PROGRAM

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Thursday, March 14th, 2024

Seminar: Powering Growth - Unlocking MSME Finance Through Policies,

Innovation and Partnerships

Venue: BCB Headquarters, Asa Sul, Brasília

Time	Session
8h30	Registration
9h30	Welcome and Opening Session
	Carolina Barros, Deputy Governor for Institutional Relations, Citizenship and Conduct Supervision – Banco Central do Brasil
	Margarete Coelho, Director – Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service - Sebrae
	Manuel Reyes-Retana, Director Latin America & the Caribbean and South America – International Finance Corporation - IFC
	Session 1 - Setting the Stage: Global Trends in SME Finance
	Keynote Speakers:
10h	 Zahra Aman Niazi, Economist – International Finance Corporation - IFC The latest estimated finance gap globally, how this compares to previous estimates, how has the gap been trending over the past 3-5 years and present global and regional comparisons.
	 Qamar Saleem, CEO – SME Finance Forum Industry trends in MSME financing, a discussion on different trends, products, partnerships, etc. and how these are contributing to closing the financing gap.
	Giovanni Bevilaqua, Coordinator of Access to Credit and Investments – Sebrae Nacional The changes in the Brazilian landscape of MSME finance over the past 3-5 years

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11h	Session 2 - The Digital transformation: Enabling Environment and changing markets
	This session will discuss the changes in regulation and policy that benefit MSME financial services and their global adoption, given the emergent market trends, how has the reality of the supply of MSME Finance changed with the digital transformation in the past few years, which new players and products have had the most impact in MSME financial inclusion; and how has regulation enabled or hindered these.
	Ana Carvajal, Lead Financial Sector Specialist – World Bank Global trend in regulation
	Flore-Anne Messy, Senior Counsellor, G20/G7 DD Finance, APEC D Finance, sustainable finance and inclusion lead – OECD OECD views on Policy Trends
	Diana Mejía, Senior Specialist – Development Bank of Latin America – CAF ■ Regional trends in regulation
	Antônio Marcos Guimarães, Consultant at the Financial System Regulation Department – Banco Central do Brasil The Brazilian case
	Chanchal C. Sarkar, Economic Adviser – Ministry of Finance, India and G20 GPFI Co-Chair The Indian case
	Moderator: Marcia Groszmann Faria, Principal Investment Officer – IDB Invest
12h30	Lunch
	Session 3 - Embracing Disruption and Accelerating Partnerships
13h30	Financial institutions often face similar challenges as they seek to expand their services to SMEs. During this session, we explore technology solutions designed to overcome these challenges, expand services offered to small business customers, or to streamline existing services, examining the role of disruptors and the partnerships emerging with banks and other financial services providers. Topics include which disruptive solutions were put in place to expand services to MSMEs, and how has their presence contributed to the financial inclusion of MSMEs.
	François Martins, Director Government Relations – Mercado Libre
	Alexandre Magnani, CEO – PagBank
	Eduardo Lopes, Global Head of Public Policy – NuBank
	Carlos Leibowicz, Managing Director Head of SMEs - Bradesco
	Ariel Oliaz, VP operations LatAm – C2FO
	Moderator: Ghada Teima, Principal Operations Officer – International Finance Corporation – IFC

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15h	Session 4 - Underserved segments: women, youth and rural and the Road Ahead
	This session will discuss how specific groups of entrepreneurs like women, youth and rural are accessing finance, especially in comparison to the overall trends presented in the 1st session, what challenges do they face, and what are solutions, policies and practices put in place today to address some of these challenges.
	Anderson Pereira, CEO – Kapitale
	Cristiane Amaral, Inclusion and Financial Education Manager – Sicredi
	Gisela Davico , Latin America & Caribbean Lead and Global Gender Lead – Better than Cash Alliance
	Karen Miller, Global Head of Strategy and Special Projects – Women's World Banking
	Renata Malheiros, National Coordinator of Sebrae Delas – Sebrae Nacional
	Moderator: Ronaldo Silva , Deputy Head of the Department for Financial Citizenship Promotion – Banco Central do Brasil
	Wrap up and Closing Remarks
16h30	Luis Mansur , Head of the Department for Financial Citizenship Promotion – Banco Central do Brasil
	Margarete Coelho, Director – Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service - Sebrae (tbc)
	Carlos Leiria Pinto, IFC Country Manager, Brazil – International Finance Corporation – IFC
	Magda Bianco, Director for Consumer Protection and Financial Education at Banca d'Italia and G20 GPFI Co-Chair
17h	Cocktail