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## **INVESTING FOR A LIFETIME OF RETURNS**

July 23, 2018

Dear Alex Omari:

On behalf of the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) organizing committee, I am thrilled to invite you to attend the ICFP November 12-15 2018, in Kigali, Rwanda, as a Travel Award winner! You will be attending as a representative of Young Researchers with full funding support to attend both the ICFP and the Youth Pre-conference, which will take place from November 10-12 in Kigali.

As a young researcher and an outstanding example of the next generation of family planning leaders, the Gates Institute is thrilled to be able to offer you this opportunity to attend the ICFP, the world's largest academic conference dedicated to family planning.

As a representative of young researchers worldwide, you will help carry forward important tasks to enhance youth participation at this global conference. Young researchers are involved in the organizing of the pre-conference, the youth plenary, the closing ceremonies, the youth booth, and more. You will also be required to engage with youth and help with all aspects of youth participation at the conference. The Youth Conference will be from November 10-12 and the actual conference will go until November 15th.

The Gates Institute will cover your flight and your hotel accommodations from November 9 to 16 (so that you can attend the Youth Pre-conference), and provide a travel award of \$450 to cover meals/incidentals. Any other travel or extended hotel accommodations will be at your own expense.

## Next steps:

- 1. Ensure your passport is up-to-date
- 2. Determine your need for a visa to Rwanda. And if you do need one, apply for a "conference" evisa online. For information regarding visas, please follow this linkhttp://fpconference.org/2018/visas/
- 3. <u>Fill out this survey</u> to confirm and accept your attendance and participation at the ICFP 2018 youth pre-conference and conference. You will also provide additional information needed for your travel arrangements. The youth pre-conference starts on Nov 10th so you should plan to be in Kigali on November 9th. The ICFP conference closing ceremony is 4pm November 15th, so departure would be Thursday night or Friday.
- 4. Register for the conference using the code **YRADEVG2018** for a reduced registration fee of \$150, which will be reimbursed at the time of the conference.

5. Once you have completed registration, please email Sarah Kennedy and Lilly Collins (skennedy@jhu.edu and lillianj.collins@jhu.edu) and let them know you are registered and have completed the survey. They will then send you details about booking your flight, your hotel accommodations, and your travel award. Sarah and Lilly will be your primary contacts for the logistics around your trip to Kigali for the ICFP.

Please complete the survey by Monday July 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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