



Executive Panel

FINTECH: A Game Changer for Financial Inclusion and Gender Equality

Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group
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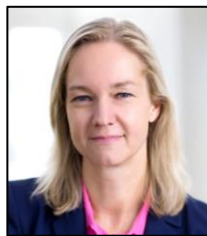


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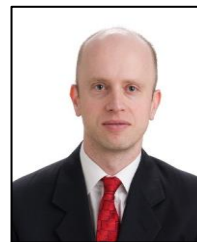
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Why You Should Attend

This session is designed for financial sector regulators and supervisors, as well as officials from international development agencies, non-governmental organizations, the IMF and World Bank, and private sector financial institutions.

The application of new innovative technologies to the financial services industry – FinTech – holds great promise for expanding financial inclusion and addressing the gender gap in access to and usage of financial services. This is consistent with UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (especially SDG 5 focusing on the empowerment of women and girls), Addis Ababa Action Agenda as well as Canada’s new Feminist International Assistance Policy. Moreover, FSB and the Basel Committee have identified a number of regulatory and supervisory issues raised by FinTech. The G20’s Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion has also published high level principles for digital financial inclusion which seek to catalyze government action to improve financial inclusion. While FinTech has the potential to bring substantial benefits, an appropriate regulatory and supervisory environment is essential to both permit and promote innovation while ensuring the sustainability of digital financial services, adequately protecting consumers, and mitigating adverse consequences and risks.

The panel will discuss how technological innovations in finance, combined with effective regulation and supervision, can expand the scale, scope and reach of financial services, and are essential to closing the remaining gaps in financial inclusion and gender equality. More specifically, the panel will examine:

- The role of Fintech in promoting gender equality and the economic empowerment of women
- How to leverage Fintech to deliver sustainable financial inclusion.
- Means to ensure that consumers are treated fairly and their personal information adequately protected and country experiences on Fintech developments and challenges.
- Potential financial stability issues associated with Fintech.

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