

ASIA NETWORK SUMMIT 2010 AGENDA

| Day One: Monday - 11 th October 2010 Asia Microfinance Forum, Colombo, Sri Lanka | |
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| 9:00 – 9.15 | Introduction and welcome |
| 9.15 – 10.30 | <p>WORKSHOP 1: ADVOCACY</p> <p>A discussion of the current experience of networks regards policy and regulation in the current microfinance environment. What are the priorities in terms of advocacy in the current environment? What effective regulatory change has occurred? What are the leading issues being discussed at a governmental/industry level? How has recent criticism (from within and without) of the industry affected the advocacy of networks?</p> <p>Speakers: Wang Dan, China Association of Microfinance Chea Phalarin, Cambodia Microfinance Association Lalaine Joyas, Microfinance Council of the Philippines</p> |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10.45 – 12.00 | <p>WORKSHOP 1: ADVOCACY cont.</p> <p>Group discussion on the key elements of a successful policy advocacy strategy focusing on setting priorities and communication strategies.</p> |
| 12.00 – 13.30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 13.30 – 15.00 | <p>WORKSHOP 2: TRIPLE-BOTTOM LINE MICROFINANCE</p> <p>Where is the discussion at amongst networks on the issues of ‘people, planet, and profit’? How do networks understand the triple-bottom line and is it a concern for their members? Social performance management, responsible microfinance, green microfinance are all important topics, but are they important to the industry in Asia? Should networks be promoting a more holistic approach or is this a distraction from the core role of MFIs? Should networks be working towards a shared code of ethics?</p> <p>Speakers: Zula Ganzorig, Director, Human Resources Management Department, Xac Bank, Mongolia Benita Sarah Mathew, Manager, Research and Development, ESAF, India</p> |



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| 15.00 – 15.15 | <i>Break</i> |
| 15.15 – 17.00 | <p>Role of Networks in Promoting Client Protection Speaker: Leah Nedderman, Smart Campaign</p> <p>A representative of the Smart Campaign will discuss this international initiative on improving client protection and how networks can become involved.</p> <p>The Smart Campaign embodies a set of core principles for the treatment of microfinance clients - the minimum standards that clients should expect to receive when doing business with a microfinance institution. The principles at the heart of the Smart Campaign are: Avoidance of Over-Indebtedness, Transparent and Responsible Pricing, Appropriate Collections Practices, Ethical Staff Behaviour, Mechanisms for Redress of Grievances And Privacy of Client Data.</p> <p>By incorporating client protection into all aspects of business operations, microfinance institutions can proactively and collectively strengthen microfinance and position the industry as a leader in responsible financial services.</p> |

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| 9.00 – 10.30 | <p>WORKSHOP 3: REGIONAL NETWORK COOPERATION</p> <p>This session will concentrate on consolidating and furthering collaboration and information exchange between networks in Asia, such as: critical issues affecting networks and shared opportunities for shared fund-raising on issues of mutual benefit.</p> <p>All representatives will have an opportunity to present the top three priorities for their networks over the next years. Additionally, we will be joined by representatives from Asian Development Bank who will present on ADB's microfinance strategy; focus/responsibilities of, and cooperation among, concerned departments in ADB on MF; stats of projects so far processed Bank wide; and projects being designed this year.</p> <p>Speakers: Each network representative</p> <p>Qifeng Zhang, Principal Financial Sector Specialist (Rural & Microfinance), Asian Development Bank</p> |
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| | Hasib Ahmed , Principal Investment Officer, Private Sector Capital Markets Asian Development Bank |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | <i>Networking Break</i> |
| 10.45 – 11:15 | <p>Presentation: Social Performance Management Speaker: Ewa Bankowska and Katarzyna Pawlak, MFC</p> <p>Thus, Social Performance Management (SPM) has become a part of the industry wide agenda internationally. However, more effort needs to be made for this to be better understood and implemented in the Asian industry; networks can play a lead role in achieving this. MFC, as a network and industry leader in promoting SPM will be providing a short presentation on the latest international initiatives in this area. Networks will be asked to complete a short survey prior to the workshop for discussion during the session.</p> |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | <p>Presentation: Review of BWTP Network and SEEP Network Tools Speakers: Jamie Bedson, BWTP Network and Diana Dezso, SEEP Network</p> <p>The BWTP Network will highlight its network webpage and suggestions for a network’s newsletter based on feedback from the Asia Network Summit 2009 in Singapore.</p> <p>Diana will provide a review of recently developed network tools. This suite of 15 cutting-edge tools is specifically designed to help national and regional microfinance associations fuel the growth and development of the microfinance industry in their regions. These tools were developed by SEEP’s Network Development Services team in collaboration with microfinance associations around the world as a part of the Citi Network Strengthening Program.</p> |
| 11.45 – 12.30 | <p>Network General Discussion</p> <p>In Singapore an interesting and fruitful discussion was held that covered a range of issues and highlighted several shared experiences and opportunities for collaboration.</p> |
| 12.30 – 1.45 | <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch - Hosted by the BWTP Network</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All ANS delegates are invited to a lunch following the closing of the Summit</p> |