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ICED Cancels Evidence to Action Conference and Exhibition 2020 Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Nairobi Kenya, May 19,2020--Following many constructive discussions held with the Government of Uganda; Makerere University; Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)-Uganda; Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Markets, Risk and Resilience (MRR Innovation Lab) and various partners of the International Centre of Evaluation and Development (ICED), the Evidence to Action (E2A) Conference and Exhibition 2020 Executive Committee has decided to cancel the event due to the unprecedented situation caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic. The E2A 2020 was scheduled to take place 13th to 16th July 2020 at the Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has led to a need for social distancing, lock downs in several countries and closure of several international airports to help prevent the spread. In addition to that, the government of Uganda and many other countries have called on the public to stop gatherings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Basing on these reasons, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the Evidence to Action 2020 Conference to July 2021.

ICED President and CEO, Dr. David Ameyaw stated: “While we know this is disappointing, we hope you understand this is a necessary step to help keep each other safe in these unprecedented times. It would not be responsible for us to go ahead with the event at this time.”

ICED will share the actual dates and other details as soon as these are decided upon. We deeply appreciate the support that our partners have offered so far in regards to the conference preparation and their generous contribution in various levels.

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