

## Photo feature

The AFI Steering Committee met to discuss the progress made during the past year since the conclusion of the Nairobi conference. The committee members were joined by a delegate from Peru for the first time.



### The Steering Committee

Members of the Steering Committee pose for a photo before the Opening Toasts.

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Guillermo Babatz speaks to the gathering.



Christoph Beier welcomes the gathering at the Opening Toast.



Guests network at the welcome reception.



Delegates give their full attention to Mr. Babatz and Mr. Beier at the Opening Toast.

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Taking financial inclusion to the next level

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## Taking Financial Inclusion to the Next Level - A Preview

Connect. Contribute. These two words will sum up the measures by which to gauge the success of the Alliance for Financial Inclusion's 2010 Global Policy Forum.

Executive Director Alfred Hannig, in his welcome address to 112 delegates of 42 nations, will urge them to get to know their counterparts in other countries so that it will open up and expedite communication channels that, in turn, will help them learn from each others' experiences in the march toward greater financial inclusion.

The second chapter of AFI's Global Policy Forum, which traces its origins to 2009 when it was formed in Nairobi, Kenya, is set in Indonesia, which Mr. Hannig notes has been hugely successful in the financial inclusion effort.

Since the inaugural conference in Nairobi there have been many innovations and reforms in countries' policies, according to Mr. Hannig, which have helped provide an



increasing number of people with access to financial services.

However, this is only half the story, Mr. Hannig reminds us. More than two billion people still remain underserved and it's imperative to step up the speed and scale at which policy solutions are being deployed. So, how does one do this?

The 2010 Global Policy Forum should help "take it to the next level."

### → Française (160)

*Faire passer l'inclusion financière à la vitesse supérieure - Avant-première. Dans son discours de bienvenue, Alfred Hanning, le Directeur Exécutif de l'AFI, a rappelé aux délégués que l'objectif premier du Forum mondial des politiques d'inclusion financière de l'année 2010, était de favoriser le contact entre les décideurs politiques en matière d'inclusion financière des pays en développement et leur participation, afin que ceux-ci puissent échanger et partager leurs connaissances.*

*Alors que les innovations techniques et les réformes politiques en matière d'inclusion financière se multiplient, le monde de l'inclusion financière est en évolution permanente. M. Hanning a rappelé qu'après le Kenya, cette année le Forum se tenait en Indonésie, pays ayant connus des succès multiples dans son effort d'inclusion financière des populations pauvres. Cependant, dans un contexte où encore plus de 2 milliards de personnes restent dépourvus d'accès aux services financiers, il reste impératif de faire passer l'inclusion financière à la vitesse supérieure.*

*Aenean ac nisi sem. Proin scelerisque urna in felis rhonc loremus quis hendrerit est nunc*

*fest eugiat facilisis ullamcorper.*

*Integer accumsan venenatis neque ac consectetur.*

### → Español (160)

*Conectarse. Contribuir. Esperamos que con estas dos palabras se resume el éxito del Foro Mundial sobre Políticas de Inclusión Financiera de AFI 2010.*

*Nuestro Director Ejecutivo, Alfred Hanning, durante sus palabras de bienvenida, instará a los participantes a entablar lazos con sus colegas, mejorar y aumentar los canales de comunicación y a compartir experiencias.*

*Este segundo Foro Mundial de AFI ahora tiene lugar en Indonesia, país que, Hanning ha notado, ha sido muy exitoso en temas de inclusión financiera.*

*Desde el Foro inaugural en 2009 en Kenia, el mundo ha visto muchas innovaciones y reformas positivas. Sin embargo, Hanning nos recuerda que aún existen más de 2000 millones de personas sin acceso a servicios financieros y que resulta imperativo dar mayor impulso a políticas apropiadas.*

*Así pues, ¿cómo podemos lograrlo?*

*El Foro Mundial 2010 podrá ayudar a "llevar a la inclusión financiera al próximo nivel."*

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### → September 28

- Approaches to Cross-Sector Policy Leadership and Coordination for Financial Inclusion
- G20 Action Plan on Financial Inclusion

#### → September 29

- Regulators' Challenge: Balancing Innovation and Safety in Mobile Financial Services
- Consumer Protection: From Theory to Practice
- Policy Implications of New Partnerships for Financial Inclusion
- Interview: Luis Urrutia Corral, Vice President, Financial Action Task Force

#### → September 30

- Combo Feature: National Strategies and Targets for Financial Inclusion
- Peer-to-Peer Learning: Insights from AFI Knowledge Exchanges
- The Way Forward: Key Findings and Concrete Actions

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# Welcome Address to the AFI Network

On a beautiful Balinese night, under a starlit sky and atop a cliff overlooking the sea, Guillermo Babatz and Christoph Beier, both members of AFI's Steering Committee extended a warm welcome to the gathering of policy makers from around the world.

Mr. Babatz, President of the Comision Nacional Bancaria y de Valores, or the National Banking and Securities Commission of Mexico, set an encouraging and positive tone for the conference proceedings by observing that AFI has come a long way since the first policy forum held last year in Nairobi.

He noted that financial inclusion has now become a key component of development in more countries around the world than before.

A key contribution of AFI to this cause, Mr. Babatz said, was that it had given an opportunity and a forum for the developing countries of the world to come together to discuss and voice their opinions, and be more involved and participate in the financial inclusion effort.

He further called on all the delegates present to share their experiences during the forum so that other policy makers can gain from them.

"Policy makers are the owners of this platform and have the power to maximize its potential," he concluded.

Mr. Beier, Managing Director of GTZ, agreed with Mr. Babatz by noting that AFI as an organization is an innovation in itself - an innovative development organization.

"It's a unique approach" where developing countries work and communicate with each other to overcome challenges and not a situation where donor countries are telling recipients what to do, he said.

Instead, it's an interactive process that helps developing countries exchange relevant experience.

"I'd love to see more AFIs emerging, not only in finance but also in other policy fields," Mr. Beier concluded.

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## What to look out for on Monday

Monday will begin with an introduction from AFI Executive Director Alfred Hannig who will introduce the theme for this year's conference - Taking Financial Inclusion to the Next Level.

The keynote address that would set the tone for the conference will be delivered by Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the President of the Republic of Indonesia.

He will be preceded by welcoming remarks from Prof. Njuguna Ndungu, the Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya and Chair of the AFI Steering Committee.

Darmin Nasution, Governor of Bank Indonesia, with whose support this event has come together, will also welcome the gathering. The day's sessions will begin by taking stock of the progress AFI has made in the last 12 months and in the journey from Nairobi to Bali.

At lunch, S. Budi Rochadi, Deputy Governor, Bank Indonesia, will address the delegation. This will be followed by the first of the roundtable discussions where panelists will highlight the success of leadership models that

involve cooperation among a range of national players to advance financial inclusion efforts in their respective countries. The day's last session will address the weighty issue of a G20 action plan concerning financial inclusion.

The evening's proceedings will culminate in the Forum Dinner where the Bank of Thailand's Deputy Governor and AFI Steering Committee Member Krirk Vanikkul, will welcome the gathering.

This will be followed by an address from Bob Christen, Director, Financial Services for the Poor at the Global Development Program, at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which supports and funds AFI.

# Photo feature

Delegates from around the world poured into the Ayana Resort venue to receive a warm welcome from AFI and Bank Indonesia staff.

112 Delegates from 42 Countries



### Registration Desk

Guests register after arriving at the Ayana Resort and are greeted with garlands and a refreshing beverage.

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A local band entertains guests at the welcoming ceremony before the Opening Toasts.

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