



Global Thought
Leadership Conference

RESHAPING THE FUTURE FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION

1 March 2019
Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

AGENDA

FRIDAY, 1 MARCH 2019

Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire

8:30 **Registration**

9:00 **Welcome by Conference Facilitator**

- Mr. Jost Wagner, The Change Initiative (Confirmed)

Opening Remarks

- Dr. Alfred Hannig, Executive Director, AFI (Confirmed)
- Mr. Tiemoko Meyliet Koné, Governor, BCEAO (Confirmed)
- Prime Minister, Côte D'Ivoire (Confirmed)

09:45 **Keynote presentations**

Presentation one: 'Financial Inclusion: The Global State of Practice'

- Prof. Thorsten Beck, Professor of Banking & Finance, Cass Business School (confirmed)

Presentation two: 'Reshaping Financial Inclusion for Sustainable Development'

- Mr Rogerio Zandamela, Governor, Central Bank of Mozambique (Confirmed)

Audience Questions & Discussions

10:45 **Coffee break and Group Photo**

11:30 **Session One: Policies to reach the 1.7 billion**

- Which policies are most effective to reach the remaining 1.7 billion unbanked adults and achieve full financial inclusion?
- What is needed to close the persistent 9 per cent gender gap in financial inclusion across developing & emerging economies?

Format: The theme-setting interventions will be followed by interactive group discussions focused on developing solutions for the financial inclusion of the 1.7 billion excluded with particular focus on inclusion of women, youth, rural areas, and forcibly displaced persons.

Themes Setting speakers:

- Mr. Pierre Guislain, Vice-President, African Development Bank "Challenges in reaching the last mile in Africa" (10 minutes)
- Ms. Estelle Plat, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) "Confronting the Global Gender Gap to Advance Women's Economic Empowerment" (10 minutes)
- UEMOA Commission (Speaker tbc), "The potential of financial Inclusion to catalyze sustainable development in West Africa" (10 minute)

13:00 **Lunch**



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14:00 **Session Two: Technology Risks & Opportunities**

- How should policymakers realize the potential of innovative technology to achieve full financial inclusion, whilst safeguarding against risks?

Format: 30 minutes panel discussion followed by interactive participant group discussions.

Moderator: Prof Njunga Ndungu, ED, African Economic Research Consortium (confirmed)

Panelists:

- Michael Wiegand, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
- Thomas Lammar, European Central Bank (ECB)
- Jean-Louis Perrier, Suricates Solutions

Session Three: Green Financial Inclusion

- “How can financial services build resilience to climate change impacts and catalyse low-carbon development?”

Format: Open Fishbowl Discussion

Presenter: Mr. Klaus Prochaska, AFI

Speakers:

- Estelle Plat, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)
- Marcos Mancini, UN Environment Program (UNEP) Inquiry
- Wei Yuan, Sustainable Banking Network (SBN)
- M. Bassary Toure, Deputy President, West African Development Bank (BOAD)
- Dr. Daniel Schydrowsky, BIDE

15:30 **Coffee Break**

16:00 **Session Four: Reshaping the Future for Universal Financial Inclusion:**

Format: This session will bring in reflections on the topics discussed during the day, the most promising solutions identified within each topical area, and priority action areas to be carried forwards to the Global Policy Forum in Kigali and beyond.

Moderator: Kennedy Komba, Director of Strategy & Policy, AFI

Panelists (tbc):

- H.E. Khalilullah, Governor, Da Afghanistan Bank
- Dr. Davaasoren Sodnamdarjaa, Chairman, Mongolia Financial Regulatory Commission
- Gabriel Bizama, Argentina Treasury & GPFI Troika
- Amina Tirana, Senior Director, VISA
- Prof. Thorsten Beck, Professor of Banking & Finance, Cass Business School

Audience contributions to the discussion will also be invited to share final proposals.

17:00 **Closing Remarks**

- Ministère de L'Economie et des Finances, Côte D'Ivoire
- BCEAO
- Norbert Mumba, Deputy Executive Director, AFI

17.30 **Close of the conference**

*A special conference dinner will be held in the evening of Friday 1 March for all conference participants.