THE FINANCIAL INCLUSION ADVOCACY CENTRE

The Microfinance Association

The Microfinance Association (UK)
And
The Financial Inclusion Advocacy Centre (UK)

FINANCIAL INCLUSION SUMMIT

An Interactive and Inclusive conference for practitioners

MAY 23–24
2023

NAIROBI
KENYA

PROFILE OF ORGANISERS

The Microfinance Association

The Microfinance Association "MA" is a non-profit professional membership organization registered in the United Kingdom. The MA is dedicated to the development and promotion of the Microfinance sector. It is a membership organization for practitioners in the Microfinance industry - an international organisation with membership from Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, Far East, Latin America, Asia, North America and the Middle East. It is a centre of professional excellence and an international focal point for ideas formulation and information gathering. **www.microfinanceassociation.org**

The Financial Inclusion Advocacy Centre

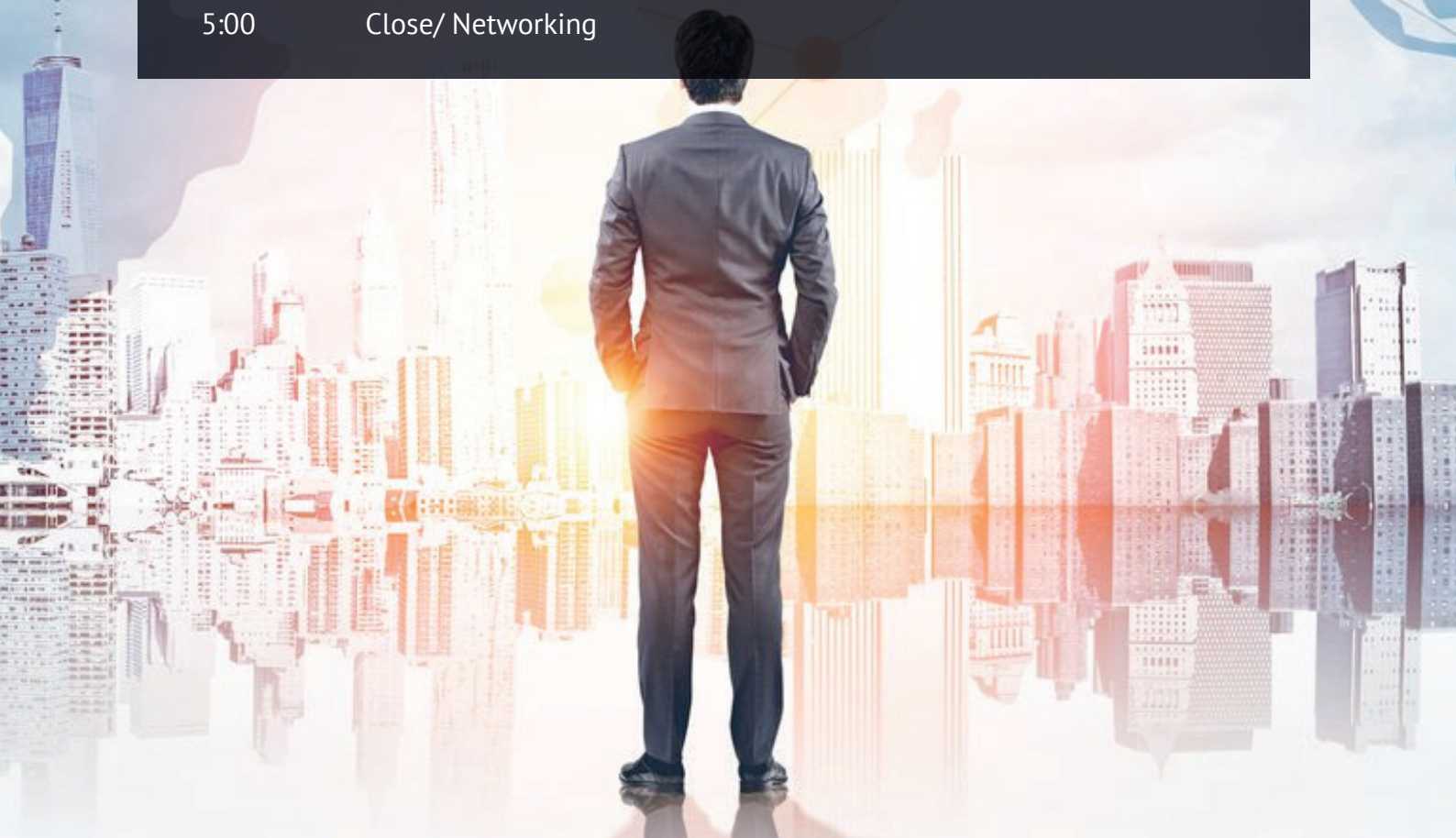
The Financial Inclusion Advocacy Centre's mission is to build the institutional strength and outreach of the microfinance sector, by providing a full range of high quality, best-practice technical inputs and support to all industry stakeholders, in a sustainable and demand-driven manner. As an independent support centre, FIAC is committed to promoting innovations, transparency, and improved outreach to the poor and ever-improving performance in the microfinance industry.
www.financialinclusionadvocacy.org

