

Thursday, May 26				
OPENING				
9:00	Opening by:			
9:30	Mr. Calin Popescu Tariceanu , Prime-Minister of the Romanian Government			
	Mr. Thomas L. Delare , Charge d'Affaires, US Embassy in Romania			
	Mr. Ken Vander Weele , Microfinance Centre Chair			
	Mrs. Soknan Han Jung , UNDP Residential Representative			
	Mr. Giorgio Ficarelli , Head of Pre-accession Coordination Section, EU Delegation in Romania			
KEY NOTE SPEECH				
9:30				
9:55	Kate McKee, Director, Microenterprise Division, United States Agency for International Development			
PLENARY SESSION				
9:55	Microfinance in C&EE and the NIS: What are the Priorities for the Years to Come?			
11:35	Facilitated by Caroline Tsilikounas, Microfinance Centre Board Member			
<i>Coffee break</i>				
WORKSHOP SESSIONS 1				
	SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTION D
12:15	Risk-Management Financial Services: Options for Low-Income People and MFIs	Fueling Financial Systems Development: A Myriad of Funding Sources	Credit Where It's Overdue: Lending to Socially Excluded Individuals in Central Europe	Microfinance Fundamentals for Beginners
13:45				
<i>Lunch break</i>				
WORKSHOP SESSIONS 2				
	SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTION D
15:00	Advancing Social Performance - Strategy for the Region	Prospects of Microinsurance in Transition Settings	NGOs and Transformation: Must You REALLY Transform? CAN You Really Transform? What Price Should You Pay?	What is the Strategy of the Romanian Microfinance Sector in Light of Potential European Union Accession?
16:30				
<i>Coffee break</i>				
REGIONAL DISCUSSION FORUM				
	SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	
17:10	Central Asia	Russia, Caucasus	Southeast Europe (incl. Balkans, Romania, Ukraine)	
18:40				
OPEN SPACE SESSION				
18:40	Women Advancing Microfinance in Central and Eastern Europe and the New Independent States (WAM)			
19:45				

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Friday, May 27				
PLENARY SESSION				
9:00				
9:15	Summary from Regional Meetings			
PLENARY SESSION				
9:15	How Does Microfinance Help Our Clients Succeed: What We Are Learning . . . and What We Still Don't Know John Hatch, PhD, Founder and Director of Research and Special Projects, FINCA International			
9:30				
PLENARY SESSION				
9:30	CGAP Financial Transparency Award Presentation			
9:45				
PLENARY SESSION				
9:45	Money for Grabs, but why Can't you Get It? Annual MFC Donor and Investor Fair Facilitated by: Deborah Burand, Consultant, International Finance Corporation, USA			
11:00				
<i>Coffee break</i>				
WORKSHOP SESSIONS 3				
	SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTION D
11:40	Financial Education: A Win-Win for Clients and MFIs	Principles of Rural Lending	Performance Monitoring and Benchmarking: The Role of Information in Improving MFI Performance	Achieving Social and Financial Institutional Goals through the Establishment of Partnerships in Microfinance
13:10				
<i>Lunch break</i>				
WORKSHOP SESSIONS 4				
	SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTION D
14:25	Emergency Loans: the Other Side of Microcredit	How Can Governments Help – or Harm – Microfinance?	How to Make the Rural Credit Product work? Approaches to the Assessment of the Rural Market	Performance Monitoring for MFI Managers – International Reporting, Analysis and Monitoring Framework and Tool for MFIs
15:55				
<i>Coffee break</i>				
SPECIAL EVENT				
16:30	MFC Membership Meeting			
18:00				
20:00	DINNER HOSTED BY THE MICROFINANCE COALITION ROMANIA			

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Saturday, May 28				
	WORKSHOP SESSIONS 5			
	SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTION D
9:00 10:30	Ratings for MFIs: WHY and HOW to get a Rating?	Market Access: More Critical than Finance Access? Launching the Debate	Listening to Clients	Using Product Costing Tools to Boost Your Efficiency
<i>Coffee break</i>				
	WORKSHOP SESSIONS 6			
	SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTION D
11:30 13:00	Establishing an Effective and Professional Supervisory Mechanism for Credit Unions	Innovative E-Training for Microfinance	The Changing Context for USAID Microenterprise and Microfinance Assistance: Implications for NGO Practitioners	Staying Ahead of the Competition
<i>Break</i>				
13:45 14:15	CLOSING REMARKS: CAROLINE TSILIKOUNAS, MICROFINANCE CENTRE BOARD MEMBER			

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