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Dear Professor Babatunde,

On behalf of Christopher B. Barrett, Michael Carter, Abebe Shimeles, Tavneet Suri, Christopher R. Udry, and Hanan Morsy, Organizers, I write to invite you to attend the Transforming Rural Africa Conference on February 28 and March 1, 2019. The Conference will be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, MA 02142

The meeting will cover your economy airfare and up to three nights at the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

Out-of-town participants are urged to book their flights as soon as possible to qualify for discounted fares. The Bureau will only pay for discounted airfares. For your convenience, we have established a master account with American Express Travel in Cambridge, 646-817-9846. When requesting reimbursement for airfare booked through airlines or another travel agency, the reimbursement request must include documentation of the ticket price and evidence that the fare was paid by the traveler. The NBER requires that requests for reimbursements must be submitted within 90 days of the meeting.

The conference program is attached.

Please reply by January 28 to confirm your attendance and to tell me your hotel needs.

Cordially,



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