



# WHAT WOULD THE POOR SAY: DEBATES IN AID EVALUATION

## EVENT INFORMATION

<b>When</b>	Friday, February 6, 2009 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
<b>Where</b>	New York University <b>32 Waverly Place, Silver Center, Room 703**</b> New York, New York 10012 <b>** Note new location</b>
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## CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:00 - 9:15	<b>Welcome and Introduction:</b> Yaw Nyarko (NYU)
9:15 - 10:15	Speaker: Esther Duflo (MIT), <b>The Evaluation Revolution and the Aid Providers</b>
10:15-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-11:30	Speaker: William Easterly (NYU), <b>The Big Picture on Aid Accountability</b>
11:30-12:00	<b>Aid Watch Announcement,</b> Laura Freschi (DRI)
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:20	<b>Panel 1: Evaluation: Issues in Transparency and Accountability</b> Andrew Mwenda (The Independent, Uganda), <i>Independent Media in Africa and Foreign Aid</i> Nancy Birdsall (Center for Global Development), <i>New Methods for Motivating Results in Aid</i> Dennis Whittle (Global Giving), <i>Accountability in Decentralized vs. Centrally Planned Aid Systems</i> June Arunga (BSL Ghana Ltd.), <i>Foreign Aid from the African Business Point of View</i>
2:20 - 2:45	Coffee Break
2:45 - 3:30	Speaker: Lant Pritchett (Harvard), <b>The Political Economy of Evaluation</b>
3:30 - 4:50	<b>Panel 2: Issues in Evaluation</b> Leonard Wantchekon (NYU), <i>Independent Evaluation and the Reaction of Official Aid Agencies</i> Ross Levine (Brown University), <i>Evaluating the Economics: Finance and the Aid Agencies</i> Karin Christiansen (Publish What You Fund), <i>Aid Transparency as a Prerequisite</i> William Duggan (Columbia Business School), <i>Pragmatic Learning from Success and Failure</i>
5:00 - 6:00	Reception