



SME FINANCE  
FORUM

# Member services for 2020

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- Accelerating Finance for SMEs -



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Welcome to our global network of banks, fintech companies and development banks. With over 190 institutions, operating in more than 190 countries, all our members share a common commitment to advancing finance so that small and medium enterprises can flourish and grow.



200 institutions



190 countries

Through participation in the SME Finance Forum's activities you will:

Acquire new knowledge on good practices, and innovation in SME banking



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Make new business partnerships



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Engage in a productive dialogue with policy makers and/or regulators on SME finance issues



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# Our Offerings

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*Your annual membership fee with the **SME Finance Forum** gives you access to the following*

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Unlimited free passes to attend our 2020 Global SME Finance Forum



Unlimited free access to our [monthly webinars](#) and other [virtual roundtables](#)



Opportunity to be a speaker at one of our webinars or conferences



Opportunity to be invited as a speaker at high level events (G20, OECD, APEC)



Opportunity to be part of our fintech demo during our annual event



Participation in our [Risk Management Community of Practice](#)



Access to exclusive resources via our [members' Portal](#) (webinar recordings since 2017, webinar write-ups and conference proceedings)



Discounted admission to selected industry partner's event (Finovate, Lendit, Money 2020)



Access to our B2B marketplace during our 2020 Global event



Customized on demand matchmaking and contact brokering





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# Monthly Webinars and Virtual Roundtables

You can tune in to [these webinars](#) and [virtual roundtables](#) via WebEx or your phone. Members receive personalized invitations to attend.



## Monthly Webinars

### January 29<sup>th</sup>

[Managing SME Banking in Challenging Conditions](#)

### February 19<sup>th</sup>

[Digital Banking Solutions – Platforms in SME Banking](#)

### March 25<sup>th</sup>

[Digital Banking Solutions – Automating the Lending Process](#)

### April 22<sup>nd</sup>

[Launch of Financing SMEs and Entrepreneurs 2020 Report: An OECD Scoreboard](#)

### May 20<sup>th</sup>

[African Innovations in SME Finance: Mobile Financial Services](#)

### June 24<sup>th</sup>

[Data Analytics in SME Banking \(Part I\)](#)

### July 15<sup>th</sup>

[Data Analytics in SME Banking - \(Part II\)](#)

### August 18<sup>th</sup>

[African Innovations in SME Finance: Payment Technology](#)

### September 16<sup>th</sup>

[Supply Chain Finance Innovations: Opportunities for Banks - \(Part I\)](#)

### October 7<sup>th</sup>

[Supply Chain Finance Innovations: Opportunities for Banks - \(Part II\)](#)

### November 18<sup>th</sup>

[Trends in Blockchain: Driving the Growth of SME Finance](#)

### December

[Credit Analytics: Innovations in Evaluating SME Credit Risk](#)

## COVID-19 Virtual Roundtables

During this time of unprecedented crisis, the SME Finance Forum, stands committed to supporting its members and partners.

Since March 26th, we have hosted a [weekly hour-long virtual roundtable on Covid-19 mitigation efforts](#) to provide members with opportunities to share and learn from each other's experiences on topics such as:

- ▶ collections/grace periods
- ▶ disruptions to supply chain
- ▶ regulator relations
- ▶ risk management, loan classification and credit information sharing
- ▶ government initiatives
- ▶ development finance institutions' responses
- ▶ agrifinance impact
- ▶ women entrepreneurs support
- ▶ insurance
- ▶ microfinance....



# Community of Practice

Due to travel restrictions and concerns over safety and well-being of our members, the meeting of the [Community of Practice on Risk Management](#) has been postponed. A new date will be fixed once the situation improves and is deemed safe for members to participate in person. In the meantime, the community will be convened virtually subject to availability of CoP's members.

