

Draft Program (as of January 20, 2009)*
Africa – Middle East Regional Microcredit Summit
April 7-10, 2010 – Nairobi, Kenya

April 6, 2010 – Pre-Summit

All-day Field Visits (including lunch) **

April 7, 2010 – Day 1

9:30 – 12:30 Opening Ceremony

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Plenary Session
 Breakthroughs in Using Micro-saving and Microcredit to Better End Poverty: A Vision for the Future of Microfinance in Africa and the Middle East

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 Workshop Sessions

1. A Deeper Look at Programs that Work with the Ultra-Poor, Including Youth and People with Disabilities
2. Innovations in Information Technology that Work for the Clients and for MFIs
3. What is a Regulatory Environment that Truly Works for MFIs, Their Clients, and the End of Poverty
4. Transparency in Interest Rate Pricing and Other Efforts Toward Consumer Protection
5. Using Tools to Measure Movement Above the US\$ 1 a Day Threshold

17:30 – 17:45 Break

17:45 – 18:45 Associated Sessions

April 8, 2010 – Day 2

9:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session
 Using Microfinance to Improve the Environment and Agriculture: Ensuring Sustainable Livelihoods in Africa and the Middle East

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:15 Workshop Sessions

1. What is the Cutting Edge for Microfinance in Rural Areas and Arid and Semi-Arid Land
2. Microcredit and Crop Agriculture: New Technologies and Other Innovations to Address Food Insecurity Among the Poor
3. Sustainable Environment: Using Microfinance and People's Own Initiatives to Propel Investment in Renewable Energy, Water and Sanitation

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4. **What Is Needed to Have Wholesale/Autonomous Microfinance Funds Work In Africa and the Middle East?**

12:15 – 13:45

Lunch

13:45 – 15:15

Plenary Session

Microfinance for the Urban Poor: Building Better Lives and Sustainable Urban Areas

15:15 – 15:30

Break

15:30 – 17:00

Workshops Sessions

1. **Microfinance for Livelihoods in Urban Slums**
2. **Microfinance and Urban Development: Slum Improvements and New Settlements**
3. **What is the Cutting Edge in Managing and Measuring Social Performance?**
4. **Encouraging Microsavings: How Do We Make It Happen?**

17:00-17:15

Break

17:15-18:15

Associated Sessions

April 9, 2010 – Day 3

9:00 – 10:30

Plenary Session

Using Microfinance as a Platform to Achieve Breakthroughs in Health and Well-Being for People in Africa and the Middle East

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 12:15

Workshops Sessions

1. **Effective Micro-Insurance and Micro Health Insurance Programs to Reduce Vulnerability**
2. **Why Integrating Microfinance, Health Education, and Other Forms of Health Protection Is Good for Your Clients and Good for Your MFI?**
3. **Successes in Inclusion of People Affected with HIV and AIDS: How to Make Sure that No One is Left Out**
4. **Using Microfinance and other Social Businesses to Speed Up the End of Poverty**
5. **Building on the Strength of Women in Africa and the Middle East: Innovations from the Region**

12:15 – 13:45

Lunch

13:45 – 15:15

Plenary Session

Institutional Action Plan Presented

15:15 – 15:30

Break

15:30 – 17:00

Plenary Session

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Using Microfinance as a Tool for Building Peace

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| 17:00 – 17:15 | Break |
| 17:15 – 18:45 | Workshops Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Microfinance in Post Conflict and Post Disaster Situations2. Creating Sustainable Livelihoods for Youth to Prevent Destructive Behaviors3. How Can Microfinance be Used to Break Down Ethnic and Religious Barriers4. Best practices for National and Regional Microfinance Networks |
| 18:45 – 19:00 | Break |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | Associated Sessions |

April 10, 2010 – Day 4

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| 9:00 – 17:00 | Field Visits (including lunch) ** |
| 9:00 – 12:00 | Day-Long Courses (including lunch) ** <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Learning to Cost-Effectively Assess and Manage Social Performance2. Learning to Plan for Institutional Financial Self-Sufficiency While Reaching the Poorest Families3. Learning to Reach the Urban and Rural Ultra-Poor with Microfinance4. Obtaining Funds from New Financial Instruments and Hedging Currency Risk – Products and Tools for Practitioners5. Establishing an Appropriate Legal and Regulatory Environment for Microfinance Institutions – A Session for Policy Makers and Practitioners6. Learning to Sustainably Integrate Microfinance with Health Education and to Provide Micro-Health Insurance7. Cutting Edge Management Information Systems (MIS)8. Entering the Field: Learning the Basics of Starting a Microfinance Program |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 16:00 | Day-Long Courses |
| 19:30 – 22:00 | Closing Ceremony & Dinner |

April 11, 2010 – Post Summit

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| 9:00 – 17:00 | Field Visits (including lunch) ** |
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* The detailed agenda is subject to change. Please check back regularly for program updates, including confirmed panelists and chairs.

** These events require separate registration.