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Microfinance Pasifika Network News

Pacific Microfinance Week 2009

After a successful Pacific Microfinance Week in August 2007, the Microfinance Pasifika Network is pleased to announce the second Pacific Microfinance Week 2009 (PMW 2009) in Nadi, Fiji from July 13 - 17, 2009. PMW 2009 will be a week-long series of events, meetings and gatherings of a range of organisations and individuals which have an interest in promoting the provision of inclusive and sustainable financial services in the Pacific.

We are inviting representatives from microfinance institutions, development partners, commercial and central banks, learning institutions, government agencies and private companies interested in becoming involved in Pacific Microfinance Week 2009 to contact us by email and to preserve these important dates in their 2009 schedules.

Over the coming months updated information regarding the event will be published in our newsletter and on the Pacific Microfinance Week 2009 website at: <http://www.pacificmicrofinanceweek.org>.

Network Membership Drive 2009

Microfinance Pasifika Network is currently inviting organisations interested in becoming a member of the network in 2009, to apply now for membership. We are seeking members from various stakeholders who have an interest in supporting financial inclusion in the Pacific.

Members of the network may be drawn from various organisations including: national level policy institutions, NGO's, microfinance institutions, regulated financial institutions, support organisations, donors and international agencies.

Benefits of membership are varied and may include: participation in national and regional program of activities (like Pacific Microfinance Week 2009), access to training and technical assistance, networking, dissemination of member's work and member's only access to the Pacific Resource Centre for Microfinance. Benefits of membership will continue to grow as the network develops further.

If your organisation is interested in becoming a Microfinance Pasifika member in 2009, further information is available on our website at <http://www.microfinance-pasifika.org/membership.html> or by contacting us by email at info@microfinance-pasifika.org.

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Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme Begins

The UNDP, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and the European Union Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Microfinance Programme (EU) have combined forces to launch the Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme. The PFIP is a four-year programme and will operate out of the UNDP Pacific Centre in Suva, Fiji.

The purpose of the PFIP is to help low-income households, small and microenterprises to access appropriate and sustainable financial services. To do so, PFIP aims to work with commercial, non-profit and public sector partners to push the limits of traditional banking and microfinance, promote and invest in new ideas and service models, and take advantage of new technologies that are proving effective in reaching remote areas around the world. While PFIP can and will work directly with financial service providers, it can also work with non-bank entities, including telecommunications providers, insurance companies, market research firms and others who can play a part in broadening and deepening access to financial services. PFIP is finalizing its first year 2009 work plan which will prioritize building and sharing market information, research or pilot projects in the larger Pacific Island Countries, and following up on the UNDP's financial literacy activities. It will work closely with AusAID, NZAid, ADB, and the International Finance Corporation (IFC). [More.....](#)

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❖ **Microfinance Competence Centre: Courses 2009**

The Microfinance Competence Center is now accepting enrolments for 2009 for its microfinance course available via distance education. The course is designed for school leavers and working professionals with an elementary understanding of microfinance products and the industry. Further details about the microfinance course are available [here](#).

The Microfinance Competence Center is also offering aspiring trainers and trainers in the field Financial Education courses in 2009. The aim is to train Trainers in Financial Education with delivery of financial education materials. The trainers are then prepared to train their clients. Enrollment information for the course is available [here](#).



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If your organisation is interested in becoming a member of the Microfinance Pasifika, information is available online at <http://www.microfinance-pasifika.org/membership.html>.



If you have an announcement that you would like publicised in our newsletter or on our website, please contact us at: info@microfinance-pasifika.org



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- ❖ **Vanuatu Agricultural Development Bank: Position Vacant**
The Vanuatu Agricultural Development Bank currently has a position vacant for the position of Chief Executive Officer (General Manager). A position description and application details are available from: http://www.microfinance-pasifika.org/assets/files/News/November_2008/VADB_CEO.pdf
- ❖ **FDC Briefing Note: Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Microfinance**
Summary: The current global financial crisis has led to a significant decrease in international capital available to the microfinance sector. This decrease in capital inflow is adversely affecting the microfinance sector's ability to achieve existing revenue and expansion targets. But microfinance may be less adversely affected by increases in global capital illiquidity than many other business sectors. A copy of the FDC Briefing Note - November 2008 is available from:
<http://www.fdc.org.au/files/Publications/FDC-Briefing-Note-Nov-08.pdf>
- ❖ **Microcredit Summit E-News: Addressing the Global Financial Crisis and Fluctuating Food and Fuel Costs**
The Microcredit Summit Campaign asked microfinance leaders (MF) and investors to respond to a series of questions on the global financial crisis and fluctuating food and fuel costs. A copy of these responses are available from:
<http://www.microcreditsummit.org/enews/index.html>
- ❖ **CGAP Virtual Conference: Microfinance and the Financial Crisis**
During November, CGAP hosted an online discussion on the impact of the financial crisis on microfinance, the virtual conference was attended by over 600 participants from thirty four countries. A summary of the event is available [here](#).
- ❖ **Apply for Microinsurance Research Grants**
Microinsurance Innovation Facility and the European Development Research Network (EUDN) are inviting academic researchers to submit proposals for research that will contribute new knowledge to support microinsurance development in developing countries. [More....](#)

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