



Microfinance Pasifika Network News

Pacific Resource Centre for Microfinance Monthly Online Discussion Sessions

During the coming months Microfinance Pasifika Network is planning on hosting monthly online discussion sessions with key microfinance stakeholder's in the Pacific.

The online discussion sessions would be hosted in the Pacific Resource Centre for Microfinance— [Public Microfinance Pasifika Discussion Forums](#).

The discussions would be focused on a particular theme relating to financial inclusion in the Pacific. A guest host will be available to field any questions and/or comments on this topic from both Microfinance Pasifika Members and the general public. The discussion would go for approximately one hour.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals and organisations who would be interested in being a guest host in the coming months. If anyone has a specific issue or theme concerning financial inclusion in the Pacific that they would like to see discussed please let us know.

To do so email your suggestions to info@microfinance-pasifika.org or alternatively post your comments on the online discussion forum at: <http://www.microfinance-pasifika.org/forums/index.php?topic=6.0>

To take full advantage of the Pacific Resource Centre for Microfinance, including the upcoming online discussions it is essential that you register online at: <http://www.microfinance-pasifika.org/request-an-account.html> .

Microfinance Pasifika Member News

- ❖ **New Microfinance Pasifika Member: Fern Software Ltd**
Fern Software specialise in savings and loans software for Microfinance Institutions, Savings and Finance Companies, Credit Unions and Development Banks. Fern was established in 1979 and since then has grown in size by expanding into over 20 countries covering Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. The company has recently opened an office in Australia. [More...](#)

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- ❖ **The Working Journey Projects
Expression of Interest—New Pacific Project**
We are looking for a partner to form an alliance with us in a bold project. The ideal alliance partner will have access to a group of successful micro-entrepreneurs. The aim of the project will be through our assessment process, to identify those micro-entrepreneurs who are deemed to have the cognitive capability (potential) to grow business well beyond the micro enterprise. [More...](#)
- ❖ **Solomon Islands Young Women's Leadership Program**
A positive step is being taken in the Solomon Islands to encourage young women to be more active within the credit union movement and within their local community. Funded by the Australian Office of Women, CUFA will run 3-day workshops across 4 different islands within the Solomon Island to inspire and assist women to develop leadership skills. If you would like to be engaged in this project, contact Claudine Chicheportiche:
Phone: 61+ 2 8299 9032
Email: cchicheportiche@cuscal.com.au
- ❖ **Singapore's Experiences with Financing SMES: Lessons for the Commonwealth**
16—22 April 2008
The objective of the workshop is to upgrade the capabilities of senior public and private sector practitioners and their institutions to develop and implement appropriate policies and strategies for SME development. They provide an exchange platform for Commonwealth Developing Countries (CDCs) to engage in discussions and share solutions to the key SME development issues which inhibit their national competitiveness. [More...](#)
- ❖ **Employment Opportunity: Partner Development Specialist, East Asia and the Pacific**
Kiva seeks to hire a Partner Development Specialist for East Asia and the Pacific. As an experienced and highly driven microfinance professional, the successful candidate will play a key role in shaping the expansion of Kiva's MFI network in the region. S/he will help Kiva develop its portfolio of microfinance partners by conducting marketing, due diligence and training for new partners, and providing on-going training, support and monitoring of current partners. This paid position is based in the region. [More...](#)



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If your organisation is interested in becoming joining 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



Microfinance Publications

- ❖ **MIX Global 100: Rankings of Microfinance Institutions**
During December, The Microfinance Information eXchange (MIX) released its second annual "MIX Global 100: Rankings of Microfinance Institutions," a ranking of the top performing microfinance institutions throughout the developing world. A copy of the report is [available here](#).
- ❖ **How MFIs and their Clients Can Have a Positive Impact on the Environment**
This paper was prepared by Green Microfinance in 2006 for the Microcredit Summit. This article examines whether microfinance can contribute towards eradicating extreme hunger and poverty while simultaneously contributing to ensure environmental sustainability. The authors argue that microfinance can, and should, contribute to a healthier natural environment for the benefit of the poor. To read a copy of the article [click here](#).
- ❖ **Summary Microfinance and the Environment: Setting the Research and Policy Agenda**
This paper is a summary from the 2006 Green Microfinance Wharton Roundtable aimed to further explore the ways in which the microfinance industry can continue to grow as an agent for the end of poverty and a healed environment. To view a copy of the article [click here](#).
- ❖ **Pacific Resource Centre for Microfinance**
If you have any papers, publications etc. that you would like to see featured in the Pacific Resource Centre for Microfinance which is located on the Microfinance Pasifika website, please don't hesitate to email the information to info@microfinance-pasifika.org.

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