



CALL FOR PAPERS

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS IN MICROFINANCE

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH,
LONDON, UK**

6-7 September 2010

Special Guest Speaker

HRH Princess Máxima of The Netherlands, UNSG's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development

Located at a World Heritage site in historical Maritime Greenwich and adjacent to the world's foremost financial centre at Canary Wharf in London, The University of Greenwich, in collaboration with the University of Birmingham and Burgundy School of Business, is calling for papers for its international conference on Global Partnerships in Microfinance to be held on 6-7 September 2010.

The theme of the conference responds to the imperative need of microfinance to help alleviate poverty in a sustainable fashion. To achieve this effectively, microfinance institutions must collaborate with other stakeholders in the industry, be they private commercial banks, donors, international financial institutions, NGOs, philanthropies, regulators, risk rating companies, or social services.

With this in mind, the conference aims to explore all possible partnerships in microfinance and to discuss their achievements and challenges in meeting the microfinance goals. Therefore, academics and practitioners are welcome to submit their papers for consideration.

Topics to be considered include, but are not exclusive to, the following:

- Strategic partnerships between microfinance institutions (MFIs) and other actors to leverage private investment
- New partnerships to enhance outreach, poverty reduction, and social performance in microfinance
- The role of international financial institutions, donors, and regulatory authorities
- Collaborative relations with technology partners; rating agencies and credit bureaus.
- Global versus local partnerships.

Deadline for extended abstracts (max 1,000 words): 15 March 2010

Deadline for papers (between 6,000-7,000 words): 30 June 2010

Papers are expected to be published in a journal special issue.

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Conference Dates	6-7 September 2010
Venue	World Heritage Maritime Greenwich campus, University of Greenwich, LONDON, UK.
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Host and organising institution	University of Greenwich, London, UK
Partners	University of Birmingham, UK Burgundy School of Business, France
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