

19TH ANNUAL

GLOBAL MICROFINANCE FORUM

ACCELERATING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH FINANCIAL INCLUSION

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KEY TOPICS

- How financial inclusion can boost sustainable economic growth?
- Achieving Compliance with SFDR via AFI's SDG Rating
- Increasing global regulations on ESG and responsibility
- Climate-smart financing for smallholder farmers
- Considerable financial turbulence that will affect MFIs
- Future of Inclusive finance
- Green & sustainable finance; genuine change from MFIs
- Bolstering migrant entrepreneurship in the EU
- PANEL DISCUSSION: Women economic empowerment by MFI's
- Leveraging strategic partnerships
- ESG and SDG impact standards
- Developing Microinsurance products: still a key challenge for microfinance operators.
- Importance of customer-centric strategy
- Pursuing an Inclusive growth agenda
- Climate Financing

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08:30 REGISTRATION AND MORNING COFFEE**09:00 Welcome Speech by Uniglobal****09:05 Welcome & Opening Remarks from the Chairperson****09:15 PANEL DISCUSSION:****How financial Inclusion can boost sustainable economic growth?**

- Key strategies to turn sustainable efforts into success
- Enhancing financial literacy and stability
- Moving forward for diversity, inclusion and sustainability

Panelists:**Florian Ott** | Erste Group Bank, **Austria****Francis Malige** | EBRD, **UK****09:45 Current state of Agri-SMEs finance**

- Any challenges on agricultural lending; Latin America, SSA and SEA Agri-SMEs
- Agri-insurance by MFIs during climate risk
- Affordable financing for farmers in Ukraine in the midst of crisis
- Inclusive finance and agricultural development in Africa

10:10 Achieving Compliance with SFDR via AFI's SDG Rating

- How AFISAR® Rating delivers comprehensive sustainability evaluations aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Assuring adherence to SFDR requirements through integrated PAI reporting
- Introducing digital data collection coupled with sophisticated AI integration in the most recent version

Andrij Fetsun | Agents for Impact GmbH, **Germany****10:35 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK | 1:1 MEETINGS****11:10 MFIs current status of bridging financial education to financial health**

- Financial literacy, attitudes, knowledge and skills of borrowers
- Financial education relationship for both clients and MFIs
- Debt-to-income; valuable tools needed for good money management practices
- MFIs to prepare financial literacy roadmap

11:35 Increasing global regulation on ESG and responsibility

- Positive and negative impacts of MFIs on people and environment
- Clear transparent evaluation and reporting by MF actors
- Where does this position MF in the future?

Jurgen Hammer | SPTF Europe, **France****12:00 Climate-smart financing for smallholder farmers**

- Successful approaches and learnings from our portfolio
- Knowledge gaps and barriers to scaling these approaches

Kathy Guis | KIVA, **USA****12:25 NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK | 1:1 MEETINGS****13:45 Considerable financial turbulence that will affect MFIs**

- Recent macroeconomic situation and its impact on MFIs
- Risks of slower growth and higher rates
- Inflation, growth and tighter monetary policy
- Assessing resilience of the Euro area Microfinance sector in light of the Russia-Ukraine war

Martin Barragan | Triodos Investment Management, **The Netherlands****14:10 Future of Inclusive Finance**

- New opportunities for innovation, efficiency, and competitive advantage
- Arising numbers of Fintech companies
- Growing demand from personalized financial services
- Expectations and predictions in the future of financial inclusion

Wim van der Beek | Goodwell Investments, **The Netherlands****14:35 Green and Sustainable Finance; genuine change from MFIs**

- Climate transition finance; MFI's ways to protect both sector and clients
- Impacts of microcredit access on climate change adaptation strategies
- Green Microfinance programs and climate resilience
- Prioritizing financial inclusion in climate-vulnerable countries

Jarri Jung | Triple Jump, **The Netherlands****15:00 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK | 1:1 MEETINGS****15:35 Bolstering migrant entrepreneurship in the EU**

- Business development services to refugees by MFIs
- Micro-loans to help bridge financing gap
- ESF+, AMIF and Microfinance to better support refugees

Kristina Maslauskaitė | Council of Europe Development Bank, **France****16:00 Futuristic approach by MFIs towards risks of recession**

- Innovative risk management methods
- Practical and scalable solutions
- Enhancing liquidity preparedness

16:25 PANEL DISCUSSION:**Embracing Digitalization; increasing sustainable financial inclusion**

- The rise of digital inclusion for MFIs customers
- Digital literacy and security concerns of borrowers
- Adaptation of small digital MFIs in rural areas to digitalization
- Improvised digital inclusion and case studies from the market

