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Financial Services for the Poor: Lessons and Implications of the Latest Research on Credit

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Agenda

8:30 AM Registration and coffee

Moderator Stella Dawson, Thomson Reuters Foundation

Opening Remarks

9:00 AM **Bertrand Badré**, World Bank Group

Keynote

9:20 AM **Emerging Patterns from the Latest Research**

This opening keynote provides an introduction and motivation for the event. It will highlight key patterns emerging from research on credit for the poor, including the results from evaluations of programs implemented in six countries across four continents. The keynote will introduce some of the key questions for donors and funders on the role of microcredit as a development tool.

Abhijit Banerjee, MIT

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Microcredit 2015 Highlights

In the News

The Washington Post, [If You Read One Thing About Microfinance, Read This](#)

The World Bank's Blog, ['Understand Clients': The Major Theme from a World Bank Forum on Microcredit](#)

Fast Company, [Does Microfinance Actually Work?](#)

Next Billion, [10 Takeaways from the World Bank Forum on Microcredit's \(Lack of\) Social Impact](#)

IPA's Blog, [Microcredit Does Not Live Up to Promise of Transforming Lives of the Poor, Six Studies Show](#)

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