

Research Meets Africa

PROGRAMME

Monday, October 9, 8.30 - 17.30

Lalibela Grand Ballroom 1

8.30 - 8.45

Welcome and Check-in

8.45 - 9.00

OPENING PLENARY

- 👤 Laura FOSCHI - ADA - Luxembourg
- 👤 Rebecca ROUSE - Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

9.00 - 9.30

PRESENTATION QUALITATIVE STUDY: SMALL AND GROWING BUSINESSES IN ETHIOPIA

- 👤 First Consult PLC and ADA Luxembourg

9.30 - 10.45

PLENARY 1 : ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR MSMES

How to improve the role of microfinance in the financing of MSMEs in Burundi?

- 👤 Alphonse NYOBEWUMUNSI - Central Bank of Burundi

Relationship lending in microfinance: how does it impact client dropouts?

- 👤 Cécile GODFROID - CERMi-UMONS - Belgium

Moderator

- 👤 Kaspar WANSLEBEN - Luxembourg Microfinance and Development Fund (LMDF) - Luxembourg

Panelists

- 👤 Suleiman ASMAN - Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)
- 👤 Syed SUHAIL PERVEEZ - TEBITA Ambulance - Ethiopia
- 👤 Eléonore Marie Céline COMPAORE GYEBRE - GRAINE Burkina Faso
- 👤 Zerihun AYALEW - Rorank - Ethiopia

10.45 - 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30

PLENARY 2: REGULATION AND GOVERNANCE

Microfinance Regulation in West Africa: Effect on Small Businesses and the Debates around a Consolidated Legislation

- 👤 Terfa W. ABRAHAM - National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) - Abuja, Nigeria

Association between microfinance social rating scores and governance structure: a global survey

- 👤 Muluneh Hideto DATO - Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), SBS-EM, CEB and CERMI - Belgium; Universitetet i Agder (UiA), KSBL - Kristiansand, Norway

Moderator

- 👤 Frédéric KALALA - Protestant University of Congo - DRC

Panelists

- 👤 Lucia SPAGGIARI - Microfinanza Rating
- 👤 Sharada RAMANATHAN - Progress out of Poverty Index
- 👤 Luc VANDEWEERD - ADA Luxembourg

12.30 - 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 - 14.30

HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT WORKS? USING RANDOMIZED EVALUATIONS TO DISCOVER EFFECTIVE WAYS TO PROMOTE SME GROWTH

👤 Rebecca ROUSE - Financial Inclusion Program Director - Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

14.30 - 15.45

PLENARY 3: DIGITAL ERA

The emergence of financial digitalization on inclusive finance and legal aspects

👤 Dr. Manuel Roland TCHEUMALIEU FANSI - Strasbourg University and Yaoundé II

Effective Human Touch in a Digital Age: Implications for MSMEs

👤 Alexis Beggs OLSEN - Consultant & CFI Fellow - US

Moderator

👤 Suleiman ASMAN - Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

Panelists

👤 Lonneke NOTEBOOM - FMO - Netherlands

👤 Niladri ROY - Craft Solutions - Kenya

👤 Ed HIGENBOTTAM - Verdant Capital

15.45 - 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 - 17.15

PLENARY 4: WOMEN AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Is women empowerment a zero sum game? Unintended consequences of micro-finance for women's empowerment in Ghana

👤 Salia SAMUEL - University of Wolverhampton - UK

Loyalty, Trust and Glass Ceiling: the Gender Effect on Microcredit renewal

👤 Mathilde BAUWIN - Paris Dauphine University and the French National Institute of Demographic Studies - France

Moderator

👤 Laura VIGANÒ - University of Bergamo - Italy

Panelists

👤 Eléonore Marie Céline COMPAORE GYEBRE - GRAINE - Burkina Faso

👤 Nathalie IRAGI - Hekima - DRC

👤 Teshome YIHEYIS - Meklit Microfinance Institution - Ethiopia

17.15 - 17.30

CLOSING REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

👤 Linda SZELEST - ADA - Luxembourg

👤 Rebecca ROUSE - Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

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