



# WSBI 29th African Regional Group Meeting

## Day 1: Conference on Financial Inclusion (Open to all WSBI members)

### AGENDA

11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Hotel du Golf Rotana Marrakech, Palmerai

Registration Time: 08:15

---

#### OPENING SPEECH

---

Date: 11th Oct

Time: 09:00 – 09:40

- Mr. Peter Simon – Managing Director, **WSBI ESG**
- Mr. Al-Amine Nejjar – Chairman of the Board, **AL BARID BANK & Host of the Event**

---

#### 01. SOCIAL & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN

---

Time: 09:45 – 11:00

Speakers :

- Ms. Cynthia Ikponmwosa – Managing Director/CEO, **LAPO Microfinance Bank**
- Mr. Amadou Mahtar Ba – Executive Chairman & Co-founder, **AllAfrica**  
Member of United Nations High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment
- Ms. Fatima-Zahra Aziz – Directrice Exécutive, **Fondation Marocaine pour l'Education Financière**
- Mr. Francis Malige – Managing Director, Head of Financial Institutions Business Group,  
**European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**

Moderator: M. Mustapha Mellouk

Time: 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break



---

## 02. THE ROLE OF FINTECH IN FINANCIAL INCLUSION

---

Time: 11:30 – 12:45

Speakers:

- **Mr. M'hamed El Moussaoui** – Managing Director, **Al Barid Bank**
- **Dr. Wissam H. Fattouh** – Secretary General, **Union Arab Bank**
- **Mr. Youssef Koun** – Member of the Executive Committee, **Africa Fintech Forum**
- **Mr. Sabasaba K Moshingi** – Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, **Tanzania Commercial Bank**

Moderator: **M. Mustapha Mellouk**

Time: 12:45 – 14:15 Lunch

---

## 03. IMPACT OF AGENT BANKING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MSMES

---

Time: 14:15 – 15-30

Speakers:

- **Mr. James Onyutta** – Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, **Finca Uganda**
- **Mr. Abed Darko** – Co Founder & Chief Executive Officer, **DSS Platform Limited Ghana**
- **Mr. Stephen Peachey** – Consultant/Adviser, **World Savings and Retail Banking Institute**
- **Mr. Antti Karhunen** – Director for Sustainable Finance, Investment and Jobs, **European Commission**

Moderator: **M. Mustapha Mellouk**

Time: 15:30 – 16-00 Coffee Break



---

#### 04. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE

---

Time: 16:00 – 17:15

Speakers:

- **Mr. Davide Forcella** – Director, **JuST Institute**
- **Ms. Valerie Hickey** – Global Director for Environment, Natural Resources & Blue Economy, **World Bank**
- **Mr. Diederick Zambon** – Acting Director for lending operations in Africa, Latin America and Asia, **European Investment Bank**

Moderator: **M. Mustapha Mellouk**

---

#### CLOSING SPEECH

---

Time: 17:15 – 17:30

19.30 - **DÎNER**