

ERADICATING POVERTY, PROMOTING PROSPERITY AND EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH FINANCIAL INCLUSION

WHAT: Side-event / 2017 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
WHEN: Monday, July 17th, 13:15 – 14:30 / Light lunch will be served
WHERE: UNHQ CR-11 General Assembly building

Financial inclusion is an effective means to achieving a number of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, and 9, which are being reviewed this year as part of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). With the increasing use of new technologies, including digital payments, financial inclusion contributes to eradicating poverty, promoting sustainable agriculture, securing health coverage, promoting gender equality, fostering small-scale industrialization and enterprises, and moreover can help in mobilizing domestic resources for financing for development. Both the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development seek to promote financial inclusion by setting out specific targets and actions to ensure full and equal access to formal financial services for all, and the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 70/189 to follow up on implementation.

In this context, high level representatives from member states and development partners will share experiences and lessons learned on using financial inclusion for sustainable development, and will offer recommendations on the importance of leadership and partnerships to realize the promise of financial inclusion in eradicating poverty, promoting prosperity, and empowering women.

SPEAKERS

- **Mr. Alexander De Croo**, Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium and Minister of Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda, Telecom and Postal Services
- **Mr. Yinager Dessie Belay**, Minister, National Planning Commission of Ethiopia
- **Ms. Carolina Trivelli**, CEO of Peruvian Digital Payments (Modelo Perú), former Minister of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru, and Senior Advisor to the Better than Cash Alliance
- **Mr. Douglas Frantz**, Deputy Secretary General of the OECD.
- **Ms. Charlotte Petri Gornitzka**, Chair of the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD.
- **Mr. Henri Dommel**, Director, Financial Inclusion, United Nations Capital Development Fund
- **Ms. Dorothe Singer**, Economist, Finance and Private Sector Research Team, Development Research Group, World Bank

MODERATOR

- **Ms. Sebnem Sener**, Office of the United Nations Secretary-General Special Advocate for Financial Inclusion for Development

