



microfinance INDIA SUMMIT

November 11-12, 2008 ● Ashok Hotel ● New Delhi, India

SAVE THE DATE

Microfinance India Summit 2008 will be held between November 11 & 12, 2008 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. This is the fifth in a series of annual summits organized by ACCESS Development Services as a part of its microfinance India initiatives. Over the years, the **microfinance India Summit** has become established as the most credible event in the region, attracting policy makers, practitioners, promoters, donors, researchers et al from across the world to discuss and debate on key issues and challenges faced by the sector. This international summit on Indian microfinance, while on the one hand, traces the progress of the sector in India; on the other it informs on international best practices that could be applied to the local context by the community of practitioners.

The theme for the **microfinance India Summit 2008** is “The Poor First”. In the past few years, there has been undue focus on institutions, their upscaling and sustainability challenges, sometimes at the expense of the client these institutions espouse to serve. **The microfinance India summit 2008** will delve on issues relating to the clients, the nature and quality of products and services, issues relating to client protection, community based models and the challenges of inclusive finance. The effort of the Summit will be to look at issues of inclusive growth, in which the poor can participate more effectively. Some of the past Summit themes have included “**Inclusion, Innovation and Impact**” (2005), “**Urban Microfinance**” (2006), “**Formal Financial Institutions – the challenges of depth and breadth**” (2007).

Given the growing credibility of the **microfinance India Summit** and to make participation more meaningful, several parallel and back to back events are being co-organized.



An ACCESS Initiative

The other co-events and initiatives organized simultaneously with the microfinance India Summit include:

Invest Asia

Investment Fair for emerging MFIs in South Asia

November 10-11, 2008 ● Ashok Hotel ● New Delhi, India

As part of **microfinance India summit 2008**, ACCESS and Intelicap will host the Asia Invest in collaboration with MIX Markets USA and India Development Gateway. The event will be the culmination of a structured process that involves:

- Investment Readiness Workshops for MFIs that may have interest in seeking equity and debt investments for upscaling their operations
- Developing pitchbooks and business plans of participating MFIs
- A Technical Seminar will be organized for interested MFIs and Investors on November 10, 2008 as a pre-summit event for broader sensitization on various facets relating to debt and equity in microfinance institutions.

During the Conference, Invest Asia will bring interested Investors to establish their booths and facilitate their business meetings with participating MFIs.

“If you are an Investor interested in attending the Invest Asia Fair please contact Ms. Manu Sharma at manu@accessdev.org”

Knowledge Fair

November 11-12, 2008

As a part of the Summit, a Knowledge Fair for showcasing various related products and services will also be organized. Interested stakeholders viz Banks, MFIs, Technology solution providers, Multi lateral agencies, donors, etc will be provided with booths to disseminate information about their products and services to the conference delegates.

MPEA Awards

November 11, 2008

ABN AMRO and RBS in partnership with PlaNet Finance India will announce the winners of Microfinance Process Excellence Awards (MPEA) 2008. The MPEA is a 6-12 month process built around a rigorous training, and it culminates in recognition for those who have achieved process excellence towards Financial Inclusion. 68 Microfinance Institutions are vying for the 19 awards – 15 Regional and 4 National level winners, selected by a jury of eminent microfinance and process management experts.

State of the Sector Report - Microfinance

The Annual State of the Sector Report will be released on November 11, 2008. Over the years, the State of the Sector Report has become established as one of the most credible reference documents and among the top five most downloaded document. It brings together the progress made by the sector in its totality and highlights key issues and challenges. Copies of the Report will be provided to all delegates part of the Conference kit.

A few Livelihoods related initiatives are also being simultaneously organized as a part of microfinance India

Inclusive Livelihoods

Livelihoods India Conference

November 13, 2008 ● Ashok Hotel ● New Delhi

This year's microfinance India conference will have an additional, day-long summit focusing on sustainable livelihoods. The inclusion of this theme aboard the microfinance India platform, aims to bring cohesion and emphasis on the inter-related nature of livelihoods and microfinance. The sessions will trace the progress and breakthroughs by different stakeholders, it will undertake to analyse the quality of implementation of various large government programmes, help to collate diverse experiences and draw conclusions on future strategies. The proposed first year theme for Livelihoods India Conference is "**Inclusive Livelihoods**". Conference delegates will have an option to register for both microfinance India and Sustainable Livelihoods India Conference, or exclusively for either.

STATE OF THE SECTOR REPORT – Sustainable Livelihoods

ACCESS in collaboration with The Livelihoods School, will for the first time release the State of the Sector Report for Sustainable Livelihoods. The putting together of the report has been enormously facilitated by a strong group of authors. It will bring together the diverse experiences from the sector, analyse current challenges, scan the policy environment, assess new opportunities for the poor and help to forecast trends. The report will be released on November 13, 2008.



ACCESS will also organize a three day simultaneous market event for NGOs / Producer groups to facilitate linkages with mainstream markets. Styled as "**Ode to Earth**" the event will focus on products from Rajasthan and North East. Through a step by step process, ACCESS along with Women on Wings, artisans and NGOs will be sensitized on the critical requirements for sustained market linkages. These will involve Technical Workshops in June, provision of technical product briefs, production coordination and participation in the market event,



Register now:

Your early response will ensure your confirmed participation. The Registration Form is enclosed which can be photocopied for multiple use. The last date for early bird registration fee which entitles a 15% discount is September 15, 2008. Afterwards, full conference fees will be applicable.

For all 3 days
(11-13th Nov)

**microfinance India Summit
and Livelihoods India
Conference**

Indian Organisations:

Till September 15, 2008

Rs. 4750

September 15, 2008 onwards

Rs. 5600

**AmFA Members/ RRBs and
Cooperative Banks :**

Till September 15, 2008

Rs. 4050

September 15, 2008 onwards

Rs. 4750

International Organisations:

Till September 15, 2008

USD 400

September 15, 2008 onwards

USD 480

Only for first 2 days
(11-12th Nov)

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Indian Organisations:

Till September 15, 2008

Rs. 3750

September 15, 2008 onwards

Rs. 4400

**AmFA Members/ RRBs and
Cooperative Banks :**

Till September 15, 2008

Rs. 3200

September 15, 2008 onwards

Rs.3750

International Organisations:

Till September 15, 2008

USD 300

September 15, 2008 onwards

USD 350

Only for day 3
(13^h Nov)

Livelihoods India Conference

Indian Organisations:

Till September 15, 2008

Rs. 1800

September 15, 2008 onwards

Rs. 2100

**AmFA Members/ RRBs and
Cooperative Banks :**

Till September 15, 2008

Rs. 1500

September 15, 2008 onwards

Rs. 1800

International Organisations:

Till September 15, 2008

USD 170

September 15, 2008 onwards

USD 200

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