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Financial Inclusion
Multi Perspectives
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Introduction

Financial Inclusion - Perspective:

Globally, Financial Inclusion has come a long way in achieving the objective of impacting human lives and poverty alleviation. Millions and millions of poor people have access to savings and credit and there is a perceptible reduction in poverty where people have access to the Financial Inclusion services. Beyond savings and credit, insurance and remittance services are also being increasingly accessed by the people. Some even talk about/initiated micro pension schemes to be a part of financial inclusion.

Poverty is multi dimensional and one of the key challenges Asian nations face while pursuing economic development is how to address poverty by bringing excluded poor segments of the society as a part of the development process. Despite more than a decade long Financial Inclusion programmes, it is a matter of grave concern that most poor people in Asia still lack access to sustainable financial services including credit, savings and insurance. Priority sector lending was instituted to provide loans to small and medium enterprises and agricultural sector. Further special banks were set up for rural areas like Rural Cooperative Banks, Regional Rural Banks. The government also set up national level institutions like NABARD, SIDBI to empower credit to rural areas and small and medium enterprises.

It is this development focus which combines the pillars of inclusion namely social and financial which calls for the International Conference on Financial Inclusion. The experiences of financial inclusion within India and in neighboring countries in terms of achieving the objectives of financial inclusion? What has been the performance of various countries in terms of financial inclusion? Are there some country specific models which by design are superior and hence deliver better; or it is the commitment of leadership and institutions

which has created the magic; or it is mix, are some of the issues which one needs to explore. Whether technology could be a great enabler in general and coordination in particular are some other issues which are not addressed adequately.

This international Conference precisely will attempt to bring up and debate these issues and would through significant insights for policy makers and development institutions engaged in the delivery and implementation of financial inclusion.

The Themes

Financial Inclusion

Role of intermediary

Financial Inclusion

Role of Technology

Community based Financial Inclusion

Challenges & Opportunities

Private, Public Partnership in Financial Inclusion

Empowerment through financial Inclusion



Objectives

1. Bringing different school of thoughts / philosophies and academics into partnership to have role in implementation of Financial Inclusion
2. To look at different but effective approaches in the Financial Inclusion interventions based on the client / community ownership and disseminate best practices in such approaches across the sector.
3. To bring out the positive fall-out of the community owned and managed Financial Inclusion models in building social capital and its larger benefits for development.
4. To provide a platform for sharing successful experiences in engendering development outcomes through Financial Inclusion interventions encompassing livelihoods, MDGs (health and education), women empowerment, networking, Insurance and financial inclusion, etc.
5. To take stock of the larger development impact triggered by Financial Inclusion work in different contexts and to disseminate widely.
6. To examine and appreciate the role of savings in mobilizing the local capital from the poor and low income families and building sustainability.



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