



MICROFINANCE CENTRE

**"Moving Towards Client Focused Microfinance"
6th Annual Conference of the Microfinance Institutions in C&EE and
the NIS
22-24 May 2003, Moscow, Russian Federation**

The 2003 MFC Conference has taken place in Moscow and was attended by over 280 practitioners, donors, investors and other microfinance industry stakeholders from C&EE and the NIS region and worldwide. Some of the conference highlights included:

- 1) the first ever investor fair - investors, donors, lending institutions shared their plans and funding priorities - MFIs made initial contacts with potential investors/donors
- 2) over 24 cutting edge workshops under the client focus theme - MFC's conference was one of the first conferences worldwide to discuss this most recent trend
- 3) plenary session on the future of microfinance with participation of some of the greatest industry experts
- 4) special address to the conference by Mikhail Gorbatshev

The conference was highly evaluated by the participants, in particular the great networking opportunities as well as learning about trends and microfinance innovations. Interestingly, 90% of participants indicated their high satisfaction with numerous benefits acquired during the conference in relation to the conference price. We look forward to seeing you next year!

