

## Executive Panel

### DECODING FINTECH AND CAPTURING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND GENDER EQUALITY

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#### WOMEN DELIVER 2019

Monday, June 3, 2019, 1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

Venue: The Fairmont Waterfront Hotel Vancouver, Room Cheakamus  
900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver, BC V6C 3L5

#### OPENING REMARKS **(INVITED)**

The Honourable **MARYAM MONSEF**

Canada's Minister of International Development and Minister for Women and Gender Equality

#### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER **(INVITED)**

**CHRISTINE LAGARDE**

Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

#### PANELISTS

**PHUMZILE MLAMBO-NGCUKA**, Executive Director, UN Women **(INVITED)**

**MELINDA GATES**, Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation **(INVITED)**

**CEYLA PAZARBASIOGLU**, Vice President, Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions, WBG;  
Board Member, Toronto Centre **(CONFIRMED)**

**SOCORRO HEYSEN**, Superintendent, Peru's Banking, Insurance & Private Pension Fund  
Authority **(CONFIRMED)**

**LINDSAY WALLACE**, Director, Strategy and Learning, Mastercard Foundation **(CONFIRMED)**

#### MODERATOR

**BABAK ABBASZADEH**, CEO, Toronto Centre

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## Why You Should Attend

This session is designed for international development agencies, civil society, financial sector regulators and supervisors and central bankers, representatives of financial institutions, senior representatives from governments and the public sector, multilateral agencies, the private sector and other stakeholders.

Access to finance is proven to relieve barriers to poverty reduction, economic growth and women's economic empowerment. Significant barriers to access remain for the world's 1.7 billion unbanked. Adoption of Fintech has great potential to substantially improve access, especially by leveraging increased mobile phone usage. It's high time for a radical re-think of our approach to the world's unbanked and underserved customers, women and girls. Following successes in countries such as China and India, and the advance of mobile money in Africa and elsewhere, we now have strong evidence of the potential to improve the lives of the poor everywhere. In many countries with large unbanked populations, more women have mobile phones than have bank accounts. While fintech and mobile phones have the potential to deliver powerful solutions, success is dependent on the private sector, governments and financial regulators and supervisors working together to build conducive financial services ecosystems. More broadly, using the tools of modern technology, investment and trade, the end of financial exclusion may be within reach. The panel will discuss how private enterprise and investors can work with the public sector to ensure that targeted investment aims to match financial inclusion outcomes.

More specifically, the panel will examine:

- As the Fintech wave spreads across the emerging markets globally - what will the future of financial services look like? And what do we already know about how the new models will reduce financial exclusion and gender inequality?
- How do we help ensure that these new models can be more evenly deployed for maximum impact for women and girls in the years to come?
- What role can innovators play in helping regulators re-think regulation without compromising customer safety, market integrity and financial stability?

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