

Joint Symposium on Financial Inclusion: Wealth, Poverty & Opportunity in the 21st Century



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Over two billion people—nearly a third of the entire human race—live outside the formal financial sector. Expanding financial access is essential to any global strategy for eradicating poverty and promoting economic growth. In this symposium, Humphrey Fellows—distinguished international professionals selected by the U.S. Department of State to spend a year at BU—will share stories of financial inclusion from their respective countries. Topics include informal savings and credit mechanisms, facilitating connections between the formal and informal financial sectors, economic and social empowerment through financial inclusion and entrepreneurship, and financial education and literacy.

Organized by Dr. Daivi Rodima-Taylor, Senior Academic Researcher, BU Center for Finance, Law & Policy

2:00 Opening Remarks

Jack McCarthy, *Symposium Moderator*

Director, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

Associate Professor, Questrom School of Business

Daivi Rodima-Taylor, *Senior Researcher, Center for Finance, Law & Policy*

2:10 Informal Finance and Community Initiatives

Mouhamadou Kane, *Senior Legal Counsel, Islamic Development Bank*

Nermin Helmy Ali Ahmed, *Project Manager, Plan International, Egypt*

Aly Jafferani, *Relationship Manager, NIB Bank, Pakistan*

2:45 Formal vs. Informal: Financial Inclusion and Mutual Security

Frezer Mohammed, *Director, Microfinance Supervision Directorate, National Bank of Ethiopia*

Mounia Diyane, *Financial Judge, Court of Auditors, Morocco*

Serdar Bazarov, *Head of Domestic Market Price Research, Institute on Research Commodity Circulation of Turkmenistan's National Goods*

3:05 Literacy, Education, and Financial Inclusion

Khaing Thandar Nyunt, *Assistant Director, Central Bank of Myanmar*

Habibullah Pathan, *Director, English Language and Development Center, Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Pakistan*

Fozilet Simoni, *Curriculum Quality and Assurance Specialist, Regional Directorate of Education, Tirana, Albania*

3:25 A Community College Perspective on Financial Literacy

Wissal Nouchrif, *Assistant Professor, Bunker Hill Community College*

Allison Abad, **Kopelipa Vieira Dias**, **Gregory Hardy**, **Suvan Jummyyev**
and **Jarrett Obasuyi**, *BHCC Students*



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