Day 1 – May 23 2023

9:00	Registration and refreshments
10:00	Chairman's opening Remarks
10:30	KeyNoteRemarks–TheMicrofinanceAssociation/FinancialInclusion Advocacy Centre
11:00	Coffee beak/Networking
11.30	The current state of inclusive Finance - A global perspective
12:00	**Panel discussion -Accelerating Financial Inclusion in Africa**
1.00	Lunch/Networking
2:00	**Panel Discussion-Exploring untapped opportunities in Inclusive finance inAfrica**
3:00	Digital Finance in the Fintech sector
3:30	Coffee/Networking
4:00	Mobile Payments and Technology for Effective delivery
5:00	Close/ Networking

Day 2 – May 24 2023

9:00	Registration and refreshments
10:00	Chairman's opening Remarks
10:30	KeyNoteRemarks–TheMicrofinanceAssociation/FinancialInclusion Advocacy Centre
11:00	Coffee beak/Networking
11.30	The current state of inclusive Finance - A global perspective
12:00	**Panel discussion -Accelerating Financial Inclusion in Africa**
1.00	Lunch/Networking
2:00	Promoting Customer Centricity in Inclusive Finance - A digital practitioner perspective
3:00	Digital Finance in the Fintech sector
3:30	Coffee/Networking
4:00	**Panel Discussion - What's next for Financial Inclusion in Africa - An Innovative Action Plan**
5:00	Close/ Networking



The rationale for the Financial InclusionSummit for Microfinance Practitioners

Background

1. The conference will explore recent trends within the financial inclusion sector and provide a forum for discussions on best practices globally within the context of disruptive technology.

2. Recent innovations in technology, along with the development of digital financial products and services, have created significant opportunities to provide greater access to, and higher quality of, these products and services too many who remain unbanked or underserved.

3. The high rate of mobile-phone ownership— even among people with low incomes—creates the possibility to reach not just individuals, but also agents who can serve entire neighbourhoods with a single device.

4. However, access to financial services is not the end goal of financial inclusion. Rather, it should be viewed as part of overall development, which helps people improve other aspects of lives, including employment, housing, health and poverty reduction.

Objectives

5 The Financial Inclusion Summit is the thought leadership event on financial inclusion; the 2019 summit would advance further the inclusive finance strategy for sub-Saharan Africa. It would also provide a learning opportunity where best practices of successful financial inclusion program could be shared.

Themes

6. The summit will cover the following themes:

- Financial inclusion, the changing landscape
- Financial inclusion: The next generation
- Harnessing change to accelerate financial inclusion
- Digital financial services in the fintech era
- The future of financing for MSMEs
- Regulation and supervision for inclusive innovation
- Developing financial inclusion in sub-Saharan Africa
- Building trust and overcoming barriers in digital financial services
- Mobile payments and Technology
- Effective systems in inclusive finance - UK experience
- Capital raising to support inclusive finance programmes
- Fund raising

Expected participants

7. Key stakeholders within the inclusive finance participating are

- Practitioners /MFIs
- Financial inclusion experts
- Microfinance associations
- Government representatives
- Researchers
- International and local NGOs
- Financial technology
- Technical and financial development partners
- Responsible finance standards setting bodies

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Confirmed Speakers and Representatives

Godfrey Crentsil
Executive Director Financial Inclusion Advocacy Centre

Howard Brady
International consultant on financial Inclusion
Director Financial Inclusion Secretariat

Mr Olatunde
CEO SEAP

Mr Sonko Fofana
Gambia Social Development Fund
CEO - Grooming Centre – Nigeria
CEO – LAPO Nigeria

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Financial Inclusion Consultant
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Lakedale Capital Representative
Representative of First Mutual Capital
Bank of Industry

Professor Gianfranco Vento
Professor of Microfinance

Ademola Tosoye
Executive Director Microfinance Association –UK
Nigeria Association on Microfinance Banks - Representative
Ghana Microfinance Institutions Network
Zimbabwe Microfinance Network
Central Bank of Nigeria
Bank of Ghana
Opportunity International Ghana

Ommara Alli
United Nations/World Bank Consultant

Mr Mohammed
Financial Services Authority

Ms Ololade Adesola
Microfinace Association – Nigeria
Fon A Amos - Financial Inclusion Advisor - Cameroon
Head of Financial Inclusion Department, Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning, Ghana
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Ministry of Finance Botswana

Conferenceentryfee as $1000 per delegate for the two days.

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