# Day ONE: Tuesday

## 9am

**PLENARY:** Exploring Frontiers: Feedback Loops  
*Atlantic 1 & 2*

**TEA / COFFEE BREAK**

## 11am

**THEMATIC TRACK SESSIONS:**  
Choose one

- **What is Market Systems Resilience (MSR) and Does it Matter? Emerging Frameworks and Perspectives**  
  *Marine Suite*

- **The Importance of Labor Market Systems on Broader Economic Goals**  
  *Captain’s Room*

- **Strategy and Partnerships**  
  *Courtyard 1*

- **Leveraging Market Forces to Support Inclusive Growth**  
  *Courtyard 2*

**LUNCH**

## 1:30pm

**CLINICS:**  
Choose one

- **Exploring Complex Spaces**  
  *Marine Suite - Right*

- **Re-Orienting Market Structures that Smallholders most Rely on: Open/Spot Markets**  
  *Courtyard 1*

- **Labor Market Analysis**  
  *Courtyard 2*

- **Systemic Thinking and Financial Services**  
  *New Haarlem*

- **Change Wheel: A Tool for Systems Practitioners**  
  *Atlantic 2*

- **CLA (Collaboration, Learning & Adaptation)**  
  *Captain’s Room*

- **Measuring Secondary Benefits**  
  *Winton*

- **Retail Distribution**  
  *Marine Suite - Left*

## 2:30pm

**CONSULTATIONS PART 1:**  
Choose one

- **Systemic Lenses Applied to Farmer Empowerment**  
  *Captain’s Room*

- **Market Systems Development in Conflict-Affected Regions**  
  *Atlantic 1*

- **Building Effective Learning Teams**  
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- **Financial Systems Development**  
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- **Gender from a Systems Perspective**  
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- **Technological Disruptions and Potential Shifts in the Pathway to Middle Income Status**  
  *Courtyard 1*

- **Being a Donor in the 22nd Century**  
  *New Haarlem*

- **Taking Learning Seriously: The Challenge for International Development**  
  *Courtyard 2*

- **Youth from a Systems Perspective**  
  *Atlantic 2*

**TEA / COFFEE BREAK**

## 4pm

**PLENARY:** Burning Issues for Market Systems Development  
*Atlantic 1 & 2*

## 5pm

**COCKTAIL RECEPTION**  
*Bar / Pool area*
What is Market Systems Resilience (MSR) and Does it Matter? Emerging Frameworks and Perspectives

Hosted by ACDI/VOCA
Kristin O'Planick, USAID, USA
Mike Field, EcoVentures International, USA
Facilitator: Anna Garloch, ACDI/VOCA, USA

New frameworks – drawing from multiple fields including systems thinking, more traditional resilience frameworks, and supply chain management – are emerging to help practitioners understand determinants of market systems resilience and explore its relationship to traditional resilience and economic competitiveness. These frameworks provide guidance for catalyzing shifts in market, political and social systems that can better manage risks related to stresses and shocks, enhance market performance as well as shift responsibilities for managing risk away from households and communities elsewhere in the system. This session will include personal experiences from field managers on how MSR fits into their programming; an interview with lead framework developers in this space to explore key determinants of MSR; and participant group work/dialogue to explore understandings around MSR and to shape future learning priorities.

The Importance of Labor Market Systems on Broader Economic Goals

Hosted by Habitat for Humanity’s Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter
Alex Stanek, Dahlberg, South Africa
Scott Merrill, Habitat for Humanity, USA
Sweta Saxana, USAID, USA
Tim Sparkman, Enhancing Youth Employment program, Helvetas, Kosovo
Facilitator: Margie Worthington-Smith, Department of Education, South Africa

Migratory labor patterns and how they affect local market systems is critically important, but often overlooked. Some recent analyses indicate that using systemic lenses can provide greater clarity around labor markets/movements, including how/why markets work the way they do and how change might happen. Of particular interest, is the continued shift of labor from agriculture to other sectors especially sectors/sub-sectors located in an around urban and peri-urban locations. This session will pull from multiple examples of labor market assessments as part of a consultation process around the importance of recognizing and engaging known and expected labor migration from rural to urban locations. This session will also frame the importance of catalyzing fair and valued work opportunities for the poor as they migrate to more urban locations.