Panelists:**Patricio Diez de Bonilla** | Banco Compartamos, **Mexico****Jessica Schicks** | Belgian Investment Company-BIO, **Belgium****Dr. Abhishek Agrawal** | ACCION, **India****Sasidhar Thumulari** | Sub-K Impact Solutions Ltd, **India****17:00 Closing Remarks from the Chairperson****17:15 COCKTAIL RECEPTION | 1:1 MEETINGS
END OF DAY 1**

08:30 MORNING COFFEE | 1:1 MEETINGS**09:00 Opening Speech from Chairperson****09:10 PANEL DISCUSSION:****Women economic empowerment by MFI's**

- Maximizing financial inclusion of young women
- Bridging the gender gap in responsible finance project in less developing countries
- Acceleration of women leadership and gender equality within Financial Institutions
- Technology as a tool for economic empowerment

Panelists:**Alejandro Puente | Gentera, Mexico****09:40 Leveraging Strategic Partnerships**

- Careful considerations to know
- Enhancing sustainability through collaborations
- Develop win-win captivating engagement strategy
- Investing with purpose and transparency

Raluca Andreica | Patria Credit IFN SA, Romania**10:05 ESG and SDG impact standards**

- Sustainability reporting by MFIs operation
- Interesting challenges and opportunities by integrating SDG and ESG

Sylvain Merlen | UNDP, Egypt**10:30 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK | 1:1 MEETINGS****11:00 Developing Microinsurance products: still a key challenge for microfinance operators**

- Why micro insurance matters more than ever?
- Adoption of Inclusive insurance products and services
- Why MFIs still have issues to further develop microinsurance products?
- Lessons learnt from various projects
- Challenges and Opportunities

Philippe Guichandut | Foundation Grameen Credit Agricole, France**11:25 Importance of customer-centric strategy**

- Proactive development and right tools to overcome behavioral barriers
- Innovative product design to customer relationship management
- Improving operational effectiveness; MFIs benefits of customer centricity

Patricio Diez de Bonilla | Banco Compartamos, Mexico**11:50 Micro Finance in India – Pursuing an Inclusive growth agenda**

- Evolution of Microfinance in India
- Resilience of the sector & customers
- Collective partnership between the Industry, Gov't and Regulator
- Role of technology as an enabler
- What next for the industry? –Way forward

Shalabh Saxena | Spandana Sphoorty Financial Ltd., India**12:20 INTERACTIVE LUNCH BREAK| 1:1 MEETINGS**

Participants will be discussing pre-selected topics in small groups during lunch. Each table is assigned with a moderator who will keep the discussion energetic and interesting.

13:45 Climate Financing

- Climate and environmental sustainability ambitions
- Greening Financial Systems
- Support to Financial Institutions

Denitsa Berkhoff | European Investment Bank, Luxembourg**14:10 The Agents network at the last mile**

- Cash in Cash out: How to improve?
- Proper agent system to high populated rural area with low rate financial inclusion
- Are agent-client relationships more effective than digital lending?

14:35 MFI supporting Young micro and small entrepreneurs

- Customer expansion by MFIs
- Financial and non-financial support to strengthen micro-enterprise
- Improving access to finance

15:00 CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION:**Development impacts achieved within the Microfinance industry**

- Progress on reducing carbon footprints by MFI's and its clients
- Any positive change towards sustainability
- Climate-resilient and inclusive growth
- Sustainable economic recovery

Panelists:**Jarri Jung | Triple Jump, The Netherlands****15:35 Closing Remarks and Chairperson's Summary****15:45 Closing Coffee and Networking
End of Forum****1:1 Meetings**

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- Head of Investments
- Director / Manager of Emerging Markets etc. and others

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"It was great experience, very well organized and planned."

- CFO, FINCA, Jordan

"Overall experience was good. The event was lively with attendees from different parts of the world and different organizations."

- Investment Associate, Finnfund, Finland

"Benefited from all the sessions. Good exposure particularly on the new developments in microfinance"

- Manager, Central Bank of Malaysia, Malaysia

"It was my pleasure. Congratulations for a very professionally run event and very informative. I would be happy to participate again"

- General Manager, Alterfin, Belgium

"It has been a pleasure and I really hope to keep this nice cooperation in the future"

- Founder & Chairman, Mikro Kapital, Luxembourg

"The overall experience is amazing"

- CEO, Bosak Microfinance Bank Limited, Nigeria

"It was a great and very fruitful event for us where we had the opportunity to network and expose our brand. We are looking forward to attend the next edition!"

We would like to warmly thank you for the support and the great organization"

- Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, Germany



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