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In July, the ICED team delivered a series of quarterly lessons learnt workshops at DFID's offices in Whitehall and remotely. These workshops presented recent lessons learnt from across the ICED facility's work, including from our urban, economic development, infrastructure, and FCAS portfolios. A short summary of each session can be found below, as well as who to contact if you would like to find out how ICED can support you.

*The next set of quarterly lessons learnt sessions will be held in October 2017. Please contact [connect@icedfacility.org](mailto:connect@icedfacility.org) if you are interested in attending.*

### **Session 1: Urban Finance Readiness and Innovations**

This session explored options for urban finance, including innovations in community financing, and the opportunities for DFID support to countries using the NCE's country maturity framework.

Issues discussed at the workshop included the need for to move community finance towards responsible/sustainable finance, and beyond just impact finance. Participants discussed how urban finance needs to be thought of differently to other forms of finance, and challenges around balancing national and city-level agendas to leverage finance.

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### **Session 2: Future Infrastructure and Cities TA in FCAS**

This session presented findings from a recent DFID Infrastructure TA workshop, followed by a roundtable discussion seeking adviser's inputs on research gaps and practical actionable TA support needs.

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The team also presented ICED's VfM work in FCAS environments, the FCAS call-down facility, and the facility's available TA support for scoping studies and business cases. A discussion was also held on how practical research could best support DFID advisors.

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### **Session 3: New Technologies in Water Infrastructure**

With significant technological innovation in the water sector there are huge opportunities for Water for Growth, WASH and Urban Resilience programming to adopt new solutions. This session looked at emerging NewTech, and tools to support tech selection.

The team presented a new web platform developed by ICED which provides a searchable listing of new water technologies, along with case studies on their application in different contexts.

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### **Session 4: The Potential of Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE)**

This session explored how infrastructure programming can promote women's economic empowerment, drawing on examples of ICED support to Country Offices and engagement with the UN High Level Panel.

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### **Session 5: Digital Opportunities for Urban Jobs and Services**

This session discussed the role of digital in future economic growth, frameworks for assessing programming opportunities, and options for more and better urban jobs and services using examples from a recent ICED study for DFID Tanzania.

The discussion at the session explored the digital opportunity, the kinds of enabling environments required for impact from digital technology, and interesting case studies from recent experiences.

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### **Session 6: Leveraging UK Expertise in DFID Programming**

This session explored the UK's strengths in infrastructure and urban development, using examples from DFID offices in Tanzania, Jordan and Lebanon to explore how DFID can leverage UK expertise.

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