</i> • Robert Black, <i>Johns Hopkins University</i> 	Neal Brandes <i>USAID</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Discussion 4: Civil Society role in Changing Incentives</p> <p>Lead Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorati Masanja, <i>Ifakara Health Institute</i> • Nosa Orobato, <i>USAID Nigeria Country Office</i> 	Prea Gulati <i>TRAction Project</i>
17:00 – 17:30	Group Assignments	David Peters <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>
17:30	Adjourn	

31 July 2014

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8:30 – 9:00	Reflections on Day 1 & Survey	Nhan Tran <i>Alliance for Health Policy & Systems Research</i>
9:00 – 10:30	Discussion 4: Balancing rigor and the real time information needs of implementers Lead Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruno Meesen, <i>Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp</i> Irene Agyepong, <i>University of Ghana/Health Systems Global</i> Bocar Kouyate, <i>Ministry of Health, Burkina Faso</i> 	Sameh El-Sahatry <i>USAID</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Group Work	David Peters <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:00	Discussion 5: Examples of embedded IR programmes: Lead Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sally Theobald, <i>Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine</i> Usha Kiran Tarigopula, <i>BMGF India</i> 	Robert Black <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
15:30 – 17:00	Discussion 6: Taking advantage of routine data and decision-making processes for more relevant and higher quality IRDS Lead Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jill Keesbury, <i>The EVIDENCE Project</i> Haidara O. Diadie, <i>World Bank Burkina Faso Country Office</i> 	Troy Jacobs <i>USAID</i>
17:00	Adjourn	

1 August 2014

Time	Session	Facilitator
8:30 – 9:00	Reflections on Day 2	Nhan Tran <i>Alliance for Health Policy & Systems Research</i>
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Discussion 6: Funding Models for supporting embedded IR</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nhan Tran, <i>Alliance for Health Policy & Systems Research</i> • Neal Brandes, <i>USAID</i> • Sameh El Saharty, <i>World Bank</i> • Nancy Padian, <i>UC Berkeley & PEPFAR</i> • Usha Kiran Tarigopula, <i>BMGF India</i> 	Supriya Madhavan <i>USAID</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea Break	
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Discussion 7: Approaches to build IRDS strategies and partnering capacities within implementing organizations</p> <p>Developing Capacity for embedded research</p> <p>Lead Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humphreys Nsona, <i>Ministry of Health, Malawi</i> • Theresa Diaz, <i>UNICEF</i> • David Peters, <i>Johns Hopkins University</i> • Ndeye Lakh, <i>Ministry of Health & Social Action, Senegal</i> 	Garry Aslanyan <i>WHO TDR</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:00	Group Work	David Peters <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
15:30 – 17:00	Feedback from Groups	
17:00 – 17:30	Next Steps	Neal Brandes <i>USAID</i> Sameh El Saharty <i>World Bank</i> Nhan Tran <i>Alliance for Health Policy & Systems Research</i>
17:30	Adjourn	