Thursday November 14th, 2019

9:00 - 9:15 OPENING REMARKS: Sabine Rieble-Aubourg, Acting Division Chief, IDB

09:15 – 12:30 MORNING SESSION: Centralized admissions systems in Chile and the City of Buenos Aires

- Andres Palma, former Director of the National Centralized Admission System, Chile
- Pablo Federico Abramowicz, Director of Digital Government and Technology, City of Buenos Aires, Argentina

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH AT IDB

2:30 – 4:30 AFTERNOON SESSION: Field visit District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)

- Conversation with DCPS centralized admission team

7:00 – DINNER

Friday November 15th, 2019

9:00 - 9:20 OPENING REMARKS: Marcelo Cabrol, Social Sector Manager, IDB

9:20 - 9:35 Gregory Elacqua, Principal Education Economist, IDB
- IDB’s centralized assignment in education agenda in LAC


Seth Zimmerman, the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business
- Choice algorithms overview and new lessons.

Marquelle Middleton, New Haven Public School District Chief of School Choice
- Policy challenges of designing choice algorithms in practice

Moderator: Anne Sofie Westh Olsen, Education Division Specialist, IDB
10:45 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:15 MORNING SESSION 2: Front-end: Information frictions and potential solutions

Jennifer Jennings, Department of Sociology, Princeton University
- Leveling the playing field for school choice: Results from an information field experiment in NYC

Daniel Jarrat, Data Scientist and Product Manager, Infinite Campus
- Matching schools and parents: Recommendation engines on education platforms

Moderator: Carolina Mendez, Education Division Specialist, IDB

12:15 - 1:45 LUNCH AT IDB

1:45 - 2:45 AFTERNOON SESSION 1: Centralized admissions in LAC: The promise of new technologies

Christopher Neilson, Department of Economics, Princeton University and co-founder of ConsiliumBots
- Challenges with current school assignment systems in LAC
- Feedback systems and decision aids for centralized assignment mechanisms

James Savage, Manager, Data Scientist, Schmidt Futures, NYC
- The promise of centralized platforms

Moderator: Norbert Schady, Principal Economic Advisor for the Social Sector, IDB

2:45-3:00 COFFEE BREAK

3:00 - 4:45 AFTERNOON SESSION 2: Three pilots of centralized admissions in LAC: Ecuador, Pernambuco, and Peru
- Panel: Design, implementation, and evaluation of centralized student assignment pilots in Ecuador, Peru, and Pernambuco.

Doris Guaman, Director of School Admissions, Ministry of Education of Ecuador
Severino Andrade, Vice-Secretary of Education, Secretary of Education, Pernambuco, Brazil
Daniel Anavitarte Santillana, Director of School Quality Management, Ministry of Education of Peru

Moderator: Gregory Elacqua, Principal Education Economist, IDB

4:45-5:00 FINAL WORDS Ana Maria Ibáñez, Principal Economic Advisor, Vice President of Sectors and Knowledge, IDB