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**WORKSHOP #9**

**INNOVATIONS IN INVESTING IN YOUNG CHILDREN GLOBALLY**

Held in partnership with the Jacobs Foundation, the Institute for Human Development  
at the Aga Khan University, and the Bernard van Leer Foundation

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Specific topics to be addressed:

1. Explore the costs and financing of quality early childhood development programs and policies with a focus on innovative financing tools, models or ideas. Include views from outside the traditional child health and development fields that may be complementary to strengthening investments in young children's health, education, nutrition, and social protection.
2. Highlight innovations from research, program development and evaluation, and technology and product development that seek to improve children's health, education, nutrition, and social protection. Innovations can be longstanding successes or ideas that have not yet been launched or scaled.
3. Discuss the challenges and historical and sociopolitical barriers to investing in Francophone countries; and explore opportunities to build off existing promising investments and innovations.



## IPA Côte d'Ivoire Presents on Investing in Young Children

On October 21, Henriette Hanicotte presented IPA's work at the [Forum on Investing in Young Children Globally](/sites/default/files/Innovations%20in%20Investing%20in%20Young%20Children%20Globally_agenda.pdf) (iYCG) in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The workshop was held in partnership with the Jacobs Foundation, the Institute for Human Development, at the Aga Khan University, and the Bernard van Leer Foundation.

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