Strategy and Partnerships

Hosted by RTI International
Julie Lostumbo, Local Enterprise & Value Chain Enhancement (LEVE) program, RTI, USA
Melanie Bittle, Private Sector Driven Agricultural Growth program, RTI, Rwanda
Tamam Noor, Shomoshti, CARE, Bangladesh
Facilitator: Margie Brand, EcoVentures International, USA

Systems thinking approaches require adaptive management as a fundamental principle of such approaches is probing and amplifying where local momentum for change emerges. However, traditional donor efforts have focused on detailed, predefined tasks that would be scheduled years in the future. As projects shift to systems thinking approaches, they also have to shift technical and operational strategies to allow for greater agility based on where the local actors and condition signal change is possible including amplifying where momentum for change is emerging. This session will explore how to frame a strategic vision to guide decision making required for smart adaptation, as well as structural and behavioral characteristics/capacities that are essential for organizational agility. This session will also explore how projects can engage and manage local market actors based more on amplifying specific behaviors.

Leveraging Market Forces to Support Inclusive Growth

Hosted by DAI
Rana El Hattab, USAID, USA
Bill Grant, DAI, USA
Luca Crudeli, FTF Agricultural Innovations Activity (Inova), DAI, Mozambique
Sydney Zharare, Climate Smart Education & Policy (CSEP) program, Genesis Analytics, South Africa
Facilitator: Bronwyn Irwin, DAI, USA

Development practitioners have long understood that market actors have a critical role to play in driving growth. More recently, as systems thinking approaches have evolved, we have shifted our focus to the incentives that drive private sector investment aligned with development objectives to achieve inclusive economic growth. As practitioners, we are learning to shift from transactional interactions with the private sector that aim to achieve set targets such as financial leverage, to facilitating systemic impact at scale in continuously evolving market systems without distorting markets. This session will explore strategies to engage market system actors that lead to sustainable impact at scale through systemic change and share evidence of the impact of private sector engagement with a market systems approach. Session participants will then engage in designing interventions to catalyze market actors to invest in solutions to real-world problems in break-out sessions with field implementers. Breakout sessions will discuss cases in three specific contexts: engaging private sector in a context of aid intensity that is crowded with development activity; engaging the private sector in a thin market context; and engaging the private sector in a robust market context.

Clinics:

Exploring Complex Spaces

Marcus Jenal, Mesopartner, UK
Shawn Cunningham, Mesopartner, South Africa
This session will provide tools, frameworks, tactics for working in complex spaces.

Clinic: Re-Orienting Market Structures that Smallholders most Rely on: Open/Spot Markets

Joshua Munkombwe, Musika, Zambia
Mike Field, EcoVentures International, USA
This clinic will cover strategies, conditions and tools to catalyze more equitable/value add open market platforms/mechanisms in open (spot) markets.

Clinic: Portfolio Management

Eric Derks, The Canopy Lab USA
Holly Krueger, Independent Consultant Morocco
Tim Sparkman, Enhancing Youth Employment program, Helvetas Kosovo
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Discussion hosts:
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This consultation will explore challenges and opportunities around building effective teams that include learning strategically, operating culture, management philosophy, etc.

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Discussion host: Giulia Salmaso, Improving Market Systems for Agriculture in Rwanda (IMSAR) program, Palladium, UK
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Anna Garloch, ACDI/VOCA, USA
Mike Field, EcoVentures International, USA
Facilitator: Olga Petryniak, Mercy Corps, USA

There has been increasing efforts from practitioners to explore learning around applying systems thinking at the household level. There has also been increasing interest and efforts from market systems practitioners to catalyze systemic change around how risks are managed more systemically. But what does this mean for program design? Using a resilience pathway intervention design process, in this session participants will wrestle with how to translate MSR concepts into a causal pathway that results in more intentional resilience-building programming and provides the groundwork for ongoing adaptive management. What interventions might you program to build identified MSR determinants such as connectivity, redundancy, cooperation, and others? Is this the same thing we always do but repackaged, or does an MSR lens applied to design models reveal new types of activities, flaws in our causal logic, or reveal new synergies? Come work this out with us.

The Increasing Interconnectedness of Housing Market Systems with Health, Education, Livelihoods, & Finance

Hosted by Habitat for Humanity’s Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter
Jane Otima, Habitat for Humanity, Kenya
Sheldon Yoder, Habitat for Humanity, USA
Julia Lipowiecka, MarketShare Associates, Kenya
Facilitator: Margie Brand, EcoVentures International USA

It is increasingly clear that the quality of life in urban and peri-urban communities is heavily dependent on the quality of housing, but market responses to this dynamic and growing market segment have been weak to non-existent. Shifting the influence of poor and vulnerable communities in urban and peri-urban locations as consumers of housing such that housing market actors develop innovative ways to deliver appropriate and value-added housing solutions to them is essential. Housing also plays an outsized influencing role as the interconnectedness of housing with other aspects of life and livelihoods are substantial. This session will explore the application of systems thinking in housing focusing on how to catalyze a strong customer orientation in housing market systems. This session will also leverage small group discussions to investigate the interconnectedness of housing with systems like health, education, finance, etc.

