



Draft Agenda

UfM Conference

Addressing the challenge of access to finance for Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in the South and East Mediterranean region Barcelona/Spain, 20 March 2020

08:30 - 09:30	Registration and networking
09:30 - 10:15	<p>Opening session Introduction Mr. Matt Gamser <i>CEO of SME Finance Forum, Moderator of the Conference</i></p> <p>Opening speeches H.E. Nasser Kamel <i>UfM Secretary General</i></p> <p><i>European Commission (To be confirmed)</i></p> <p>Keynote address <i>To be confirmed</i></p>
10:15 - 11:45	<p>Panel 1 State of play and constraints: Where do we stand in the region with respect to MSME access to finance?</p> <p>Why does it matter?</p> <p>What is holding us back and what can we do about it?</p> <p><i>The objective of this “macro” session is threefold: (i) give a sense of where we stand: what are the gaps and what is causing them (ii) explain why this is important and needs to be addressed and (iii) identify the constraints and possible policy response.</i></p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Barabara Marchitto, Head of Country and Financial Sector Analysis, European Investment Bank (EIB) - Mr. Ismail Mahamoud, Principal Financial Sector Development Officer (AfDB) - Mr. Andreas Berkhoff, Senior Loan Officer, European Investment Bank (EIB)
11:45 - 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 - 13:30	<p>Panel 2 Policy innovators: What are they and how can they be addressed?</p> <p><i>The objective of this “policy” session is to hear from policy makers or advocates about policy changes that may improve or has actually improved access to finance for SMES</i></p>



	<p>Panelists <i>To be confirmed</i></p>
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 17:00	<p>Panel 3 – two parallel breakout sessions Industries innovators: Unpacking the ecosystem of MSME finance</p> <p><i>The objective of this session is to give the floor to practitioners, market players of different types (business angels, incubators, VC funds, fintechs, credit guarantee schemes, but also local commercial banks with innovative solutions) to raise awareness about solutions that work. IFIs could also highlight how they have supported some of the market players. Finally, a few beneficiaries could give their testimony of what has worked for them and how.</i></p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Nagla Bahr, Managing Director, Credit Guarantee Company (CGC Egypt) - Mr. Tarek El Kady, Founder and Chairman, Med Angels - Mr. Ahmed Moor, Co-founder and CEO, Liwwa (Jordan)
17:00 - 17:30	Closing Remarks

* Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for all sessions in English and French.

- Dinner will be organized for all participants on Thursday 19/03/2020 (venue TBC).