



## Q2 – June/ July 2011

### *African Microfinance Transparency*

# AMT NEWSLETTER



Welcome to AMT's second newsletter of 2011. These newsletters are distributed to both AMT members and non-members alike. They summarise the last quarter's activities as well as any interesting bits of information relating to the African Microfinance sector and the issue of transparency.

We welcome contributions to our newsletter, especially from our members. All contact details can be found at the bottom of page 2.

## THIS QUARTER'S BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

**A Call for Tender was launched** in order to receive proposals from organisations interested in hosting and/or managing AMT in Africa. The Call has now been closed and applications will be reviewed by the board in the coming weeks.

## WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

### 2011 STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

The **Database of Recommended Consultants** was launched in the member's section of the AMT website. This database is accessible only to members and lists recommended consultants that other AMT members have hired in the past.

The 2011 edition of the **AMT Directory of Investors Active in Africa** is underway. Collection of investor profiles has commenced and the publication is due to be finished by quarter 3. AMT's Directory helps facilitate relationships and contact between MFIs and investors and further offers investors the great opportunity to increase their visibility and presence amongst MFIs on the African continent. Contact the coordinator today if you wish to include your profile.

The technical paper "**Which rating product is right for me?**" will be sent for translation in July, to then be circulated to members & posted on the AMT website. This document offers a succinct description of each rating product on offer and is designed to help MFIs ascertain which rating product best suits their institution.

### AMT WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS ETC FOR MEMBERS

Further to decisions taken during the board meeting, the AMT coordination is investigating the possibilities of supporting technical assistance for its members. Further details will be available shortly.

### TRANSFERRING OF THE AMT SECRETARIAT TO AFRICA

A **call for proposals** was launched in May to find an organisation to host and/or manage the AMT secretariat. The AMT Board of Directors voted to move the AMT secretariat to an African partner during their last meeting. As an Africa focused association, it makes sense for the coordinator to be based closer to its members and the realities of the field.

### THE NEXT AMT BOARD MEETING

The next AMT Board meeting has been scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September in Luxembourg.

### AMT EVENTS

**This year, the annual General Assembly, the Investor's Fair, training for members and the post-rating analysis workshop will take place in Accra, Ghana.** AMT Member, ID Ghana, have kindly agreed to be this year's implementing partner. The events will take place in October and the finalised dates will be available very soon.

AMT was represented during the joint management board and donor committee meeting that took place alongside the **SPTF annual conference** in Den Bosch, Holland. The main focus of the meeting was on what direction the Rating Initiative should now take considering its co-funding targets have been met.

### WEB SITE

This quarter, the website registered over 936 unique visits from 79 different countries. After the homepage, the most frequently visited page was once again the rating reports.

## AMT MEMBER'S SECTION

### THE MFTRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE

AMT is proud to announce that more than half of its MFI members have already submitted their pricing data to the MFTransparency initiative. All members are encouraged to report their data to both the MIX and MFTransparency. Congratulations to the following institutions for contributing:

- **Ghana:** CRAN, Grameen Ghana, ID Ghana
- **Uganda:** Hofokam
- **Senegal:** ACEP, CAURIE, MEC FEPRODES, PAMECAS
- **Burkina Faso:** Asiena, FCPB, Prodia
- **Benin:** Alidé, Renaca
- **Togo:** CECA, Fececav
- **Mali:** Kafo jiginew, Nyesigiso
- **Niger:** Asusu, Kokari, SDSA, Taanadi
- **Kenya:** PAWDEP, K-Rep

If your institution is based in one of the above countries and you have not submitted your data, please contact [info@mftransparency.org](mailto:info@mftransparency.org) to contribute.

### MEMBER APPLICATIONS

An application for associate membership was received this month from a Cameroon based magazine *Le Microfinancier d'Afrique Centrale*.

### MEMBER RATING UPDATES

Both Alidé, Benin and FCPB Burkina have updated their ratings this quarter



Market place in Kibera, Nairobi

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You can find us on [Twitter](#): AMTForum  
& you can find us on [Facebook](#):  
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### PUBLICATIONS, STUDIES, WORKING GROUPS, GENERAL INFORMATION, ETC...

#### ACP/EU MICROFINANCE'S CALL FOR PROPOSALS

As a part of its global objective, ACP/EU MICROFINANCE is launching a call for proposals to support the responsible offer and delivery of financial services to those who are still excluded from mainstream access to proper financial services. Through this call for proposals, ACP/EU MICROFINANCE opens its offer of support to a variety of actors: applicants can include microfinance providers that cater for the poorest and more vulnerable, specialised supporting structures and institutions that deal with client empowerment. Concept note deadline: 1st August, For more information: [www.euacpmicrofinance.org](http://www.euacpmicrofinance.org)

#### FOR MFIS INTERESTED IN MICROINSURANCE

The Capacity Building Working Group of the Microinsurance Network has published, with the support of GIZ Sector Initiative Systems of Social Protection, a brief guide entitled "Business Planning for Microinsurance". This guide, written by John Wipf and Denis Garand, describes the main components of a microinsurance business plan and how they should be developed. Click [here](#) to download the guide.