

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Draft Agenda

Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPI)
Forum, 2-3 May 2017
InterContinental, Berlin, Germany

Day 1 –Tuesday, 2 May 2017

08.00 – 09.00

Arrival / Registration

Introduction –
Impact of Financial Inclusion and Relevance for Achieving the 2030
Agenda

09.00 – 09.20

Session 1: Welcome

- Gunther Beger, Director-General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

09.20 – 09.40

Session 2: Keynote on Relevance of Financial Inclusion for the 2030 Agenda

- Ruth Goodwin-Groen, Managing Director, Better Than Cash Alliance, United Nations Capital Development Fund

09.40 – 11.00

Session 3: Financial Inclusion and the G20 Partnership with Africa

This session will reflect the important role of financial inclusion – access of a wide range of financial services to households and SMEs - in the context of a reinforced international focus on Africa. What are the key contributions of the financial sector to overcome existing bottlenecks to boost investment and thus drive growth in Africa? Which new approaches in promoting financial inclusion have proven most effective? What are the main challenges in various African economies and how should these be addressed in upcoming G20 initiatives? The panel discussion will feature discussants representing different private and public sector perspectives on these questions.

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Session 4: Financial Inclusion as Integrally Linked to Financial Sector Stability, Integrity, and the Protection of Customers

This panel raises awareness for the interconnections between financial inclusion on the one hand, and the stability and integrity of financial sectors on the other hand. The stability of the financial sector is a crucial precondition for safeguarding the achievements in financial inclusion. At the same time, financial inclusion as such is more and more understood as a pathway to increase stability – also indicated in the 2030 Agenda. The discussion will take into account the key messages of the GPMI White Paper “Global Standard-Setting Bodies and Financial Inclusion - The Evolving Landscape”. Representatives of Standard Setting Bodies, national regulators, and the private sector discuss how to react to the changing landscape of international payments and remittances as well as challenges in the digital finance world.

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

The Promises of Financial Inclusion – Leave No One Behind

14.00 – 15.15

Session 5: Reaching the Last Mile in Rural Areas

Reaching out to individuals, smallholders and MSMEs in remote rural areas is at the forefront of financial inclusion. In parallel break-out sessions, the participants will explore different dimensions of financial inclusion in rural areas:

- From theory to practice: How can rural MSMEs tap financial resources for their climate-smart investments?
- Building resilience: What is the role of climate risk insurances and agricultural insurances for rural MSMEs?
- Financial Inclusion in rural areas through remittances, financial literacy and investment”
- Best practices: Innovative approaches on how to finance investments in rural areas

15.15 – 15.45

Coffee break

15.45– 17.15

Session 6: Financial Inclusion of Forcibly Displaced Persons

Financial inclusion can enable forcibly displaced persons (FDPs) to master difficult situations, to deploy their competencies, and thus to contribute to the economic development of the host community or country. In this session, policy makers, humanitarian organizations, financial service providers and academia provide and discuss promising ideas and examples of how to create access to fast, cost-effective and safe financial services for FDPs in order to exploit this potential.

17.15 – 18.15

Session 7: If not them – Who? / Making Young Entrepreneurs Visible and Bankable

This session will emphasize the potential of youth entrepreneurs and innovative models of financing their ventures. Finalists of the YE! Award for outstanding young entrepreneurs around the world will share their business models for making a positive impact on society. Their insights and perspectives will kick off a discussion on possible next steps for increasing financing for youth-led SMEs by financial institutions, policy makers and other stakeholders.

18.30

Dinner, InterContinental Hotel Berlin

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Day 2 –Wednesday, 3 May 2017

Digital Financial Inclusion – Which Road Will We Take?

09.00 – 11.00

Session 8: Regional Initiatives on Financial Inclusion and the Implementation of the G20 High Level Principles for Digital Financial Inclusion

Digital Financial Inclusion is happening. This session showcases some of the emerging policy approaches and provides insight into the potential role of policy makers in supporting DFI based on the GPI report “emerging policy approaches to digital financial inclusion”. Representatives of regional initiatives on Financial Inclusion discuss their role in supporting the implementation of the G20 High Level Principles for Digital Financial Inclusion, driving forward the Financial Inclusion agenda and looking at ideal forms of peer exchange and the cooperation with the GPI.

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00

Session 9: Balance Innovation and Risk to Achieve Digital Financial Inclusion – New Business Models, New Risks?

The dynamic changes in the finance industry and the rapidly increasing use of big/alternative data mandate further action. This session highlights the findings of the report “Alternative Data Transforming SME Finance” and the results of the Responsible Finance Forum VIII “Opportunities and Risks in Digital Financial Services Protecting Consumer Data and Privacy”. The subsequent panel discussion will reflect these findings asking the question of how to strike the balance between data protection, creating an enabling environment and allowing for innovation from the perspectives of diverse stakeholders.

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30

Session 10: Strengthening Digital and Financial Literacy and Awareness – Financial Capability, Behavioral Patterns and What Does Data Teach the Financial Service Providers About Me?

This session will address approaches on strengthening digital and financial literacy and awareness. Current evidence and research findings on financial education and consumer protection measures will be discussed and verified. Research findings on financial literacy and payment behavior will be presented.

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30

Session 11: SME Finance in Sustainable Global Value Chains – Helping SMEs to Go Global

Under the G20 Presidency in 2017, one of Germany’s focus areas is to enable the participation of SMEs in sustainable global value chains (GVCs) through access to relevant financial services and innovative financing models. The session will discuss the GPFI initiative on this topic highlighting the challenges faced by SMEs in participating in sustainable GVCs, providing best-practices examples of models which promote financing for SMEs in sustainable GVCs from the industry and policy perspectives and discussing the right incentives for SMEs to improve their sustainability performance.

17.30 – 18.00

Session 12: Wrap-Up – The Way Forward

19:30 – open end

Global Inclusion Awards Ceremony

Hosted by German G20 Presidency and Child Youth Finance **(by invitation only)**
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