

Indicative Agenda

“Bridging the Gap: Financial Inclusion Policy Solutions for Women in Africa”

Hotel President, Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire
Wednesday, 22 July 2015

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6:00 - 8:00 pm	Welcome Cocktail hosted by AFI
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8.00 - 8.45 am	Registration
8:45 - 9:30 am	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Alfred Hannig, Executive Director, Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI) <p>Welcoming Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Kone Tiemoko Meyliet, Governor, Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) <p>Keynote Address: Mr. Axel de Ville, UN Women Regional Deputy Director for West and Central Africa</p>
9:30 - 11:00 am	<p>Panel 1 - Women's Financial Inclusion: What's at Stake, What are the Barriers and What's Being Done?</p> <p>Moderator: Celina Kawas, Manager, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, Women's World Banking</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Special Envoy on Gender, AfDB Ms. Rebecca Ruf, Vice President, Programs, Global Banking Alliance for Women World Bank Banque de la République du Burundi <p>Objective:</p> <p>This panel will discuss why there is a gender gap in financial inclusion, what the main barriers are for women accessing finance, and who the key players are to address barriers. Panel will look at innovations and enabling environment required for women both in Africa and globally.</p>

11:00 - 11:30 am	Coffee Break
11:30 - 1:00 pm	<p>Panel II - Private Sector Initiatives to Reach Women at Scale</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Nomsa Daniels, Executive Director, New Faces New Voices</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Aishah Ahmad, Head, Retail Banking Directorate, Diamond Bank, Nigeria • Ms. Marianne Nyangi, Head of Chase Woman, Chase Bank, Kenya • Mr. Jean Marius Yao, Project Director, Orange Money, Cote d'Ivoire • Mobile Money for the Unbanked, GSMA <p>Objective:</p> <p>This panel will discuss successful and emerging innovations as well as opportunities in reaching women through digitization of products and services, and the role of banks and mobile network operators.</p>
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 - 3:00 pm	<p>Panel III - Closing the Gap: Policy responses in addressing consumer level barriers</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Susanne Dorasil, Head of Economic Policy and Financial Sector Division, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Vice Governor, National Bank of Rwanda • Ms. Armenuhi Mkrtchyan, Head of Consumer Protection and Financial Education Center, Central Bank of Armenia • Ms. Marie José Ndaya Ilunga, Deputy Director, Supervision Committee for Financial Intermediaries, Central Bank of Congo • Mr. Swapan Kumar Roy, General Manager, SME & Special Programmes Department, Bangladesh Bank <p>Objective:</p> <p>This panel will discuss policy responses that try to address barriers facing women at the consumer level such as lack of financial capability and financial literacy and inherent biases towards women. Policies and programs that have shown promising impact in the area of financial education and literacy as well as consumer protection will be further examined.</p>

3:00 - 4:00 pm	<p>Panel IV - Closing the Gap: Market Infrastructure and Enabling Regulatory Environment</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Mayada El-Zoghbi, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Tukiya Kankasa-Mabula, Deputy Governor, Bank of Zambia • Mrs. Temitope Akin-Fadeyi, Head, Financial Inclusion Secretariat, Development Finance Department, Central Bank of Nigeria • Ms. Pia Bernadette Roman Tayag, Head, Inclusive Finance Advocacy, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas • Rebecca Mann, Financial Services for the Poor, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation <p>Objective:</p> <p>This panel will discuss policies that address broader financial market infrastructure and provide for supportive regulations in creating an enabling environment for women's financial inclusion. Policy reforms and initiatives that allow for development and innovations of financial products and service delivery such as expansion of digital services as well as collateral and lending requirements.</p>
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Coffee Break
4:30 - 5:00 pm	<p>Wrap-up Discussion</p> <p>Speaker: Professor Njuguna A. Ndung'u, Former Governor, Central Bank of Kenya</p> <p>Objective:</p> <p>Recap of day, results of discussion on the policy areas identified; what national strategies can contribute, support on Maya Declaration and next steps to drive actions and adopt strategies.</p>
5:00 - 5:15 pm	Conference evaluation
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Dinner hosted by AFI