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*“Empowering Social Programs:
the strength of insights and scientific evidence.”*

BTB workshop

BREAK THE BARRIERS WORKSHOP

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This workshop is an opportunity to share experiences and research regarding health, water and education, taking into account the elements that work together to enhance the effectiveness of the programs and policies:

- **Insight** - with the aim of uncovering profound needs - guides us as one of the driving forces when devising possible solutions,
- **Perseverance of Action** is an essential premise to changing the conditions,
- **Scientific Evidence**, the measurement of progress and impact, with the aim of improving insight, and through a virtuous circle, redefining the strategy of action to increase effectiveness.

The 3 elements described above, indeed, pave the way for a process that can help public and private institutions provide tools and services that are useful to the community.

The Andrea Bocelli Foundation believes it is important to support both the actions of those who work directly in the field as well as the work of those, such as the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, who use a scientific approach to assess, measure and direct the impact of the aforementioned actions.

3:00pm *Opening with Andrea Bocelli - ABF Founder, Jeff Newton - MIT Vice President, Amb. Claudio Bisogniero - Italian Ambassador in the United States*

3:30pm *Interventions*

“J-PAL: its research, policy, and capacity building mission”- R. GLENNERSTER, Executive Director J-PAL

“Research in a Sector: Urban Services, Water and Sanitation”- M. MOBARAK, Initiative Co-Chair Associate Professor of Economics, Yale

“Research in a Sector: Education”- S. POWERS, Program Manager Education, J-PAL

“Andrea Bocelli Foundation: working for empowering people and communities through Water and Education projects”- L. BIANCALANI, ABF President

“Water and Education projects in Haiti” – J. GILLE, Project Manager Fondation St. Luc, ABF Partner in Haiti

4.50-5.00pm *“Question and Answer”- M. SHOTLAND, Director of Training, J-PAL*

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