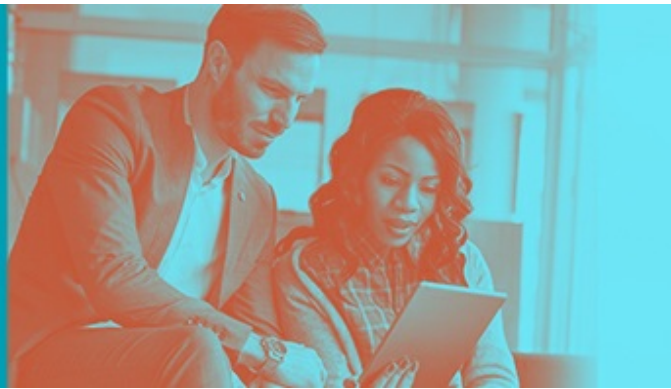




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NEWSLETTER - MAY 14th, 2020

MONTHLY WEBINAR



African Innovations in SME Finance Mobile Financial Services

When: May 20th - 8:00 a.m. EDT

The use of mobile financial services (MFS) has grown exponentially over the last 10 years, making sub-Saharan Africa a leader in MFS innovation, adoption, and usage. In this webinar, we will hear from members [EcoBank](#), [Jumo](#), and the South African multinational mobile telecommunications company, [MTN](#), who are leading MFS in this region.

Members and non-members are welcome to participate!

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



The [SME Finance Forum](#) organizes virtual roundtables series on COVID-19 mitigation efforts, with the aim to constantly provide learning opportunities, identifying good practices, and sharing knowledge among its members, while convening thought leaders, industry practitioners, and experts of the SME finance industry.

So far, we have organized eight roundtables where we learned how the world and the SME finance ecosystem is adapting to this "new reality".

In case you missed any of the sessions, you can read our blog articles that summarize the key takeaways [here](#)>



If you are a member, access the session recordings (and presentations) by clicking on the image.

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE RECAPS



Risk Sharing during COVID-19: the Need for Uncommon Measures

Virtual Roundtable #5 Recap

Blog by Jade Hachem and Gillette Conner

As part of a weekly webinar series on



Reducing financial vulnerabilities for women entrepreneurs - COVID-19

Virtual Roundtable #6 Recap

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The detrimental impact of COVID-19

COVID-19 mitigation efforts, the SME Finance Forum hosted a virtual roundtable on Risk Sharing in the Biggest Crisis Ever...

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on women will inevitably intensify the massive socio-economic shock worldwide. The SME Finance Forum hosted a virtual roundtable...

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RECOMMENDED READ



Expansion of digital transactions through e-Wallets

COVID-19 pandemic impact

Blog by Tarun Sridhar and Khalil Nasr

Member, Palestine Investment Bank (PIB), is the first bank in the Palestine Territories to implement a digital solution (e-Wallet)...

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SME policy response speed, critical to economic recovery

A Webinar Recap

Blog by Jessica Alfaro and Gillette Conner

The SME Finance Forum hosted a webinar in partnership with the OECD to launch their new report, Financing SMEs and Entrepreneurs 2020: An OECD Scoreboard.

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A banner with a green background and a network of glowing nodes. On the left, there are two call-to-action boxes. The top one says 'Imagine what SME financing will look like in 2030' and 'Submit your vision (500 to 1000 words) before 31 July 2020' with a document icon and a right arrow. The bottom one says 'Join us at the Global SME Finance Forum 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand' with a right arrow. Below these is a link '>> Selection criteria and guidelines'. On the right, a hand holds a glowing globe with the text 'Call for INSIGHTS' overlaid.

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