



MICROFINANCE AND ENERGY

PRACTITIONERS' WORKSHOP IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPEAN MICROFINANCE WEEK 2011

November 2nd, LUXEMBOURG from 2pm -6pm (optional dinner)

GOAL

Share experiences, discuss lessons learnt and define crucial framework conditions in order to support the microfinance industry scaling up their energy projects.

This meeting brings together experts and practitioners from a number of organizations that are dedicated to interlink energy provision and microfinance.

OUTLINE

The agenda is sub-divided into four sections:

- The workshop starts off with a synthesis of general lessons learnt in the field of micro-financed energy provision as well as specific experiences gained with projects that have been supported through carbon finance mechanisms.
- Thereafter, a comparison is drawn between the former assistance for microfinance institutions (MFIs) in the past through support institutions and their actual need. Insights concerning general supportive measures are separated from methods to promote carbon-offset and then used to define the framework for a facility that addresses linked innovation challenges.
- The third section aims at developing decision criteria in terms of scaling up renewable energy and energy efficiency projects using microfinance – how do we find the right time for the expansion path and which instruments are most appropriate in each step?
- This workshop is a preparatory meeting for a session scheduled during “EUROPEAN MICROFINANCE WEEK 2011”. The last part of the agenda will focus on lessons learnt and conclusion to be presented during the panel **“Microfinance and Energy: lessons learnt and ways forward”** scheduled for November 4 from 2pm – 3.30pm

ORGANIZATION:

Participation in this workshop is free of charge and does not include registration to the European Microfinance Week conference held from November 3rd to November 4th. The theme for this year's event is “Inclusive Finance for Excluded People – Microfinance refocusing on the underserved, unserved and vulnerable”. If you are interested in participating at the European Microfinance Week conference, you can register online on the European Microfinance Platform website: <http://www.e-mfp.eu/registration-form-2011> (Registration fee: 400€ Venue: Abbaye de Neumünster 28, rue Münster L-2160 Luxembourg).

QUESTIONS:

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