

Financing SMEs during Global Volatility

The Global SME Finance Forum 2016 will bring together senior executives from commercial banks, development finance institutions and fintech companies as well as regulators and will focus on SME financing in the context of current global economic volatility and fast paced innovation.

This year's Global Forum will explore the latest trends in financial innovation around the world to spur new opportunities to better finance SMEs. Through a carefully-designed program of presentations and discussions amongst experts and peers, the Global Forum will offer a space for sharing the latest knowledge, empirical data, global expertise, and good practice examples in financial innovation. Individual sessions will highlight innovative partnership structures, new technologies, effective policies, and business models that are successfully improving access to finance for SMEs.

Date/Time	Session Description
September 19	
10.00 – 14.00	Study Visits (members only)
15.00 – 17.00	The Marketplace
17.30 – 18.30	Cocktail Reception
September 20	

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09.00 – 09.30	Welcome Remarks
09.30 – 10.45	Impact of Global Economic Volatility on SMEs
10.45 – 11.15	Networking Break
11.15 – 12.30	Headwinds and Tailwinds in SME Finance Regulation
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology: A Game Changer for SME Finance?
15.30 – 16.00	Networking Break
16.00 – 18.00	Case Studies: International Good Practices to Expand SME Finance
19.00 – 19.45	Reception
19.45 – 21.00	Dinner
September 21	
09.00 – 09.15	Recap of Day 1 Highlights
09.15 – 10.15	Global Trade and Supply Chain Finance: New Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

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10.15 - 10.45	Networking Break
10.45 - 12.00	Artificial Intelligence: Impact on SME Finance
12.00 - 12.45	Looking Ahead
12.45 - 13.00	Closing Remarks
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 16.30	Members Meeting
16.30 - 18.00	Advisory Board Meeting