Teams and Tools

Hosted by RTI International
Rita Laker-Ojak, Kenya Crops and Dairy Market Systems Activity (KCDMS), RTI, Kenya
Jonathan Mitchell, Decision Support Unit program, Oxford Policy Management, UK
Joshua Munkombwe, Musika, Zambia
Facilitator: Liz Eckert, RTI, USA

A systemic thinking strategy can create a framework identifying and prioritizing resource allocation, but it also tends to create a lot of stress on traditional organizational structures, tools and thinking. This session will explore tools and tactics managers can use to catalyze operational culture change that is essential. Primary among the needed changes is moving to being more team-based with diversified perspectives, flatter structures, etc. This session will also explore emerging learning and decision-making tools, including tools on capturing and using evidence, that managers can use to support teams to learn and allocate resources more effectively. The session will explore both project-level adaptation and higher level adaptation between multiple projects at donor level.

Market Systems Approach to Provision of Traditionally Public Goods/Services

Hosted by DAI
Millicent Oketch, Private Sector Innovation Program for Health (PS4H), Cardno, Kenya
Michael Addisu, Enterprise Partners, Ethiopia
Sweta Saxana, USAID, USA
Patrick Somerville, LINC, USA
Facilitator: Tracy Mitchell, DAI, USA

As systems lenses have been applied to more traditionally defined public goods and services like education, health, labor training services, water and sanitation, etc. it has become increasingly clear that there is rarely a well-defined line between public and private goods. Local contexts are critically important in understanding how incentives align in support of public, private or some combination of channels to deliver such important services. This session will explore cases around water and sanitation, health, education, workforce training, and other traditionally public sector services where the role of the private sector increased significantly as a way to improve and expand delivery.

Clinics:

Operations & Procurement

Ascensao (Sao) Aguiar, FTF Agricultural Innovations Activity (Inova), DAI, Mozambique
Rita Laker-Ojak, Kenya Crops and Dairy Market Systems Activity (KCDMS), RTI, Kenya

This clinic will cover tactics and mechanisms/processes for allowing more flexible processes to be used that are also compliant.

Impact Investing

C.J. Hall, ACDI/VOCA, USA
Bob Fries, ACDI/VOCA, USA

This clinic will cover strategies and tactics related to impact investing.

Network Analysis

Tim Sparkman, Enhancing Youth Employment program, Helvetas, Kosovo
Patrick Sommerville, LINC, USA

This clinic will provide an overview of network mapping processes from rigorous to participatory mapping tools and their application in various project contexts.

Meso Organizations: Key Levers of Systemic Change and Adaptation

Shawn Cunningham, Mesopartner, South Africa

This clinic will explore the definition of the role of meso organizations in a change process complex within a market system.
Complexity Aware Monitoring and Evaluation
Marcus Jenal, Mesopartner, UK
This clinic will explore additional principles and tools to manage complexity when investing in monitoring and evaluation.

Catalyzing Attractors
Tamam Noor, Shomoshti, CARE Bangladesh
Mike Field, EcoVentures International, USA
This clinic will explore tactics to catalyze and amplify attractors in a systemic change strategy.

Political Economy Analysis
Marc Cassidy, USAID Fellow, USA
This clinic will focus on explaining what a political economy analysis and why it is useful when trying to understand systems.

Using Prize Competitions to Spur Innovation and Systemic Change via Investment
Justin Kosoris, AgResults (Deloitte), USA
This clinic will provide concrete tools and insights on how to design and run private sector-focused prize competitions, which are used for financing and investment purposes, to incentivize inclusive market development, based on learning from the AgResults Initiative.

ROI - A Framework for Managing Dynamics Facilitation
Margie Brand, EcoVentures International, USA
This clinic will explore the use of the Relationship, Ownership, and Intensity (ROI) framework that helps practitioners facilitate more effectively in dynamic environment.

