

- ACCELERATING FINANCE FOR BUSINESSES -

Global SME Finance Forum 2017 - Berlin, 1-3 November 2017 Digitization of SME Finance

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Date and time	Key theme and topics	Description
01 November 2017		
Morning and	Study visit hosts: Access Holding, Bitbond, Deutsche	Two half-day study visits
Afternoon	Bank, Fidor, Mambu, Spotcap, Raisin, SumUp	
16:00 – 18:00	SME Finance Forum Member Meeting	Closed meeting to SME Finance Forum Members (By Invitation Only)
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8:00 – 8:45	Registration	
8:45 – 9:15	Welcome remarks	
9:15 – 9:45	SME Finance: A Focus of the G20/GPFI	
9:45 – 10:15	Keynote on financial innovation in SME finance	
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 – 12:00	The next frontier in SME banking	Highlighting innovative developments, trends, & industry recommendations for banks and fintechs to leverage digital banking to serve MSMEs.
12:00 – 13:00	Debate: "Will robots replace bankers as the best advisors for SMEs?"	Would you trust a robo-advisor for financial and business advice? Robots may begin disrupting service and delivery models in the SME space, but can they replace the traditional banking relationship? Experts in the field will debate the advantages of robots as SME advisors and the next phase in bot/AI technology.
13:00 - 14:00	• Lunch	
14:00 – 14:30	"Digital Disruption: How the fintech revolution is transforming SME lending"	
14:30 – 15:30	Fintech pitches	Live demos by new and innovative fintechs in the digital banking market
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 16:45	Investment Outlook in SME finance	

16:45 – 18:30	Marketplace	B2B introductory meetings between investors or vendors, and financial institutions and other
		participants
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner & Open Talent Competition Award	BBVA Open Talent 2017
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8:45 – 9:15	Keynote	
9:15 – 10:15	Panel: Driving growth & profitability in SME finance	While banks have traditionally been the most important provider of capital to small businesses, the needs of SMEs are changing in the digital era. How can financial institutions drive profit and growth as customers' demands change and competition increases? This panel will examine innovative business models that successfully capitalize on the SME banking opportunity.
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 – 12:00	Break-out session:	
	 SME credit risk management and collection strategies 	High-performing banks view collections as an essential, dynamic and integral part of the credit cycle and not just the final step. During this session, participants will learn innovative tools for improving credit risk and best practice strategies from around the globe.
	o Product innovation	This session will look at the future of SME lending and showcase the newest product innovations in SME financing.
	o Sales management	Digital banking has transformed both clients' needs and their behavior. How can banks apply these innovations to improve the customer experience? This hand-on workshop will examine the changing customer needs, and how to create loyalty and a strong value proposition in the digital era.
	 Business analytics 	From driving growth and sales, to better market analysis and customer management, financial institutions can capitalize on Big Data to improve and optimize decisions and performance across the firm. By embracing the opportunities of data and analytics, business intelligence can help banks reach new customers, provide more personalized service, improve profitability and reduce risk.
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13:00 – 14:30	Panel: Managing fraud & cybersecurity	With the explosion of digital banking products, there is growing technology dependency leaving financial institutions vulnerable to financial losses, theft of intellectual property, operational disruption, and reputational damage. Expert panelists will present how lenders must redefine their infrastructure, policies and controls while balancing the customer-service experience.
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee break	
15:00 – 16:15	Breakout session	
	Blockchain and SME finance: reality check	Blockchain is emerging as a disruptive innovation, transforming the financial services industry by making transactions faster, cheaper, more secure and transparent. In this session, bank and fintech innovators will demonstrate how this technology is being used in different areas, including trade finance.
	Balancing growth and regulatory compliance	Compliance has become a strategic and imperative for financial institutions. Capturing data to meet regulatory requirements in reporting, risk management, and compliance is costly and challenging because it requires gathering, enhancing, and reporting the required data from multiple data sources. The session will discuss how financial institutions could successfully balance growth with risks and compliance.
	Non-financial services	Over the last several years, banks have increasingly offered non-financial services (NFS) to SMEs to help them overcome their lack of access to information, skills and new markets, and their lack of confidence in approaching a bank. At the same time, banks see NFS as an opportunity for market differentiation, and they have used NFS to improve portfolio quality, client retention, and customer service. This panel discussion will look into what are the current NFS offerings of banks and how they see NFS evolving in the age of digitalization in SME finance.
	 Technologies in ag finance 	