FinTechs, Remittances and Development

Workshop at the Berlin School of Economics and Law

21 - 22 June 2018

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P R O G R A M M E

Thursday, 21 June 2018 (House B, Room 544)

14:00 - 14:15  Inaugural Session – Official Opening of Workshop

Martina METZGER (Professor of Monetary Economics and Co-ordinator of the BSEL-NUST partnership, BSEL)

Nico SMIT (Co-ordinator of the BSEL-NUST partnership, Namibian University of Science and Technology (NUST))

14:15 – 15:45  Panel 1 Role of FinTechs and Remittances in Development

Chair: Martina METZGER (BSEL)

Hylton VILLET (Director Harald Pupkewitz Graduate School for Business, NUST Windhoek / Namibia):
FinTech Development in Namibia

Terrence KAIRIZA (Bindura University of Science Education, Bindura / Zimbabwe):
The Developmental Impacts of Remittances – The Southern African Experience

15:45 – 16:15  Tea / coffee break
16:15 – 17:45  Panel 2: Mobile Money and Financial Inclusion

Chair:  Stephanie RADOSEVIC (Research Associate, BSEL)

Chris WILLIAMS (Chairman RT Pay, UK)
Maximizing Remittances for Recipients and Governments

Tim RIEDLER (BSEL and University of Applied Science Berlin)
*Mobile Money and Financial Inclusion*

19:00  Dinner

Friday, 22 June 2018 (House B, Room 544)

9:00 – 10:30  Panel 3: North African Financial Systems

Chair:  Jennifer PÉDUSSEL WU (Professor of Global Trade and International Production, BSEL)

Arafet FARROUKH (Associate Researcher LIEI Research Center, University Tunis El MANAR, Tunis/Tunisia):
*FinTechs and Remittances – Experience from Tunisia*

Amr KHAFAGY (Institute of Development Research and Development Policy, Ruhr-Universität Bochum/ Germany):
*The Egyptian Financial System – Does Ownership Matter?*

10:30 – 11:00  Tea / coffee break

11:00 – 12:30  Panel 4: Looking Back and Forward

Jennifer PÉDUSSEL WU / Martina METZGER (BSEL):
*Moving Minds and Money – The Political Economy of Migrant Transfers*

Networking and future joint projects

12:30 – 12:45  Closing of Workshop

13:00  Lunch