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Research Meets Africa

Research solutions for MSMEs growth in Africa

Monday, October 9th 2017

Time	Program
8:30 - 9:00	Welcome and Check in
9:00 - 9:15	Opening plenary James Faschi, Deputy Director, ADA Luxembourg Rebecca Rouse, Financial Inclusion Program Director, Innovations: Poverty Action (IPA)
9:15 - 9:45	Presentation qualitative study: Small and Growing Businesses in Ethiopia First Consult PLC and ADA Luxembourg
9:45 - 11:00	Workshop 1: Access to Finance for MSMEs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ephrem NYONGABO, Expert advisor in monetary policy and financial market and Dr Alphonse NYOSE WURUNSI, Chief of the microfinance department, Central Bank of Burundi <i>How to improve the role of microfinance in the financing of MSMEs in Burundi? (FR)</i> • Cécile GODFROID, PhD student, CERMI-UMONS, Belgium <i>Relationship Lending in Microfinance: How does it impact Client Deposits? (EN)</i> <p>Moderator: Kaupa Warsleben, Executive Director of LMDF – Luxembourg Microfinance and Development Fund, Luxembourg</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sulaiman Aman, Country-Director Kenya, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) - Syed Suhail Perveez, General Manager, TEBFA Amhara, Ethiopia - Elikonore Marie Giline Gompoure Gyebe, Director, GRANE Burkina Faso - Zerhun Ayalew, Director, Rozank, Ethiopia
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break

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The African Microfinance Week (referred to as the SAM, based on the French acronym) is a major conference dedicated to the development of financial inclusion in Africa that takes place every two years. The most recent SAM took place from the 9th to the 13th October, 2017, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The main ambition of the SAM is to provide a unified African platform for exchange on the microfinance issues facing the African continent by bringing together all the professionals of the sector – investors, MFIs, researchers, banks, networks, innovators, governments and others.

IPA is co-organized the Research Meets Africa conference, which took place on October 9th as part of the SAM. The conference aims to promote research and innovation in the inclusive finance sector in Africa. It encourages collaboration between researchers and practitioners of the inclusive finance sector by involving universities from Africa and around the world.

City

Addis Ababa

Country

Ethiopia