

# UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON BUILDING INCLUSIVE FINANCIAL SECTORS IN AFRICA

DAKAR, SENEGAL / 5-6 JUNE 2006

## AGENDA

### MONDAY, 5 JUNE 2006

**08:30 – 09:00**      **REGISTRATION**

**09:00 – 09:45**      **OPENING CEREMONY**

**WELCOMING SPEECH**

*Alberic Kacou, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Senegal*

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

*His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal*

**09:45 – 10:00**      **COFFEE BREAK**

**10:00 – 10:45**      **WELCOMING REMARKS AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

• **Building inclusive financial sectors:**

**The role of national strategies**

*Richard Weingarten, Executive Secretary, UNCDF*

• **Financial inclusion in Africa:**

**Comparison with the rest of the world**

*Elizabeth Littlefield, Chief Executive Officer, CGAP*

• **Comments on Keynote Address**

*Mohamed Beavogui, Director, West and Central Africa, IFAD*

**10:45 – 12:00**      **PANEL SESSION 1 - BUILDING INCLUSIVE FINANCIAL SECTORS:  
EXAMINING ACCESS IN AFRICA**

*Moderator: Anjali Kumar, Advisor Financial Sector, World Bank*

• **Data on access: State of exclusion in Africa**

*Anne - Marie Chidzero, Financial Policy and Regulation Manager,  
FinMark Trust, South Africa*

• **Inclusive financial sectors and market integration**

*Gerhard Coetzee, Director / Professor, Centre for Microfinance, University of  
Pretoria, South Africa*

• **Lessons from financial sector assessment programmes in African countries**

*Patrick Honohan, Senior Financial Policy Advisor, World Bank  
Ousmane Doré, Resident Representative of Senegal, IMF*

- **Challenges for financial inclusion in Africa**  
*Fodé Ndiaye, Senior Technical Advisor, UNCDF*
- 12:00 – 13:00**     **PANEL SESSION 2 - DEVELOPING NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION**  
*Moderator: Peter Kooi, Director, ACLEDA Bank Plc*
- **Lessons from the Blue Book: Options for African policymakers**  
*Kathryn Imboden, Microfinance Senior Policy Advisor*
  - **African country experiences: Developing national strategies in the African context**  
*Marie-Pierre Sarr Traoré, Minister of SMEs, Woman Entrepreneurship and Microfinance, Senegal*  
*Harison Edmond Randriarimanana, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Madagascar*
  - **Overview on national microfinance strategies**  
*Eric Duflos, Microfinance Specialist, CGAP*
- 13:00 – 14:30**     **LUNCH - KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**Access to financial services: Poverty reduction and development**  
*Chairperson: Abdoulaye Diop, Minister of State, Minister of Economy and Finance, Senegal*  
*Speaker: Mohamed H'Midouche, Regional Resident Representative, African Development Bank*
- 14:30 – 16:00**     **PANEL SESSION 3 - GAPS IN INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY AND FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN AFRICAN ECONOMIES: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**  
*Moderator: André Ryba, Lead Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank*
- **Challenges at the institutional level for African institutions**  
*Jennifer Riria, Managing Director, KWFT, Kenya*
  - **Expanding African payment systems**  
*Fatimatou Zahra Diop, Director of Payment Systems, BCEAO*
  - **Commercialization of microfinance and transformation issues in the African context**  
*René Azokli, Managing Director, PADME, Benin*
  - **Technology challenges on the African continent**  
*Brian Richardson, Chief Executive Officer, Wizzit Bank, South Africa*
  - **Flows and mechanisms analysis of remittances to Africa**  
*Hans J.P. Boon, Vice President, ING/Postbank*
- 16:00 – 16:15**     **COFFEE BREAK**

16:15 – 17:45

**PANEL SESSION 4 - REGIONAL APPROACHES TO ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES: EXPERIENCES AND INITIATIVES**

*Moderator: Dr. Hesphina Rukato, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Secretariat*

- **West Africa: BCEAO regional programme for financial inclusion**  
*Eric Ekué, Director of Decentralized Financial Systems, BCEAO*
- **Central Africa: BEAC initiatives for financial inclusion**  
*Jerome Mbeti Banga, Legal Officer, COBAC*

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**DINER / RECEPTION: ENTERTAINMENT**

**TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 2006**

09:00 – 10:15

**PANEL SESSION 5 - LEGAL AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT IN AFRICAN ECONOMIES**

*Moderator: Idrissa Kéré, Director of Legal Affairs, OHADA*

- **Microfinance regulation in Africa: An overview**  
*Laurent Lhériaux, Expert, Epargne Sans Frontières, France*
- **Evolution of tiered regulatory structures in the African context**  
*Emmanuel Asiedu-Mante, Deputy Governor, Bank of Ghana*
- **Challenges for African supervisory authorities**  
*David Opiokello, Deputy Governor, Bank of Uganda*

10:15 – 10:30

**COFFEE BREAK**

10:30 – 12:15

**PANEL SESSION 6 - EXPANDING RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL FINANCE IN AFRICA**

*Moderator: Mohamed Tounessi, Program Manager, West and Central Africa, IFAD*

- **Rural and agricultural finance: Challenges and opportunities**  
*Arfang Daffé, Managing Director, CNCA, Senegal*
- **Outreach to rural areas in Africa: Institutional models**  
*Henri Dommel, Rural Finance Advisor, IFAD*
- **Addressing the challenge of outreach**  
*Rasmané Ouédraogo, Secretary General, AFRACA*
- **Role of local government in rural finance**  
*Kadmiel Wekwete, Director, Local Development Practice Area, UNCDF*

- 12:15 – 13:45**      **LUNCH - PRESENTATION**  
**FinScope Africa: Measuring Financial Access**  
*Chairperson: Dédé Ekoué, Director of Relations with Africa, WWB*  
*Speakers: Mark Napier, CEO / Anne-Marie Chidzero, FPRM, FinMark Trust, South Africa*
- 13:45 – 15:30**      **PANEL SESSION 7 - MAKING FINANCE WORK FOR AFRICA**  
*Moderator: James Mwangi, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Equity Bank Ltd., Kenya*
- **Mobilizing savings in Africa**  
*Alpha Ouédraogo, Director, CIF, Burkina*
  - **African access to capital markets: Challenges and constraints**  
*Jean-Philippe de Schrevel, Founder and Director, Blue Orchard Finance, Switzerland*
  - **Financing growth of African financial services providers: Venture capital**  
*Wagane Diouf, Director, AFRICAP, Senegal*
  - **Innovation in financial services in Africa**  
*David Cracknell, Africa Programme Director, MicroSave, Kenya*
- 15:30 – 16:00**      **COFFEE BREAK**
- 16:00 – 17:00**      **PANEL SESSION 8 - INITIATIVES FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN AFRICA: PARTNERSHIPS AND COOPERATION**  
*Moderator: Albéric Kacou, Resident Representative, UNDP, Senegal*
- **Building inclusive financial sectors in Africa**  
*Makarimi Adéchoubou, Senior Technical Advisor, UNCDF*
  - **CGAP initiatives for financial inclusion in Africa**  
*Jennifer Isern, Lead Microfinance Specialist, CGAP*
  - **Discussion on Dakar Declaration on building inclusive financial sectors in Africa**  
*Representatives of the working group on Dakar Declaration*
- 17:00 – 17:30**      **CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE**  
*Richard Weingarten, Executive Secretary, UNCDF*