IFC - Bank Al Maghrib Satellite Seminar on
Financial Inclusion
Marrakech, Morocco, 14 July 2017

CALL FOR PAPERS

This joint IFC–Bank Al Maghrib seminar will be held on 14 July 2017 at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Marrakech, just before the ISI 61st World Statistics Congress. It will aim at facilitating discussions on financial inclusion issues among central banks and with various stakeholders such as private and public organisations and standard setting bodies. This call invites the submission of paper abstracts related but not limited to the following broad range of topics:

1. **Definitions of financial inclusion and central bank involvement**
   - The various dimensions of financial inclusion and their usefulness for measuring policy outcomes
   - Harmonising financial inclusion measures: needs and scope
   - The coverage of financial inclusion in central banks’ mandates
   - The governance of activities related to financial inclusion: within central banks and at the country level
   - Central bank communication on financial inclusion

2. **Data on financial inclusion**
   - Data types
   - Data sources
   - Data gaps

3. **Regulatory and policy challenges arising from financial inclusion**
   - Monetary policy implementation
   - Financial stability risks
   - Regulation of banks and other financial institutions
   - Regulation of financial market infrastructure providers (eg payment and securities settlement systems) and other entities (eg telecom operators)

4. **International collaboration on assessing financial inclusion**
   - Best practices related to defining, measuring and analysing financial inclusion
   - International data sharing and coordination
Abstract Submission

Please send the title and abstract of your paper by email by end-March 2017 to the contact addresses below. Authors of papers accepted for presentation will be notified by end-April 2017. Presentations are expected by mid-June 2017. Papers presented at the seminar will be published in a special issue of the IFC Bulletins series.

Important Dates

- Abstract submission: 31 March 2017
- Acceptance notification: 28 April 2017
- Submission of presentations: 16 June 2017

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