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- **PLENARY:** How Rules Affect Cooperation in Systems  
  *Atlantic 1 & 2*

### 11am
- **BREAKOUT TRACK SESSIONS:**  
  Choose one  
  - The Devil’s in the Details: Metrics for MSR  
    *Marine Suite*
  - Construction Market Systems  
    *Captain’s Room*
  - Procurement and Compliance  
    *Courtyard 1*
  - Beyond the Transaction: A Debate on the Systemic Change in the Market System when Donor Funds Are Used to Mobilize Private Capital for Development Outcomes  
    *Courtyard 2*

### 1:30pm
- **CLINICS:**  
  Choose one  
  - Designing Systemic Change Projects  
    *New Haarlem*
  - Sense-Making, Deciding & Adapting  
    *Courtyard 2*
  - Supply Chain Management & Structured Trade  
    *Winton*
  - Orienting Teams to Systems Thinking  
    *Captain’s Room*
  - Systems Thinking & Nutrition  
    *Marine Suite - Left*
  - Improving Market Actor Cooperation: Stakeholder Dialogues  
    *Courtyard 1*
  - A Tool for Dynamic Management of Project Partners: Self-Selection  
    *Atlantic 2*
  - On demand session  
    *Atlantic 1*
  - On demand session  
    *Marine Suite - Right*

### 2:30pm
- **CONSULTATIONS PART 3:**  
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  - Systemic Lenses Applied to Farmer Empowerment  
    *Captain’s Room*
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    *Atlantic 1*
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  - Youth from a Systems Perspective  
    *Atlantic 2*

### 4pm
- **PLENARY:** The Changing Face of Funding Development: The Role of Traditional Donors, Private Sector Investment, Private Foundations, Governments, and Individual Donors. Exploring shifting incentives as influenced by the source of funding.  
  *Atlantic 1 & 2*
A central theme in resilience efforts is the importance of an evidence-based theory of change for smart design and monitoring for ongoing adaptive decision-making. Building evidence around systemic resilience - what matters in a given context and how to measure it - remains a nascent area, dealing in part with the range of challenges that are also reflected in systems MEL efforts overall. This session will highlight current efforts to monitor and evaluate aspects of MSR, including an enterprise survey-based Market Systems Diagnostic piloted by ACDI/VOCA in Honduras and a consensus-based Market Systems Resilience Index used by iDE in Bangladesh. Participants will help refine and improve these tools, and engage in peer problem solving around common challenges and questions such as: slow and fast-moving pace of variables, the cost/benefit of data collection, availability of reliable data sources, developing actionable resilience insights, and institutionalization of MSR monitoring within market system, and how do context measures including post-shock monitoring belong in MSR measurement?

Construction Market Systems

Hosted by Habitat for Humanity’s Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter
Steve Hartrich, ILO, USA
Gema Stratico, Habitat for Humanity, Peru
Matthias Herr, Helvetas, Switzerland

Construction market systems have a potentially outsized effect on youth and under-employed population groups, including rural migrants. Additionally, as labor market analyses and commercialization processes for agriculture indicate, creating effective pathways for rural to urban migration is critically important, and the construction sector is an important pathway for rural migrants to off-farm employment. At the same time, there are limited investments in effective systems-based programming. This session will pull from various experiences around catalyzing improved pathways for migrating and other workers in the construction market system to feed into a discussion on lessons learned and emerging opportunities to catalyze more robust and fair pathways for workers.

Procurement and Compliance

Hosted by RTI International
Ascensao (Sao) Aguia, FTF Agricultural Innovations (Inova) activity, DAI, Mozambique
Lorenz Wild, Strongim Bisnis, ASI, Solomon Islands
Mike Field, EcoVentures International, USA
Tonderai Manoto, Road to Jobs (R2J), ILO, Afghanistan
Facilitator: Margie Brand, EcoVentures International, USA

A major stumbling block for many adaptive management efforts has been procurement. While procurement principles do not prevent or limit effective adaptive management, the evolution of many procurement policies and procedures was based on an over emphasis of eliminating all risks related to compliance. As a result, there has been a substantial increase in rigidity that has often become a limiting factor to systems thinking and the ability of projects to adapt effectively. This session will explore challenges with and opportunities to adapt procurement and contractual processes. While there remains concerns about how formal mechanisms support or not adaptive management, there are increasingly more creative tools and processes that remain compliant and are supportive of adaptive approaches.

