

Symposium on the International Year of Microcredit Promoting Financial Global Partnerships for Development

"The International Year of Microcredit 2005 underscores the importance of microfinance as an integral part of our collective effort to meet the Millennium Development Goals. The challenge before us is to address the constraints that exclude people from full participation in the financial sector. The International Year of Microcredit offers a pivotal opportunity for the international community to engage in a shared commitment to meet this challenge. Together, we can and we must build inclusive financial sectors that help people improve their lives."

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan

Programme

09.30–10.00: Registration

10.00–12.00: Panel Discussion

- "The UN Year of Microcredit and the MDGs"
Kathryn Imboden, Senior Policy Advisor, United Nations Capital Development Fund
- "Microfinance within the Austrian Development Cooperation"
Ambassador Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Director-General for Development Cooperation at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- "Supporting Microfinance: The Role of Development Banks"
Hanns Martin Hagen, Vice President and Senior Financial Sector Specialist, KfW Entwicklungsbank
- "Microfinance from a Cooperative View"
Friedhelm Boschert, Chairman of the Managing Board, Volksbank International Aktiengesellschaft
- "The Role of NGOs in Promoting Global Partnerships – Lessons Learned from South East and Eastern Europe"
Florian Grohs, Oikocredit International
- "How Microfinances Changes Lives in Senegal"
Mamadou Wane, ASACASE – L'Association Sénégalaise pour l'Appui à la Création d'Activités Socio-Economiques

12.00–14.00: Lunch Break

14.00–15.30: Seminar Sessions

Mainstreaming Microfinance

- "How to Change the Mindset of Policymakers"
Bernd Balkenhol, International Labour Organisation, Employment Sector, Chief Social Finance
- "Commercialization of Microfinance"
Hannes Manndorff, European Representative, ACCION International
- "Innovative Products in the Austrian Development Cooperation"
Karin Reinprecht, Reinprecht & Reinprecht OEG

Microfinance Investment Funds

- "Ethical Investment – a Tool for Supporting the Poorest of the Poor"
Robert Wychera, Gerhard Novy, Oikocredit Austria
- "Advancing Microfinance – The Role of Development Banks"
Hanns Martin Hagen, Vice President and Senior Financial Sector Specialist, KfW Entwicklungsbank

15.30–16.00: Coffee Break

16.00–17.00: Conclusions

- Wrap-up of findings in plenary (briefing by seminar leader/rapporteur of each working group)
- Fixing of follow-up activities

Information and Registration

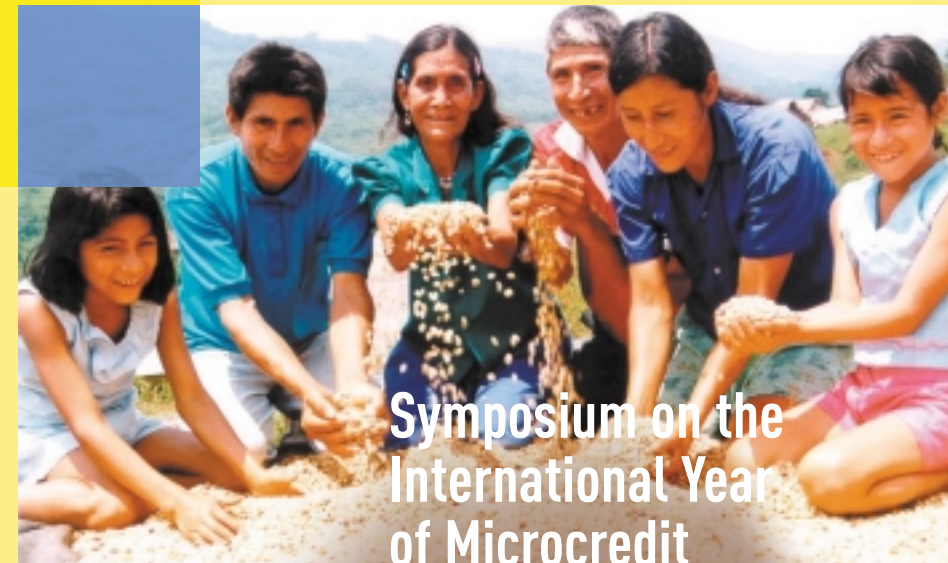
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