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## Data Sets

The Forum makes existing SME data available to the public and collects original data when necessary. Specifically, the Forum curates [four datasets](#):



[The MSME Economic Indicators Database](#), which was updated in 2019, and records the number of formally registered MSMEs across 176 economies;

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[The IFC Enterprise Finance Gap Database](#), which estimates the degree of access to credit and use of deposit accounts for formal and informal MSMEs. The database currently covers 177 countries and will be updated in 2020;

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[The IFC Reach Dataset](#) based on a portfolio reporting from 2004 to the present from IFC's 300+ client financial institutions, detailing the numbers and quality of loans made to SMEs. The Reach dataset was updated in February 2020;

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[Women – SME Finance Categorized Indicators](#), which identifies and categorizes Women, Business and the Law 2018 indicators of relevance to SME finance. We plan to update and expand gender disaggregated data in 2020.





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26-28 | VIRTUAL  
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# Annual Conference

2020 Global SME Finance Forum  
[Virtual Edition, 26-28 October](#)

## This event has been our largest ever!

Number of registrants: **2600+**

Number of countries: **149**

Number of institutions: **1000+**

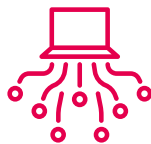
Number of sessions: **20+**

Number of speakers: **80+**

Number of booths: **30+**



This year we launched a public '[Call for Insights](#)' on what SME finance will look like in 2030. Best articles were shared in a [special report](#) launched during the conference.



## The Digital Experience



The digital event provided numerous opportunities to forge partnerships, raise funds, or source investments through one-on-one networking, digital exhibition booths, breakout sessions, fireside chats, and panel discussions.





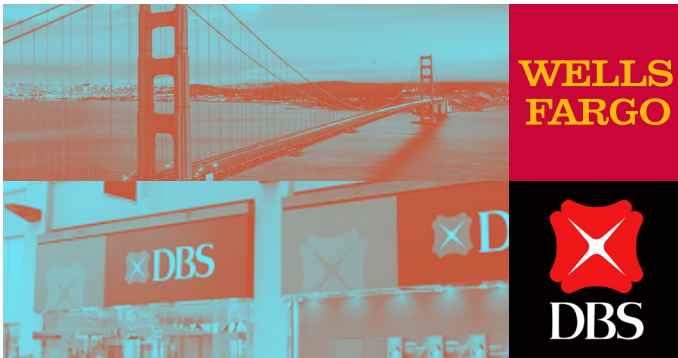
# Immersion Programs

Due to travel restrictions, we are exploring the possibility of organizing virtual immersion programs.

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## *Already planned*

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[Wells Fargo, SizeUp, Veem, and Kountable](#) in San Francisco on **January 22-24**.

[DBS](#) in Singapore  
This visit is postponed to **2021** (date to be determined), due to the challenges posed by COVID-19.

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## *To be confirmed*

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**Equity Bank**  
Financial services provider headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. It is licensed as a commercial bank, by the Central Bank of Kenya.

**BRAC Bank**  
Private commercial bank in Bangladesh focused on SMEs. It was founded in 2001 to reach the large number of unbanked people which were not covered by traditional banks.



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## Global SME Finance Awards

The [awards](#) recognize and celebrate financial institutions and fintech for their outstanding achievements in delivering exceptional products and services to their SME clients. Endorsed by the GPMI, the Global SME Finance Awards provide an opportunity for institutions to showcase and share their good practices and knowledge. [Winners](#) were announced at the 2020 Global SME Finance Forum virtual conference on 26-28 October.



## Relationship with G20 and other policy makers and regulators:



There will be a major **G20 Forum on financial inclusion for SMEs, women and youth in Saudi Arabia** in June where the Forum and its members will be represented.

We are also working on a call to action for the G20 on how countries can better encourage digital financial inclusion for SMEs, for which any and all inputs are welcomed.



**Our APEC work** on improving financial markets infrastructure (credit information, secured transactions/movable assets regimes, payments systems) and on cross border data governance will continue and should produce opportunities during the year for speakers and audience in APEC supported events.

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