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Introducing Savings. Challenges and Pitfalls

Sylvia Wisniwski, Bankakademie Micro Bank Competence Centre, Germany

The Role of Country Level and Regional Networks and Associations in Building Capacity of MFIs

Dana de Kanter, SEEP Network, US

How Can the Funding Needs of MFIs Be Met? Panel Discussion

Sarah Forster, Microfinance Centre, Poland

Key Themes in the Global Debate on Business Development Services

Jim Tanburn, International Labor Organization

Management Information Systems

Hans Verkoijen, Crystal Clear Software Ltd, Holland

Assessment and Rating of Microfinance Institutions Douglas Pearce, CGAP

Alice Negre, PlaNet Finance, France

NGO MFIs: Are These the Best "Start-Up" Alternatives Available?

Timothy Lyman, Day, Berry & Howard Foundation, US

Mergers, Combinations and Affiliations: What Are the Legal Issues?

Ellen Willmott, Save the Children Fund, US

Timothy Lyman, Day, Berry & Howard, US

Embracing Change in Your Institution

Steve-Anna Stevens, Consultant, US

Isabelle Barres, Microbanking Bulletin, US

Plenary Session: Issues of Internal Control

Anita Champion, Microfinance Network, US