Beyond the Transaction: A Debate on the Systemic Change in the Market System when Donor Funds Are Used to Mobilize Private Capital for Development Outcomes

Hosted by DAI
Neil Wood, Open Capital Advisors, Kenya
Terry Wyer, Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub, DAI, South Africa
Facilitator: Kirsten Pfeiffer, DAI USA

Mobilizing private capital investment for development (blended finance) is currently a hot topic in the design of market systems programs. Procurement reform and an increased focus on PSE have resulted in new strategies and approaches for leveraging private capital that align with the MSD approach. This session will present how donors and implementers are using new mechanisms to leverage investment. Led by industry panelists and with participatory input from the audience, will then debate what are the systemic impacts on the financial market beyond the transaction. Within the idea of blended finance is that donor funds are needed to catalyze and de-risk investment that otherwise would not take place without distorting the market for finance. There are structural and cost reasons that make SME investment deals in risky and low capacity market systems - and deals below a value of $2-5 million - not profitable for banks, asset managers and transaction service providers. Beyond the question of how we spend donor funding the most effectively (i.e. greatest investment and development impact for every donor dollar) remains the question of whether our investment facilitation support is reducing the need for this subsidy over time. In market systems development, we apply rigorous analysis and adaptive learning to identify points of interventions that can be replicated and scaled by the private sector; but are our investment interventions being replicated and scaled without donor funds and does it matter?

Clinics:

Designing Systemic Change Projects

Todd Flower, FTF Agricultural Innovations Activity (Inova), USAID, Mozambique
Gun Eriksson-Skoog, ILO, Tanzania

Sense-Making, Deciding & Adapting

Marcus Jenal, Mesopartner, UK
Shawn Cunningham, Mesopartner, South Africa

This session will explore experience in designing market development projects based on systems thinking principles including the challenges and lessons of on how best to embrace uncertainty.

Supply Chain Management & Structured Trade

Annah Macharia, FTF Agricultural Innovations Activity (Inova), TechnoServe, Mozambique
Cuan Opperman, FTF Rice and Diversified Crops Activity (RDC), ACDI/VOCA, Bangladesh

This clinic will cover criteria for and tools to catalyze more effective/value structured supply chains/outgrower schemes.
Orienting Teams to Systems Thinking
Eric Derks, The Canopy Lab, USA
Anna Garloch, ACDI/VOCA, USA
This clinic will cover tools and tactics to orient new teams around system thinking and reinforce it in practice.

Systems Thinking & Nutrition
Daniel Alberts, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Kenya
This clinic will explore the use of systemic lenses in nutrition programs.

Improving Market Actor Cooperation: Stakeholder Dialogues
Karen Goldberg, Reos Partners, South Africa
Caroline Fowler, EcoVentures International, Mexico
This clinic will discuss methods for managing multi-stakeholder processes and dialogues, including why this is a key function to institute within a market system, and will cover a framework for selecting and managing co-creation processes.

A Tool for Dynamic Management of Project Partners: Self-Selection
Margie Brand, EcoVentures International, USA
Mike Field, EcoVentures International, USA
This clinic will explore the use of self-selection guidance and principles to amplify targeted behaviors of market actors.

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Consultations Part 3:
Systemic Lenses Applied to Farmer Empowerment
Discussion hosts:
Andy Hunter, More Income Generated for Poor Families in Indonesia (MORINGA) project, World Vision Australia
Elizabeth Dunn, Heifer International USA
This consultation will explore the risks, benefits, and considerations around more traditional farmer group and empowerment efforts and how the use of more systemic lenses can be useful in these contexts.

Being a Donor in the 22nd Century
Discussion hosts:
Kristin O’Planick, USAID, USA
Todd Flower, FTF Agricultural Innovations Activity (Inova), USAID, Mozambique
This consultation will explore important and emergent trends, challenges and opportunities that are likely to have a substantial impact on how donors investment in the coming decades.

Taking Learning Seriously: The Challenge for International Development
Discussion hosts:
Zenebe Uraguchi, Helvetas, Switzerland
Mike Albu, BEAM Exchange, DCED, UK
Jonathan Mitchell, Decision Support Unit Program, Oxford Policy Management, UK
This consultation will consider attribution, contribution, evidence, and the use of third party evaluators in feeding into learning and assessments.

Youth from a Systems Perspective
Discussion hosts: On demand
This consultation will explore the use of systemic lenses when catalyzing improved participation by youth in markets.

Participatory Exploration:
The Changing Face of Funding Development: The Role of Traditional Donors, Private Sector Investment, Private Foundations, Governments, and Individual Donors. Exploring shifting incentives as influenced by the source of funding.